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GEORGE MUNRO.

**The Annual Meeting.**

We but voice the opinion of all who attended the Annual Meeting in Bowmanville when we say it was a pronounced success in every respect. Those competent to judge will not take issue with the assertion that it was the best meeting of the kind ever held by the Disciples of Christ in Ontario. It was an encouraging indication of the progress of the cause in this country, and an assurance that earnest minds and hearts are devoted to the propagation of primitive Christianity in Ontario.

We understand that the O.C.W.B.M. had a very profitable convention and that their work is in a very healthy condition. As their annual report appears in this paper, and the minutes of their proceedings will also be published, it is not necessary to go into details here. But we fancy we are right when we say that the high watermark of their meeting was reached on Friday afternoon, when a public session was held, and the centres of interest on that occasion were Miss Mary Graybiel, a returned missionary from India, and Miss Minnie Riach, who is about to go to Japan as a missionary. These foreign missionaries stir the hearts of Christians in a peculiar and profitable way. The questions and the heart-searchings, suggested by their presence and remarks, cannot fail to produce fruit in the increase of spiritual life and activity on the part of those who see and hear.

The business sessions of the Co-operation were characterized by great harmony of feeling, even when uniformity of opinion did not exist. Free discussion and good feeling were notable features of the proceedings. The amount of important business transacted was considerable, and we believe that the wise way in which it was disposed of will redound to the furtherance of the truth in our land. The work of the committees appeared this year to be more prompt and more thorough, which, of course, facilitated the dispatch of business.

The fact that the Treasurer was able to close his books with only a small deficit, and that, before his report was presented, more than enough additional money was paid in to clear off that little incubus, put the Convention in a happy mood. It is well when mission boards keep clear of debt.

The Co-operation has always been fortunate in the choice of chief speaker for the Annual Meeting. The able preachers brought over from the United States to officiate in that capacity have carried away with them golden opinions and high regards. We feel that it is not invidious to say that the chief speaker of this year, Bro. Z. T. Sweeney, of Columbus, Indiana, occupies no secondary place in the estimation and affections of those who have been in the habit of attending our annual gatherings. Indeed, Bro. Sweeney's sermons evoked an unusual amount of enthusiastic praise, and his lecture was "the admired of all admirers." His genial manner and hearty sympathy with our work endeared him the more to all.

Bro. A. McLean, Cor. Sec. of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, though unexpected, was a very welcome visitor. Bro. McLean's presence is a blessing to any gathering of Christian people. He favored the Convention with two of his able, earnest and inspiring addresses. That Bro. McLean may long be spared to the great work in which he is engaged is the devout wish of all his brethren in Ontario.

What we may venture to call a painful feature of the Convention was the inability to respond favorably to all the appeals for assistance during the coming year. The Committee on Missions canvassed the matter thoroughly and brought in an able report, but was sorrowfully compelled to withhold definite recommendations as to a number of points urgently asking help. It is very much to be desired that at an early date the Board will receive such promises of contributions from churches and individuals as will make it possible to undertake work for this year beyond what the Committee on Missions felt themselves in a position to recommend. It is a significant fact that in different parts of the province small companies of Disciples are undertaking to build up churches of Christ, and are bravely erecting the standard of truth where sectarianism reigns. It argues a love for the truth and a willingness to sacrifice for it which is worthy of admiration, and which should enlist the energetic sympathy and support of every Disciple of Christ in the province.

An effort is made elsewhere in this number to give those who were not able to be at Bowmanville a satisfactory account of the Annual Meeting.

We have aimed in this number to give a satisfactory account of our Annual Meeting. We have reason to believe that our readers desire a full report. If there are any important omissions in this issue we shall endeavor to supply what is lacking in next number.

Our readers will kindly bear with us on this occasion—the lateness of the appearance of THE EVANGELIST, and the fact that we count the present issue as two numbers. In the future they may expect the paper twice a month, and we hope that it will be still more acceptable to our friends than it has been in the past. We desire it shall be largely useful to our brethren, and helpful to them in the work of the Lord.

These golden words from the *Sunday School Times* would if acted upon generally revolutionize this country religiously:—

It is no argument for a belief that it furnishes a rest for the mind, and that its removal would bring a state of unrest. Every creed in the world might be defended on this false ground that it gives rest and quiet to the minds which embrace it. The Buddhist, who "takes refuge with the Buddha, the law, and the order," finds a sense of restfulness attending this resignation of himself to a system

which is from first to last a slander on our Creator. Many have left the Protestant for the Roman Catholic church for the sake of the rest that comes from submission to an absolute, living authority. Cardinal Newman went over to escape from the restless activity of his naturally skeptical intellect. Even infidelity has been welcomed as cutting the knot which it troubled the mind to untie, and bringing thus a certain calm to the spirit. It is, as the prophet Micah discovered, sometimes an evidence of the divine presence and working, that men are called away from the things they had rested in, and are bidden to seek a deeper foundation for their confidence. The progress of men in spiritual apprehension has been very largely the abandoning of the false rests of half-truths, that they may be guided by God's Spirit into all truth. It is true that the goal of all his leading is in rest; but rest in the truth is the only rest the Lord gives to his people.

**Our Omnibus.**

**HANKIN HOSPITAL FUND.**

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We are very much gratified by the interest taken in the Hospital Fund. All contributions should be addressed to the Editor, 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton.

We remind our friends that all matter intended for publication must be sent to the Editor.

The present issue is intended to be for two numbers. We trust that it will be satisfactory to our readers, they have a full account of the Annual Meeting as well as a goodly portion of other reading. Hereafter the paper may be expected promptly twice month.

We start a new department in this number, "Young People's Work." Bro. Alex. McMillan will conduct it. All interested will notice that his address is Alvinston, Ont.

**Church News.**

WALKERTON, May 18th.—There have been two additions to the church by letter since last report and one by baptism last Lord's day. E. S.

AYLNER, May 20th.—We are having a splendid meeting. Much good has been done. Five additions up to date. Interest increasing. J. D. STEPHENS.

SELKIRK, May 24th.—Will you kindly make mention of our June meeting which will begin Friday evening, June 10th, under Bro. James Ledard, the Lord willing, and will continue two weeks or more. Extend an invitation to the brethren to attend. E. E. PHILLIPS.

[We regret that owing to the lateness of this issue timely notice of the above meeting can not be given. EDITOR.]

HAMILTON.—Two young ladies from Oakville came to Hamilton to be baptized on May 22nd. Bro. G. D. Weaver preached his farewell sermon May 29th; he is now holding special services at International Bridge. The writer preached his introductory sermons June 12th. It is hoped that by the faithful presentation of the truth, the cordial co-operation of the church, and the constant blessing of the Lord, much good may be accomplished. The readers of THE EVANGELIST will be glad to know that Bro. Alexander Anderson though not real well was

able to be at meeting on Lord's morning. G. M.

ERIN.—The writer and his family have recently been passing through one of the peculiar experiences incident to the life of a preacher and his family. The breaking up of the relation that had existed for five years between them and the Disciples of the Erin Centre and Erin Village churches was an occasion of mingled pleasure and pain—the pleasure growing out of the many acts of kindness and tokens of affection received, and the pain induced by the parting from so many dear brethren and sisters and friends. The sisters of the Erin Village church presented Mrs. Munro with a very kind address, accompanied by a purse which was far from being empty; the Erin Centre people made the writer a very generous gift in money and flattered him profusely in an address. G. M.

AYLNER.—About three years ago Bro. W. D. Campbell, who

departure, for Bro. Finch is known everywhere here as a most worthy and most useful man of God. Best of all, the church in the Portage felt the force of his resignation and determined not to accept it. A deputation of the church waited upon him and tightened the chords of those tenderer affections of Christian love. Now he is held bound by them for an unlimited time. I hope the love will only increase more and more: that Bro. Finch may always stay just where he is. When it is known that Bro. Finch has stood almost alone for five years here in the labors of a preacher, and at the late Provincial Convention of the Y.P.S.C.E. in Winnipeg was honored as best man to take the chair and preside at that assembly, it certainly speaks for him the respect of the people, and intellectual and religious force. Very truly,  
J. B. LIETKIN.

P.S.—I have spelled "chords" with an h, for such strings belong to the heavenly lyre, and are touched by angel fingers, and the effect of the vibrations is the rich melody of the music of love. J. B. L.

**Co-operation Notes.**

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Miss Minnie Riach	2 00
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A Friend	5 00
Clara Reid	5 00

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