

ed some \$1,500 annually in the Muskoka and Parry Sound districts. For years the work moved slowly, and the spiritual results could scarcely be reckoned encouraging, but during the past year a wave of blessing has swept over the field under the care of our sisters. It is believed that over three hundred persons were converted to God during the past winter and spring at Burk's Falls, Doe Lake, Sundridge, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Midland. A church was organized at Elmvale, some fourteen miles from Midland, a chapel dedicated at Lorimer Lake, and another nearing completion at Sprucedale. A student missionary was sent last year to Pretty River Valley, and his successor this year had the joy of seeing a church, known as the Blue Mountain Church, recognized and strengthened. Who can estimate the importance of this brief statement, and who hereafter will question the propriety of spending Home Mission funds and bringing into existence churches in poor localities, even though self-support may not be within sight during the present century. Bracebridge, Marchmont and Uthoff do not report so hopefully as they did last year; but the Oros, East and West, and Minesing show distinct improvement. At the latter place a gracious awakening in the early months of the year, and later on a church edifice decided upon, bring welcome encouragement to those who have for years taken a deep interest in this field. Faithful work was performed during the summer months at Dwight and the Seely settlement, while at Parry Sound we believe some progress has been made. Fort William, a church less than two years old, steps into self-support, and a pastor has been secured for Port Arthur. Work was begun this spring at Rat Portage, Norman and Keewatin, and such are the needs of this field and the promise of happy results that the Board has deeply regretted its inability to continue the work during the winter months. This field is only 135 miles from Winnipeg, and is certainly one of the most important mission stations in the Province of Ontario. From these Northern fields and lately organized churches, let us turn again to the older settlements, and to scenes more familiar to the delegates in Convention assembled.

NIAGARA ASSOCIATION.

In the Niagara Association we have had during the past year five pastors and two, students. Fonthill has had one of the best years in its history, and will probably take its place in the ranks of the self-supporting churches. Thorold enters into alliance with Lyman Street, St. Catharines, and thus relieves the Board of a \$300 grant. Niagara Falls South is practically building a new

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