

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In October, 1870, while attending the Provincial Sabbath School Convention in Galt, the delegates from Toronto were called together; the object being to ascertain if an Institute could be held in this City. Those present pledged themselves to sustain such a meeting, and appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements. The Rev. Alfred Taylor was selected as Conductor, previous to his arrival. C. A. Morse, Esq., very kindly invited some of the city pastors and as many of the Sabbath School superintendents as he was acquainted with, to meet Mr. Taylor at his residence, previous to entering upon the services of the Institute.

At the meeting referred to, the question of forming a Sabbath School Association for the City was discussed, and its desirability admitted, it was resolved to organize such an Association. A committee of management was chosen by nominating two Laymen from each of the Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational, Primitive and Wesleyan Methodist Churches. Their names were submitted to and confirmed by the Sabbath School workers at one of the Institute meetings.

The five meetings, under Mr. Taylor's directions, are still fresh in the memories of the Sabbath School people of Toronto, as seasons of hallowed delight.

The Executive arranged a series of monthly meetings in the Alice Street Primitive Methodist Church. The subjects discussed, and gentlemen who introduced them, are here subjoined:—

- January.... The Arts of Questioning.....H. J. Clarke, Esq.
- February...Illustrative Teaching.....Rev. S. Jones.
- March.....Sabbath School Singing and Music.C. A. Morse, Esq.
- April The Teacher from the Superintendent, Points of View.....R. I. Walker, Esq.
-The Superintendent from the Teacher, Points of View.....Alf. Reeve, Esq.

At each meeting, short, spirited conversational addresses were delivered, and large numbers of questions were asked and replied to.