

INTRODUCTION.

THE Editing Committee, in humble dependence upon the Source of all wisdom and success, sends forth "Beaten Oil for Lamps" in the Report of the Thirty-fourth Provincial Sabbath School Convention.

"Command the children of Israel," said the Lord unto Moses, "that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually." This little volume is a reverent effort to stimulate the interest of our provincial teachers in our Association, and thereby to stand more unitedly and so go forward to possess the land for the Sabbath School.

It is hoped that our readers will find many gems of truth in the addresses that follow, and that lamps of instruction may burn continually with the beaten oil which the Holy Spirit will provide, and that our feeble efforts in that direction may be abundantly blessed. Let the prayer of England's great epic poet,

"What in me is dark
Illumine, what is low raise and support,"

be in every heart for the great cause that clasps us together in holy brotherhood and sisterhood.

Light has been called "God's eldest daughter," and the second in creation was the firmament, the azure sky. And thus for that light that will guide our readers, our teachers, and our scholars to heaven above, this booklet stands. May the great Light-Giver give His lamp-bearers the beaten oil of faith and love that their lamps may never dim until the perfect day rises and rolls away the gloom that hovers on this side of the heavenly vail.

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