

ST. THOMAS.—St. Thomas "Cheerful Givers" have not been holding any meetings during the past year. Mrs. Knowles has not been able to attend them, and no one else was able to take her place. They, too, were about organizing a J. C. E. S. instead of their mission band, which is to bear the same financial relation to the O. C. W. B. M. as the mission band did. The proceeds of the mission boxes, amounting to \$10, were forwarded to the Treasurer.

TORONTO.—From Toronto (Cecil Street) Willing Workers comes the following report: In presenting the annual report, we wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His kind care over us for another year. The first ten months of our mission year we spent as a mission band, but now we are organized as a J. C. E. Society, and hold our meeting every Sunday after S. S. The first Sunday in each month is to be mission meeting. We follow the lessons given in the Little Builders and Young People's Standard. Although we have not raised as much money as some, we have been faithful, and are sowing seed which will bring forth fruit in its season. Three of our band have united with the church and are earnest young Christians. Our regular fees amount to \$4.46, \$4.00 of which have been sent to Miss Fleming. Our average attendance is 30, and is larger than last year.

BOWMANVILLE.—The Bowmanville "Coral Workers" report a membership of 40; 15 boys and 25 girls, though not all attend regularly. They have forwarded \$10 to the Treasurer, and in addition to this have made an "outline quilt," which they value at \$10. It has been forwarded to me in hopes that I may be able to help to dispose of it for them. Perhaps the sisters may devise some way of disposing of it, and so encouraging the Coral Workers, who must have worked as industriously as their name-sakes.

LOBO.—Instead of the usual report from the Lobo "Cheerful Givers," I received a letter from Mrs. Brennstuhl, in which she stated frankly but regretfully that they had no report to send this year. This is a point in this report in which the regret comes in. For two years we had a very successful and interested band there, and it is not easy to see just why *nothing* should have been done this year, especially as we know how well fitted our Sister Brennstuhl is for just such work. Still, the hindrances to work in country places are many, and such failures are sometimes unavoidable, and we will hope for better things next year. At least, a frank acknowledgment is preferable to silent indifference.

WALKERTON.—The Walkerton "Willing Workers" are again the banner band, and by some means have learned how to raise money for missions. The report of the year's work is as follows: Strawberry festival, . . . \$38 00 Interest on same, . . . 1 50 Realized from the talent system, 22 38 Special collection in May, . . . 2 24 Birthday box, . . . 10 05 Members' fees, . . . 4 38

Total, . . . \$78 25

Of this grand total \$75 was forwarded to the treasurer and the balance used at home. They have a membership of 18, about the same as last year. None of the members have united with the church, but as all but four are children of Methodist and Presbyterian parents, it is not likely to be otherwise. They find the talent system and birthday box a successful way of raising money. Keeping the children busy, and changing the order and method of work, are a help in maintaining the interest in their meetings. They are greatly interested in our boy in China.

BRANT (BRUCE CO.)—The little Band of Promise in Brant report that they are nine in number, and that by the "talents system" and their regular fees they have succeeded in raising \$6, which is very good for their numbers. They, like all the other bands, have been interested and encouraged by the reading of Miss Rioch's letters, and they are also interested in little Wang's welfare.

ERIN.—The "Helping Hands" report a present membership of sixteen, which is much smaller than last year. They gave up their meetings during the winter, but the S. S. gave one collection each month to the mission band funds. This may suggest a way by which other bands, who are unable to hold meetings during the winter, may add to their funds, if the S. S. Superintendent is agreeable. The "Helping Hands" made a quilt, which was sent to Muskoka, and they celebrated its completion with a picnic. They have raised \$6.18. \$4.60 of which was sent to the treasurer.

WAINFLEET.—From Wainfleet, I learn through our sister, Mrs. Angle, that the mission band there has no report this year. The young ladies who had charge of it are unable to do so now, and Mrs. Angle says she has not been able to give any time to it, owing to her home cares, and living a long distance from the church and the children. She regrets this state of affairs, and hopes to do something during the next year.

CHERRY VALLEY.—The little "Band of Two" in Cherry Valley sent in their subscription of \$2.00 during the year. It would be pleasant to know that their influence was spreading, and that other children had joined in with them. In time we may find that it has had that effect.

KILSYTH.—Kilsyth "Cheerful Givers" have greatly enlarged their band during the year, and have now 44 names on their roll. They have been busy, but have done more home mission work than foreign, and have paid \$5 into the treasury. For all purposes they raised \$18.30, part of which was spent in purchasing cot and furnishings for the Owen Sound hospital; they also sent a box of clothing to Muskoka.

OWEN SOUND.—The Owen Sound "Golden Links" have a membership of thirty in fairly regular attendance. During the year they have met regularly, and for some months the sewing circle in connection with it was busy preparing material for a sale, which will be held in the fall. The children made blocks enough for a quilt, intended for the distributing fund. They have not been able to raise as much money as last year, but not through lack of work or interest. None have united with the church this year, but there are hopes that several will during the next. \$11.05 have been sent to the treasurer.

EVERTON.—Everton "Workers for the Master" report a membership of 25, and have raised the sum of \$10 during the year. They have been studying the foreign mission fields, and have succeeded in keeping interested and busy.

WIARTON.—Warton "Cheerful Givers" report a membership of 56, which is the largest number reported at all. They have done better financially this year, having raised \$17.38, which has all been sent to the treasurer. They gave an Easter Cantata, which was quite a success. They find getting up programmes, in which the children take a large share, are successful in keeping up the interest.

There is a little item of interest which I must not forget, that is the proceeds of a mission box belonging to a dear little one who has gone. The dollar forwarded by his mother, Mrs. Smith, will not lose its reward.

MILTON, N. S.—I received a report from Milton, Nova Scotia, which I have much pleasure in inserting here. They call themselves "Daily Workers," and have been organized since 1889, and had then a membership of 10, which has since increased to 49. They have raised \$6.12 during the year. The report did not state for what purpose, but it will likely be sent to the treasurer with their other contributions to foreign missions.

LONDON.—A mission band was organized in London with a membership of 25, but they failed to send me a report for the annual meeting, which I regret very much.

RIDGETOWN.—The Ridgetown band was reorganized lately, and I hoped to hear from them, but no report has reached me as yet.

There is a membership of over 400 altogether, who have raised for our foreign work this year the sum of \$165.13, which, with \$23.50 balance from last year, and \$2 interest, make the total amount on hand, \$190.30. Our liabilities are, \$150 pledged to the O. C. W. B. M., and \$20 for our boy in China, and \$1.33 for money order and postage to China and material for the scrap-book for Japan. In connection with the subject of our mission bands becoming Junior Societies of Christian Endeavor, I would say that it is our bounden duty to do our work for Christ in the best and most effective manner, and so long as they are willing to meet their financial obligations as formerly, and that our work may not be hampered for lack of funds, I think the bands may each be left to use their own judgment as to their method of doing it; but I think since the work we have on hand was begun in confidence that the bands would make it possible, they should not fail to do so.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. E. LEDIARD, *Sup't.*

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies.

Your Committee on Young People's Societies begs leave to present its first annual report, as follows:

When your committee took office last June there were fourteen young people's societies among our churches in Ontario, viz.: Gainsboro, Blenheim, Collingwood, St. Thomas, London, Bowmanville, Toronto, Wainfleet, Guelph, Orangeville, Lobo, Hamilton, Walkerton, and Ridgetown. During the year this number has been increased by five—one society having ceased to exist and six new societies having been added, viz.: Welland, West Lorne, Glencoe, Selkirk, Owen Sound, and Warton—so that we now have nineteen societies in the province. Of these all but two, viz.: Blenheim and Collingwood, are Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor.

The results of our call for statistics are tabulated as follows:

NAME.	MONEY RAISED.						MEMBERSHIP.		DATE ORGANIZED.
	Welland.	Other Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Church.	Home Society.	Provincial Union.	Active.	Associated.	
Welland.....			\$ 1 50		\$ 50		14	1	12 Nov. 9, 1892.
Gainsboro.....	\$ 50				1 00		9	12	25 April 19, 1892.
Blenheim.....			1 00	\$ 1 50			8	2	13 May, 1891.
West Lorne.....							8	2	10 April 5, 1892.
Glencoe.....					1 00		9	5	10 March 16, 1893.
St. Thomas.....			5 00		20 00	\$ 2 00	24	9	11 Feb., 1891.
London.....		\$13 75		50 00		6 60	30	17	35 Feb. 29, 1892.
Bowmanville.....	10 00		22 80	50 00		6 40	31	7	130 Feb. 26, 1893.
Selkirk.....			6 60	16 75		6 08	15	7	50 Dec. 20, 1892.
Toronto.....	8 60			283 36		6 53	5 00	61	45 Oct. 1, 1883.
Wainfleet.....	24 35			100 00		9 30	1 00	38	50 January, 1891.
Guelph.....		5 00				3 14	1 00	31	2 25 Nov. 5, 1891.
Orangeville.....	4 75		5 00			8 40		6	8 January, 1892.
Lobo.....	10 00		5 24	22 25		1 35	2 25	24	51 11 Nov. 2, 1891.
Owen Sound.....							23	7	20 October, 1892.
Hamilton.....				3 30		8 40	2 00	9	11 20 Dec., 1891.
Warton.....									20 Jan. 1, 1893.
Collingwood.....									
Ridgetown.....				15 00					

Your committee also welcomes the following report from the Y. P. S. C. E. at Portage la Prairie, Man.: Date of organization, Feb. 24, 1890; active members, 30; Associate members, 7; average attendance, 14-20; \$28.00 has been raised for the home church; \$2.85 for the home society, and \$10 for the Manitoba provincial union.

The reports from the societies now in existence are very encouraging.

Your committee would recommend to the societies that, wherever possible, lectures on Y. P. S. C. E. work be arranged for as a means of cultivating and developing the work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McMILLAN, Chairman.

Report of Sunday School Committee.

Total No. of schools reported..	32
" " pupils enrolled..	2165
" " daily average attendance..	1228
" No. of teachers.....	199
" " additions to church from school.....	75
" No. of members of the church attending school	652
" No. of libraries, 15; vols.	1788
" " schools using international lessons.....	31
" No. of schools having weekly teachers' meetings	7
" No. of schools paying special attention to temperance work.....	18
" No. of schools paying special attention to Mission work.....	14
" amount distributed for home support.....	725 16
" amount distributed for home missions.....	128 96
" amount distributed for foreign missions.....	67 81
" amount distributed for all purposes.....	914 18

The Committee on Sunday schools respectfully submit their report. A perusal of the statistics gives food for thought and shows need of increased diligence in this very important part of the work of the church. The number of schools reporting is four in advance of last year. The attendance remains about the same; no decided increase is marked. Your Committee would call special attention to the large number of absent scholars every Lord's day. According to the statistics, there are 937 absent each week; an average of 29 from each school. Thankful to our Lord and Leader, we report 75 as added to the church from the Sunday school. This, we think, an unmistakable evidence of spiritual life, work and power. Respecting libraries, the reports show an increased interest in that line; fifteen schools report having libraries, with a total of 1788 volumes; an increase over last year of 573 volumes. Seven of our schools report having weekly teachers' meetings. We heartily commend to all the superintendants the value of such meetings; they stimulate interest in the work by showing the importance and necessity of careful study by the teacher. The business of the school is more likely to be properly attended to. Your Com-

mittee regret that it is necessary to report that nineteen Sunday schools show less funds raised during 1892 than in 1891. We are assured that this ought not so to be. Allowing for the stringency of money during these times, it cannot be that the children's mite should be withheld. Necessity is here set forth for steady and systematic means being used for the raising of money in our Sunday schools. Six schools report an increase in the amounts raised. We presume the same circumstances weigh with them that are with the schools that show a decrease. We call the attention of the Convention to the report of the Everton Sunday school, which gives \$13.51 more for missions than for its own support. Only seventeen of the schools are reported as contributing to missions; fourteen report nothing for that purpose.

The reports sent in respecting the attention paid to missionary and temperance work are encouraging. Eleven schools are reported as taking up the regular temperance lessons; three make occasional reference; another teaches advanced prohibition, and another gives special attention to temperance and uses pledge cards, and still another has an annual temperance meeting addressed by a good speaker. Nine schools report taking up the missionary lessons in the series; one reports making missionary work "a living factor;" another cultivates a giving spirit, and another reports having a returned missionary addressing the children's anniversary.

Your Committee respectfully make the following recommendations:

1st. That there be a more general observance of Children's Day, set for this province on the last Lord's day in June, and we urge upon Sunday school officers the necessity of their working for a great ingathering of missionary funds on that day in their schools.

2nd. That the elders and preachers should devote one of the regular church meetings, in whole or in part, on the last Lord's day in June, to the Sunday school and its work, and draw the attention of the parents to the importance of the work of the Sunday school, the wisdom of systematic study of the word, not only in the Sunday school, but also in the home, especially in districts where there are no Sunday school privileges; and to the propriety of seeing that their children are in regular attendance at the Sunday school, and are permitted to give constantly to the support of missions.

3rd. That in view of the fact that there is a general lack in our schools of trained teachers, that weekly meetings of the teachers be held for the study of the lesson, general consultation and discussion on their work, Sunday school business, and for united prayer for God's richest blessing to rest upon their labors.

4th. That wherever and whenever practicable, that normal institutes be formed for the study of the science of teaching, etc. Such institute to be formed in co-operation with workers in other Sunday schools.

5. That inasmuch as the editor of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST has kindly given space for a Sunday school department, advantage may be taken by the superintendents and secretaries to report the work and progress in their schools, and for the teachers for the discussion of Sunday school work in general.

6th. That the officers endeavor to keep before the teachers the importance of their working to win the souls of their scholars for Christ, that they may early learn to love and obey Him, "whom to know is life eternal."

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. A. ATKIN, Chairman. J. D. STEPHENS. E. B. BARNES.

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