

The proceedings, although equally interesting, somewhat differed from those of the year preceding; the addresses and discussions of each evening were confined to the same topic; there was an absence this year of specimen classes; special prominence was given to the idea that the great object of the Sabbath School was the instruction of both old and young in Biblical knowledge; that it was not therefore to be regarded as a mere children's Institution; that the Sabbath School work should be the great concern of the Church, as the relations subsisting between the two were of the most intimate character. Many of the suggestions offered by Dr Vincent, and some of the other speakers are well worth the attention of every one concerned in the great work of religious instruction.

We cannot over-estimate the great good that flows from these annual gatherings; apart from the actual information gleaned, they are verily seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, when soul answers to soul, when petty denominational differences become merged in the one holy purpose to devote time, talent and energy, in the department of Sabbath School labor. The objection is sometimes urged against them that there is too much excitement attending them, but such will always appear to be the case to the *indifferent spectator*, who is incapable of understanding that lofty enthusiasm which kindles the earnest worker to a renewed consecration of all his powers to the service of the Master.