

Perth.—The last convention was held at Mitchell, February, 1898. One township is organized; 120 schools are reported, 1,418 officers and teachers, 11,745 scholars, 2 Normal classes. Home Department membership, 259.

Peterboro' County.—Miss LAURA BENNETT—We have a county, town and four township organizations. A two days' convention was held in Lakefield with good results. The townships have each held successful conventions. Rev. J. Campbell Tibb was present at the county and two township conventions, and contributed largely to their success. The Otonabee Association holds a rally of the schools which is very helpful. There are two Primary unions, Peterboro' and Otonabee, both doing good work. The interest in the Home Department is increasing. There are 75 schools, 828 officers and teachers, 6,914 scholars, and 8 Home Departments with 400 members; 12 separate senior, and 15 separate junior rooms. Six schools report improved equipment.

Prescott.—LEONARD BERTRAND—Our county is largely handicapped. We are at the far east of this province, and every township is permeated with an element that is not in affinity with Protestant institutions. We held our eighth annual convention in Cassburn on the 3rd and 4th October, 1898. The interest is well sustained. Nineteen schools have reported, showing 160 officers and teachers, 1,100 scholars; 4 schools have teachers' meetings; 2 report improved equipment and 4 greater efficiency. At this convention, township organization was discussed but deemed impracticable for the present. It was decided to hold two institutes each year—one in January and one in September—besides the annual convention. We hope in this way to reach a greater number of outlying sections at shorter intervals. We promise \$20 to the Provincial Association.

Simcoe South.—The last convention was held at Tottenham, Nov. 3rd, 4th, 1897. Six townships are organized, 60 schools are reported, 440 officers and teachers, 3,250 scholars; 79 scholars joined the Church during the year; 5 schools have teachers' meetings; 6 have separate rooms for seniors, 3 for juniors; 5 report improved equipment, and 2 greater efficiency.

St. Joseph's Island.—The last convention was held at Hilton, in 1898. Twenty schools are reported, 97 officers and teachers, 500 scholars; 6 scholars have joined the Church during the year; 3 schools report improved equipment, and 1 greater efficiency.

Victoria, Bobcaygeon and Verulam Townships.—(Lady delegate)—Our fifth annual convention was held on August 25th. We have 11 schools. A favorable report was received from each. There are 440 scholars, and 63 teachers. All the schools are in good working order and, with one exception, are kept open the whole year.

Mariposa Township.—Mr. TINNEY—In September we had a convention at Fenelon Falls for the purpose of organizing the county. Bro.