

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Mr. W. REYNOLDS, Peoria—I am no stranger in Canada. I do not come for the same reason that some of our distinguished fellow-citizens on the other side of the border come over to stay with you; it needs so much the more a missionary on the other side to come over to attend to them, and make them somewhat respectable citizens of Canada. I am exceedingly glad to be with you, my friends, on this occasion. It always gives me a great deal of pleasure to come to Canada. I do not say this to flatter you, but sincerely from my heart. Two years ago, when I received an invitation to attend the Provincial Sabbath School Convention of this Province, I did not see how it was possible to go; and when I told my wife I had an invitation to go to Canada, she said "I want you to go, because you always come back a better man when you go to Canada." (Applause and laughter.) The International Sabbath School Executive Committee arranged a series of Provincial and State conventions—Provincial as far as the Dominion of Canada is concerned, and State conventions in the United States; and asked me to attend those conventions embracing the New England States and part of Canada, and I agreed to do so, and I am on that tour now. It has been one of the most pleasant and one of the most profitable tours that I have ever experienced. I anticipated a great deal of pleasure from it, but I have not anticipated one-half the pleasure I have derived from it. I commenced at St. John, N.B., on the ninth of this month, arrived there on Saturday, and Sunday was the ninth; and we held three meetings there on the Sabbath; in the Baptist Church in the morning, in the afternoon in the Methodist Church, and at night in the Presbyterian Church. The churches were crowded; the one in the afternoon, the largest church in the city, was filled with Sabbath School workers of that city, and they were enthusiastic, earnest meetings; and the pastors of that city said they had never had anything, they thought, that was more beneficial to them than those meetings. We then went over, a large delegation of us, from St. John to St. Stephen, where the Provincial Sabbath School Convention of New Brunswick was held, and it was one of the best Conventions, in many respects, that I have attended. There was a degree of deep earnestness and consecration that it delighted our hearts to see, and a determination on the part of the ministers and layman to carry on the work throughout the whole Province; and they organized for the work, and they are going to do it. There were men there, laymen, who came up to the front and said, "We will help in this work"—business men, really conscious of the fact that it is the best part of life to live for the world that is to come, and not to spend their energies entirely on this world. That was a hopeful sign; and several shook me by the hand as I came away, and said, "You will hear from New Brunswick." I then went over to Maine to attend the Maine