

organized. Our county convention last March, at Mill Brook, was attended by representatives from every part of the riding, and the reports were most encouraging. There has been progress all along the line. Financially we are not as strong as some of the older and larger counties. We have only four townships, the town of Port Hope, and the village of Mill Brook, yet everything is flourishing.

Durham West.—P. C. TREBILCOCK, County Secretary—West Durham is one of the smallest associations. We have only three townships, comprising about thirty-nine schools, and with the exception of two all are in active touch with the County Association, and contributors to it. No county convention was held last year, for reasons beyond the control of the Executive, but arrangements are being made for one in January or February next. The townships are fully organized. I am authorized to pledge \$35 to the Association this year; we assume also the balance of the assessment placed upon us last year, and I have no doubt this amount will be supplemented by a further grant.

Dufferin.—Rev. J. J. REDDITT—Our county is in a good position. Our last convention was the best ever held in regard to numbers, interest, practical work and results. One may be noted. Some members objected to a statement of the Secretary in his report, calling schools that had become dormant in the winter time "Ground-hog schools;" and the discussion was so exceedingly warm and interesting that it resulted in several delegates of such schools going home and saying, "We will not close up this winter." One of these schools was kept open all winter by the efforts of two women, and it was my privilege to come along there one Sunday afternoon on mission interest, when the first great blizzard of the winter was on, and they had quite an interesting school. Every township in the county is organized, and every township held its convention this last summer. This year we will advance about thirty-three per cent. over the past year, and pledge \$50 to the Provincial.

Essex.—Mr. WEESE—We have in Essex County eighty-eight live schools and two dead ones. We have eight colored schools. The northern part of the county being mostly French, our schools are confined more to the southern part. We have reports from seventy-eight schools, which are all evergreen, and working actively. I visited seventeen of our county schools during the past year, and found them all very energetic and anxious to prosecute their work. We held our first district convention yesterday in Leamington, and we expect Mr. Day with us next week, and hope to be able to give a better report than the present.

Glengarry.—W. J. SCOTT—The nineteenth annual convention was held in Martintown, January 21st and 22nd, 1896. The programme was well sustained and the interest very great.

Grenville.—H. BROWNLEE—This county was organized some eight years ago. Our convention was held in the village of Spencer; Mr.

Day was with us, and were represented, ten Association during the Four township convention successful. A special fested.

Guelph.—H. J. B. city and township, for bath-School work is Smith, the Superintendent the year, was a great

Haldimand.—S. V. convention for thirty which for seven years visited at least once improvement in attendance districts have had success.

Hamilton.—W. B. tricts, with fifteen, five of the fifty-one schools belong to the church separate school-room churches, and the Primary Teachers' Union lesson.

Halton.—J. W. are only four townships. The county convention ask, "Is your church increase in number in schools holding to new lines, such as points of interest in showing what they mapped out in the form a Home Department.

North Hastings.—successful organization and manifesting a The northern part better to group the that part of the county and I think in new bath Schools.

Lennox and Addington.—organized, and has ten years. In the