

sionary fields where the flag of England floats, but the Indians of North America have the first claim upon us. We have displaced their forefathers from their lands, and it is sad to hear, as we do almost daily, of massacres perpetrated by hordes of Indians, and also of Indians cut down and exterminated by whole tribes. He thought better results would follow if the contributions of Sabbath-Schools were directed to a special mission than to missions generally. The children would take more interest in it. He hoped and believed that the fruits of this Convention would be manifest in the improvement and extension of Sabbath-Schools throughout the whole country.

Mr. DALE, of Illinois, then addressed the Convention. Sabbath-Schools in his State, he was happy to say, were in a very prosperous condition. They claimed the credit of having the best organized association in the Union. In the State of Illinois there were over 100 counties, in each of which they had an organization, and each had sent in a complete report at their last Convention. The statistics presented at that Convention showed that they had over 3000 Sabbath-Schools in Illinois, 30,000 teachers and officers, and 300,000 children. This was mainly due to some half-a-dozen active, earnest, working laymen. (Applause.) The President of the Association used to be one of the leaders of what are called "the fast young men." After his conversion, although a wealthy man, he went into business with more earnestness than ever, but with a different object in view. It is said he made \$10,000 the first year after his conversion, every dollar of which he gave to the cause of Christ. Now every year he spends eight months working for Jesus. At our convention we endeavour to raise an interest throughout the County in Sabbath-Schools; and another object is that the Spirit of God may reach the people, and that a glorious revival may break out after the Convention closes. We are also trying to do missionary work a little nearer home than Lake Superior or Lake Huron. We have "heathen" all around us in all our large cities, thousands who never come under the influence of the gospel excepting through the missionary effort that is being put forth by our Sabbath-School Associations. Mission schools are established; and the fruit of their work has been glorious. The way we manage is this: The State Association appoints officers all over the State; these officers call Conventions in their different counties. County Associations are then organized, and these appoint an officer for each township, whose duty is to establish an Association in his own township. By these means our Associations spread like a net work over the whole State. Of course sacrifices had to be made by individuals, but the cause was worthy of it. The speaker concluded by remarking that he was born under the old flag of England, and he did not think it necessary, in order to be a good citizen of the United States, to stigmatize the land of his birth. He hoped the two countries would go hand in hand in this great Sabbath-School work, as well as in every other work for the elevation of the human race.

Prof. Seager sang—"There's a work for you to do."

Rev. S. B. JOHNSON, one of the Agents of the Upper Canada Bible Society, next offered a few remarks. It was a grand sight to see such a gathering as this, all brought together for the sake of the little ones, the lambs of the flock, to make them happier, holier, and more useful. The effects of this Convention will be felt in the future; good motives, good thoughts, good deeds, never die. The Bible Society, at an important committee meeting the previous night, had commissioned him to make known to this Convention that in any back parts of the country where new Schools were being started, they might have all the bibles and testaments they wanted, simply by making application. (Applause.)

Rev. C. W. BOLTON, compared the children to a fleet of vessels bound for their different destinations, and the question comes up, will they reach their port in safety, or be shipwrecked on their way. There is a responsibility laid upon