

## SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

*For W. P. Crombie's Trip.*

Dr. O'Meara and few friends.	\$21 00	J. C. Thompson.....	\$5 00
T. Cockshutt.....	10 00	G. Hague.....	10 00
S. C. Duncan Clarke.....	10 00	H. Fox.....	5 00

The Report was received and submitted to the following Committee to report upon Saturday morning: T. W. Nisbett, President; R. Henderson, Montreal; A. B. Smith, Hamilton; J. C. Thomson, Quebec.

## REPORT OF TOUR IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO BY THOMAS K. CREE.

Following the instructions of the Executive Committee, and at the invitation of the Provincial Committee of Ontario, I left New York, April 11th, 1877, to visit the Associations of Ontario. The tour had been arranged by the Provincial Committee. At Dundas, I met Mr. W. P. Crombie, Provincial Secretary, and together we visited Dundas, Brantford, Paris, Ayr, Woodstock, Stratford, Galt, Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Brantford, Toronto, Port Hope, Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanville, Cobourg, Peterboro', Belleville, and Kingston, spending from one to three days in each place. We were joined at Dundas by Mr. Briggs, at Brantford by Mr. Wilkie, and at Fergus by Mr. Manners and Mr. Elliott. At almost every point large and interesting meetings were held, and while the distinctive work of the Association in seeking young men was strongly urged, evidence of deep spiritual interest was everywhere manifested. Conferences with the members of the Associations and those interested in the cause were held at each point. The details of the local work were fully discussed, and practical suggestions offered. The number of Associations in the Province is quite remarkable, and is due largely to the effort of the Provincial and International Committees, and to the self-sacrificing friends of the cause. The buildings owned by them show the appreciation in which they are held, and gracious revivals have followed the work of the Provincial Committee at different points in which they have made protracted effort. As the result of the tour we venture the following general comments on the work in the Province as it came under our observation.

1st. Very much has been accomplished in the work to approve. As has just been indicated in the present tour, efficient co-operation was received at every point. I cannot too highly express my obligation to Mr. Crombie, by whose co-operation and assistance the tour was made a success, and who, though feeling himself specially called to labour as an Evangelist, is so thoroughly in sympathy with the Associations. To his efficient labours many of the Societies of the Province are deeply indebted.

2nd. But there is need of a more efficient advisory supervision of the work; a more frequent visitation for conference, and a better understanding by the Committees of the wants of the Association. This would develop a heartier sympathy with the International and Provincial Committees on their work.

3rd. At some points a good work is being done by young men, but nothing specially for young men. The fact that our Associations are designed to improve the mental and moral well-being of young men, as well as to promote their spiritual life, is lost sight of. In this way our work loses its distinctive features, and fails to interest the business community, and the question is then raised whether it is really a help or hindrance to the work of the Churches.

4th. The need of more careful business management is evident. At some