

HYMN—O dear and blessed Jesus
 We come with songs of praise,
 Our thankful hearts and voices
 To Thee we gladly raise.
 Though Thou art high and holy, &c.

COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Rev. ALFRED ANDREWS said, many of the delegates are aware that the county of Oxford has been for years without any regular organization, still the Sabbath School cause in many of the municipalities is in a very healthy state, so far as individual schools is concerned, and in the township of Blenheim a convention has been annually held, that is more enthusiastic and much more largely attended than many county conventions. All, however, felt that a county meeting would be desirable. Your secretary, shortly after the Brantford convention, corresponded with the Rev. W. Millard, our efficient general secretary, on the matter, and then called a meeting of the ministers of the town in which he resided, and they agreed to call a preliminary meeting at Ingersoll to form a provisional organization and draw up a programme for a convention if considered advisable. Each minister agreed to write to all the ministers of his church in the county and ask them to invite the superintendents of Sabbath schools to attend the meeting. The attendance at that meeting was fair and the spirit excellent. Accordingly a convention was arranged to be held on the 16th and 17th February, in the township of Tilsonburg. The programme embraced the following among other subjects:—"Relation of Temperance to Sabbath Schools;" "Black-board Exercises;" "Early Conversions;" "How may we best interest our elder scholars in Sabbath school and church work;" "The best methods of training teachers for the Sabbath school work;" "Importance and manner of reviewing Sabbath school lessons;" "Advantages and disadvantages of using the International lessons;" "Attendance of scholars on regular services of the church;" "Relation of the church to the Sabbath school."

The committee invited Rev. J. B. Atchinson, of Detroit, to visit us, and he came and rendered valuable help. Rev. Mr. Millard was unable, through affliction, to be present. All the rest of the work was done by persons resident in the county.

The services were all well attended, and the religious influence at many of the sessions was very marked. All the churches as well as our schools throughout the county have been much benefitted by the convention.

We have appointed township secretaries, and expect to hold township conventions and have decided to hold the next county convention in the town of Ingersoll. One pleasant thought in con-

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