

delivered by J. B. Showers, J. W. H. Newberry, M. I. Comfort and the editor of these minutes. The occasion was enlivened by appropriate songs rendered by the Shelburne choir, who also did good work during each evening service. The Convention was presided over by L. Stauffer, of Waterloo, who occupied the chair in his usual genial and happy way, introducing each speaker in the most felicitous manner.

Sunday evening the pulpit was ably filled by Rev. J. W. Schofield, of the Upper Wabash Conference, State of Illinois.

Thus closed the Forty-Sixth Annual Assembly of the Ontario Conference, all returning to their homes, and some to new fields of labor, feeling that it was good to meet with our brethren in the Lord. May the God of all Grace impart the Christ Life in abundance to all the Ministers and Laymen in the Ontario Conference, and give us all a large harvest of Souls.

### ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

*To Our Beloved Bishop, Ministers, Delegates and Visiting Brethren to this our Annual Convention :*

I have the honor and pleasure of conveying to you the unanimous welcome of our people to their homes and hearts. We are truly thankful to God in the sparing and preserving our lives through another year, and especially the life of our beloved Bishop while travelling to the dark Continent of Africa. There many of our Missionaries sacrificed their lives for the cause of Christ, and to-day, we believe, are enjoying the rest that remains to the people of God. Ten years ago Conference was held in this Church. Many changes have taken place since then, both in the Church, Ministry and homes. Seats that were then filled are to-day vacant. Voices that filled us with delight then, now are silent. We believe they have joined the Church Triumphant. To-day we have met again in Christ's name. Truly our fellowship is with the Father and Jesus our Redeemer. Therefore we would exclaim as the Psalmist, "Unto Thee, Oh, God, do we give thanks, for that Thy name is near Thy wonderous works declare." We as a Circuit are much stronger to-day than ever before. God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. Again we say to you, Brethren, "Welcome All." We offer you the freedom of our homes, and hope you will drink deep of our hospitality while among us. I am sure your stay and conversation with us in our homes