

ing by the adoption of programme in EVANGELIST, and are still desirous of forwarding the good work for the Master." They have fulfilled their pledge of \$15.00.

Orangeville.—Very few sisters here. One sister helps Hillsburg.

Portage la Prairie.—The sisters here organized last February. They say: "With regard to taking up foreign missionary work, we have not confidence enough in ourselves at present to make any pledges. You will probably hear from our Sunday-school though about the beginning of June in support of Miss Rioch."

Rodney.—The sisters here are doing work in the home-church with their funds.

Rosedene.—Some here would like to help the work and may be able to do so.

Ridgetown.—This Band has sent Treasurer \$29 for the past year's work.

Selkirk.—The sisters here are helping us in the foreign work. They use envelopes in taking up collection.

Stayner.—A sister writes: "We are all in favor of the women's work here. We have never organized, but I feel quite sure we would, only we are so far apart and very few in number. Hope we may be able to help our sisters some this year in their great work."

St. Thomas.—Report says: "The interest and attention at our monthly meetings are very good. We use programme in both *Readings* and EVANGELIST. Sister Graybiel visited us and gave us such interesting talks; also our missionary tea was especially interesting. At our last meeting we decided to subscribe for the *Missionary Review* in order that we might see what is being done, and to help us as a society to know more of the needs in this work." Active members, 15; honorary, 2. Sent \$35 to treasurer. \$4 missionary outfit. \$40 pledge for next year.

Toronto.—It was suggested this auxiliary adopt the envelope system of paying dues. Make use of EVANGELIST programmes. Contributed to Miss Rioch's outfit; also sent a case of goods to Bro. Lister in Minnedosa. Pledge \$25 for future work. This Band holds its meetings the second Sunday evening in each month and have a programme committee. Since making these changes, the secretary says: "The attendance and interest are increased, and we feel greatly encouraged at beginning another year's work." Have fulfilled pledge of \$25.

Toronto Junction.—The sisters here have been giving all their help to the home work, and for this reason are unable to pledge. They say: "We regret very much our inability to help in that way."

Vaughan.—A sister writes that "A few sisters are in full sympathy with the work, and hope and trust it will grow and spread until all who sit in darkness shall see the light of the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." They have given \$4 to foreign missions, and \$3 to home missions.

Walkerton.—This Band has remitted \$26 this year, and pledges \$25 for the coming year. A good interest in meetings.

West Lorne.—This auxiliary expresses an earnest desire "to do more than we have ever done before." \$6.53.

West Lake.—The sisters here have reorganized, and are hopeful of being able "to do a good deal next year to help the cause."

Warton.—This Band has only eight members now, two having moved away. They promised \$10 and paid \$16. This is a very encouraging result of their year's work.

Wainfleet.—Membership, 13. Pledge of \$20 fulfilled. This auxiliary arranged for a social evening for the church members, "for the purpose of getting better acquainted." No collection plate was passed, but mite-boxes stood in handy places, and the proceeds were a little over \$2.

From all these items of news from various places, we gather a desire to assist in the spread of the gospel in some way or other. We believe that by wisely planning here together, many thoughts suggested by these reports may be developed.

Most of the work outlined here has been carried on by the sisters while very busy with household cares, and

we feel it is only because our loving Master has so abundantly blessed our efforts, that we have been led thus far. We would still desire to go on in His name, trusting in Him.

In this new year's work upon which we are just entering, shall we not each one consecrate ourselves anew to the Master's service, dispensing with the needless luxuries of life, and strive to work a little harder in the harvest-field, that by-and-by we can "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves"? The gems and jewels most precious are those that shall sparkle upon white brows when "the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads."

BELLA SINCLAIR, Cor. Sec.

Annual Meeting Notes.

The Annual Meeting for 1893 is over. For the benefit of those who were not able to attend it, we give some notes here in addition to the information that may be obtained from the various reports.

Upon reaching Everton, Thursday, June 1st, about noon, we found that the Everton people were ready for us, for we were soon ushered into a spacious dining hall in the rear of the church, where a good hot dinner was served.

The Everton church has done a very sensible thing in building an addition to its house of worship, containing the aforesaid spacious room and two small sized rooms. It is just the thing for prayer-meetings, Bible classes, etc.

It was surprising the large attendance on the first afternoon, and the success of the Convention, so far as numbers were concerned, was assured from the start.

The Convention began at three o'clock with a social meeting, which was a model meeting of the kind. If that service meant anything, it signified that we were not only to have a large company of Disciples at the Convention, but that we were going to have a series of sessions which, whether devoted to business pure and simple, to the reading and discussion of papers, or to worship and preaching, would be characterized by a Christ-like spirit, and by a holy zeal for the propagation of New Testament truth; and so it proved. As we heard it remarked, it was a "religious" religious Convention.

Many took part in that afternoon meeting, and many were the kindly references to the early Disciples, the many who have passed over the river and the few who still linger on this side. It will not be invidious to mention Bro. M. N. Stephens, sr., who made a speech full of fire and feeling. His allusions to our noble pioneers brought tears to the eyes; his confidence in the truth, his sympathy with the present, and his hopefulness, stirred the heart and made us all feel that the Lord has given us a great work to do.

At 7.30 Thursday evening, Bro. C. Sinclair delivered the opening sermon of the Convention. His theme was very appropriate, "Christ our Hope," and his treatment of it earnest, practical and scriptural. Bro. Sinclair's old friends were very glad to hear him again. While Bro. S. was preaching, there entered the church two of our well-known United States brethren, Robert Moffett and O. G. Hertzog. They made interesting speeches after the sermon, and were warmly greeted when the meeting closed.

After devotional exercises, Friday morning, President Hugh Black delivered his annual address. It was much admired by the brethren and sisters, and speaks for itself on page

one of this paper. Bro. Black never stood higher in the confidence and affection of the Disciples of Ontario than he does now.

The Cor. Sec. read the annual report of the Board, which is also given in this issue. After this report had been referred to the Committee on Missions, John Munro read the report of Committee on Education, which was thereupon discussed a little and laid over for further consideration. Let us say here that, as we purpose to publish all the reports of Committees, our friends will not require us to give a synopsis of them in these notes.

The next order was an address by Bro. J. A. Brennstuhl on "The Relation of Young People's Societies to the Church." This was a very sensible and practical speech, and was the occasion of a very spirited discussion. Bro. B. defined a young people's society as "an organized form of activity of a part of the church of Jesus Christ."

The business of Friday afternoon began by the reading of the report on young people's societies by Bro. Alex. McMillan. This was followed by an interesting discussion. The same may be said of the report on Sunday schools, presented by Bro. J. A. Aikin.

At 4.15 the ladies of the O. C. W. B. M. took charge of the platform and held a very interesting session. The President, Mrs. W. B. Malcolm, filled the chair. Mrs. D. Oliphant conducted devotional exercises. Miss Bella Sinclair, Cor. Sec., read the annual report. Mrs. S. M. Brown presented the financial statement on behalf of the Treasurer, Miss Jennie Fleming. Mrs. J. Lediard read the report of the Children's Mission Band. Bro. O. G. Hertzog then gave a short and impressive speech in the interest of the Foreign Mission work, after which pledges were taken for next year's work.

On Friday evening Bro. G. W. Jackson delivered a lecture on "India." The audience was large, and was highly pleased with Bro. J.'s description of India and its people.

The morning session of Saturday was first occupied with reports from the committees on Nominations, Enrollment and Obituaries. After the report on Obituaries was read, Bro. T. B. Knowles led in singing "They are gathering homeward from every land," and Bro. Lediard offered an appropriate prayer.

Bro. R. Moffett then presented a proposition looking to closer relations between us and our brethren in the States in our Mission work, the consideration of which was deferred to the afternoon.

Bro. J. Lediard read a paper on the subject, "What is our duty on the question of Christian union?" This was an able and interesting paper. It will be published in next EVANGELIST. It was a matter of regret that more time could not have been given to the discussion of it.

We expected to publish the names of all delegates and visitors, but at present can only give this summary:

Church delegates.....	43
O. C. W. B. M. delegates.....	22
C. E. delegates.....	3
S. S. ".....	10
Mission Band delegates.....	3
Life Members.....	14
Annual Members.....	6
Visitors.....	63
Total	164

Saturday afternoon was given to the reception and discussion of reports of committees. The Committee on Time and Place reported in favor of the first Thursday in June, at Ridgetown, provided the Ridgetown church will endorse the action of its delegates.

The principal discussion of the afternoon grew out of the report on missions. Many participated and matters were

kept quite lively for a while. The clause dealing with the Farewell bequest was not satisfactory to some of the delegates, and a couple of amendments were proposed, but the Committee's recommendation was adopted by the meeting.

John McKinnor, Treasurer, presented his Annual Statement, which showed a deficit of about \$400, notwithstanding the fact that the receipts were larger than during the previous year. A number of unpaid pledges, if realized upon, would materially reduce the deficit.

The resolution introduced by Bro. Moffett in the forenoon was then taken up. We have not a copy of it by us: shall try to procure one in time for next issue. After a number of speeches had been made the resolution was carried authorizing the President to appoint a committee to attend the Convention of the General Christian Missionary Convention at Chicago this fall, to confer with the brethren there on the subject of closer relations with them in mission work, and to report to our next Annual Meeting.

On Saturday evening we were treated to two discourses, the former by Bro. E. Sheppard, the latter by Bro. R. Moffett. Bro. S.'s text was 2 Peter iii. 1, 2; and the emphasis was laid upon "Be ye mindful." Notwithstanding the fact that Bro. S. is scarcely recovered from a long illness, he gave us a forceful exposition and a stirring exhortation. Bro. Moffett enlarged in his own delightful way upon the theme, "How to become a Christian and how to become a faithful Christian."

Lord's day morning was rather ominous to the uninitiated, but a weather prophet where we were staying relieved our minds by declaring that it would not rain; which prophecy proved true barring a slight sprinkle on Bro. Moffett's out-door congregation in the forenoon. It was a grand day for the occasion, and certainly from our standpoint it was a great occasion. The large meeting house was packed morning and evening, and it was estimated that the out-door audiences were as large as those inside. Bro. Moffett kindly agreed to speak to the crowd outside and these who heard him were warm in their praise of his sermons. It is doubtful if any United States preacher ever made a greater impression upon Ontario Disciples than Bro. Moffett makes. No cant, no pretension, no clericalism; but straight and searching talk on living Bible themes. It is refreshing and edifying.

Bro. T. B. Knowles was the preacher in the meeting house on Lord's day morning. He read for his text a Scripture passage very familiar to Disciples, Matt. xvi. 13-28; but it is quite safe to say that his treatment of it was not so familiar. It was sound, strong and scriptural. We cannot undertake to present even an outline here; perhaps Bro. K. will favor our readers with one when he gets time. It is seldom we have listened to a discourse which for solid grip of thought and strong logical quality surpassed that of Bro. Knowles'. And it was a theme most appropriate for an annual gathering of Disciples of Christ,—"The fundamental ideas of the Gospel."

The Lord's supper is the central feature in our Lord's day morning service every week, and at our annual meetings it always occupies a conspicuous place. It is estimated that from 600 to 700 Disciples partook together of the emblems of our Saviour's body and blood. Bro. Moffett presided at the table, and by a few pertinent remarks fixed the thoughts of the people upon the blessed Master and His sacrifice on our behalf.

On Lord's day evening, Bro. T. I. Fowler preached from the stand from which during a period of about six years he had faithfully proclaimed the Gospel. That he still holds a warm place in the hearts of the people in the regions about Everton was evidenced by the fact that long before the hour for beginning the service the house was packed full. He selected for his text, Matt. xi. 28-30, and notwithstanding the oppressive atmosphere and the accompaniment of sundry crying babies, gave us an excellent sermon. The appeal to the unconverted, with which

the sermon closed, was powerful, eloquent and tender.

There was a good deal of business on the docket for Monday forenoon, the principal of which was the consideration of a supplementary report of the committee on missions. The proposal of the committee to lend \$3,500 of the Farewell bequest to the Cecil Street Church, Toronto, after some discussion, was very heartily adopted by the convention.

After dinner a social meeting was held, in which a good many took part, and so the convention ended as it began.

What shall we say of the Everton people and their entertainment of the convention? The best thing we can think of to say is that they surpassed themselves. Those who have been at Everton in former years know that that was not easily done. The constant expression from visitors was, "These are wonderful people." Those of us who had been there before were prepared not to be surprised by any demonstration of kindness, by any display of hospitality.

Bro. P. Baker, who preaches for the churches at Everton and Mimosa, laid us all under obligation to him for his thoughtfulness exhibited in many ways.

The printer informs us that our space is exhausted for this number. We have still by us some reports of committees; also the report of Children's Mission Bands, report of O. C. W. B. M. Convention. Besides there are other matters which from past experience we know those not able to be present like to hear about. We shall try to supply what is lacking in next number.

It is not in any boastful spirit that we express the opinion that, taking it all in all, the late June meeting at Everton was the best of the kind ever held by the Disciples in Ontario.

Our Omnibus.

Western New York June meeting will be held at Williamsville, N. Y., June 15-18. This is not a business meeting, but is wholly given up to addresses, papers and sermons. We shall give some account of it in next EVANGELIST.

Bro. R. Moffett went from Everton to Guelph, and lectured there on Monday evening, June 5th; he then proceeded to Selkirk, where he was to preach. He was also to open a meeting house in Rainham, June 11th. The Wainfleet church was to hold a June meeting on the 11th, at which Bros. Pardee, Stevens and Tovell were expected.

The EVANGELIST was remembered by many of its friends at the Annual Meeting. We were glad to hear good accounts of "On the Rock."

Bro. W. G. Charlton, who has been attending Bethany College, is spending his vacation in Ontario. He was to begin special meetings at Selkirk June 14th. He would be glad to hear from churches desiring protracted meetings between now and Sept. 15th. His address is Everton, Ont.

The Olive Residential Hotel advertised in this issue of the EVANGELIST will prove a desirable place for our brethren to stop while visiting the World's Fair. Its close proximity to the Central Church will make it also quite a desirable stopping place during the General Convention. Bro. M. D. Coffeen who is manager of the hotel, is a relative of Bro. B. B. Tyler, of New York, and has the endorsement of some of the most prominent men in the brotherhood. Write him for terms, etc.

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