

We recommend:—

1. That a teacher be employed and a school established at Toronto for instruction in such subjects as are necessary to supplement what may be received in Toronto University, to prepare persons for ministerial work in the church.

2. That the teacher be engaged to spend six months of the year in teaching at such school, and the remaining six months in evangelistic work, and in securing endowment funds and students for said school.

3. That the Co-operation contribute towards the salary of said teacher such amount as may be necessary to supplement our present income of one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

4. That brethren be asked to contribute books for a library in said school.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MUNRO,
Chairman.

On Sunday-Schools.

The committee on Sunday-schools take pleasure in presenting this, their report to the Convention. The work of the past year in this department has been marked by increased zeal and interest, and has been followed with good results. The reports sent in from different Sunday-schools give us abundant cause to thank God and take courage.

Since the first of March, 1893, four new Sunday-schools have been organized. One each at Harwich, Glencoe, Northwood and Marsville. A Sunday-school at International Bridge is reported for the first time, dating its existence from May, 1892, and already among our largest, having a roll-call of 122. There are, in all, 40 Sunday-schools in Ontario, from 34 of which we have received reports. The statistics of the unreported are based on last year's figures and the columns of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST. In addition to these forty on our list, the Disciples in around Selkirk take an active part in four Sunday-schools, and we presume there are other such cases elsewhere. Of the total number reported, 31 are open all the year, the balance from six to nine months each.

The total number of pupils enrolled is 2,325, with a daily average attendance of 1,663. It is therefore to be seen that each Lord's day there are 662 absentees; an average of 18 from each of the 40 Sunday-schools. The 2,325 pupils are cared for by 281 teachers and officers, of whom there are (on an average) 34 absent each Lord's day from their places of work. This showing for the officers and teachers is good, still there is room for improvement. The total roll-call, teachers, officers and scholars, is 2,606, a gain of 242 over last year. This year we report eight more than last year, and 1893 was a gain over 1892. In comparing the individual reports with last year we find that 12 show a decreased average attendance; 7 show substantial increase, while the balance remain about the same.

There has been during the year 101 added to the churches from the Sunday-schools. We are deeply thankful to our Lord and Master that such a good number have named his name, and begin to walk in His footsteps. Truly the labors and watchings have not been in vain.

Your committee asked the superintendents to state their special encouragements and discouragements. Three are encouraged by the good number of the young added to the church; another by a uniform interest; and another by the hearty co-operation of the teachers and good interest of scholars, and they have reason to be encouraged by such things. Unde-

discouragements, some report lack of push and energy; some irregularity, want of punctuality and indifference of parents, for all of which there are good cures if properly and persistently applied.

Seventeen report having libraries, with a total of 1,938 volumes, an increase of 150 over last year. Thirty use lesson helps and papers, and all but one the international lesson series. Eight schools have weekly, and one a monthly teachers' meeting. With three this is a new feature, and we hope will be a permanent one with them all. Thirteen of our Sunday-schools were represented at either the provincial or local Sunday-school Convention. This is not as large as it should be. Twenty-five report paying special attention to temperance, mostly by taking the lesson on that topic in the series. Some also use pledge cards. Seven Sunday-schools take up the missionary lesson some times; some others have missionary addresses, entertainments, and exercises in that line. Missions and finances are linked together, so we take the next order.

The financial showing on the whole is good. The total receipts for all purposes was \$1,367.33. Of this amount \$100.03 was given to Home Missions, \$121.55 to Foreign Missions, and \$80.98 to the churches with which the Sunday-schools are connected. To the Toronto Sunday-school belongs the place of honor, both in aggregate and percentage. The total receipts were \$160.69, an average of \$1.27 per member. Of this amount, 47 cents per member went for Missions. Glencairn follows hard in percentage, reporting a roll-call of 77, and receipts \$76.35, or 99 2/3 cents per member. Of this amount, \$35 was given to Missions, an average of 46 cents each. Collingwood makes a commendable report. They raised \$52.89; for current expenses, \$20.81; home church, \$25.78; Home Missions, \$3; Foreign Missions, \$3. Altogether, 24 gave to Foreign Missions, 25 to Home Missions, 21 to both Home and Foreign Missions, and 12 to neither. Last year only 12 contributed to Foreign, and 21 for Home Missions. This year's showing is a decided improvement from that point of view. The aggregate for Foreign Missions is \$53.74 in advance of last year, while the aggregate for Home Missions is a decrease of \$28.93. But this amount is supplemented by the \$80.98 given to the home churches.

For the past two years a number of our Sunday-schools have given their Foreign Mission contributions to the O. C. W. D. M. As there is now no doubt as to the ability of the Woman's Board to support their missionary, and the equal inability of the Foreign Society to meet the direct claims being made up on them, all collections taken up by the Sunday-schools for Foreign Missions should be sent to A. McLean, Box 750, Cincinnati, in accordance with his expressed desire.

In response to our request, Glencairn, Galt, Owen Sound and Toronto sent supplies of books and papers to our worthy Bro. W. M. Crewson, at Huntsville, for the Muskoka Sunday-schools. We are sure they will be appreciated, and will prove helpful to the workers up there. We trust that others may see fit to follow the good example.

This, then, is the summary of the year's work, but it is not all. We cannot report all the work of the Sunday-schools. The labors and studies, the sacrifices and prayers, these are known only to God and the individual laborer. Still we do see that our Lord is working in and by us, His good pleasure that the little ones are being brought to Him, and that He is blessing them in

their coming; and while our work is one of faith and a labor of love, we are gratified and encouraged with the result. Let us look forward to greater things in our future work. With this end in view, your committee would urge special attention to, and activity in, the following things:

1. Endeavor to get a fuller and more regular attendance of the scholars, and raise the average. Call to our aid all the help we can. Secure the parents' co-operation, visit the scholars in their homes, teach and practice regularly and punctually.

2. The taking up of regular lessons in every Sunday-school; teaching gospel temperance; bring to the minds of the scholars the truths and admonitions of the scriptures, and facts of modern affairs, and urge them to stand against the great evil of strong drink.

3. A more general observance of the "Children's Days," both for Home and Foreign Missions, the inculcation of right ideas of Christian liberality, and the world's great need of the gospel. Let the watchword sounded by A. McLean, "Enlargement," be passed by this Convention to every Sunday-school.

4. That all our teachers should qualify as best they can for their work. Weekly teachers' meetings are essential to the highest good of any Sunday-school. Let as many as possible avail themselves of the provisions made by the Provincial Sunday-School Association for normal training. If at all practicable and convenient, be represented at the Provincial and Local Sunday-School Convention. They are sources of real help.

5. Above all let us labor to bring into the kingdom of our Lord those entrusted to our care. Aim at their conversion. Pray for it. Work for it. The abundant blessing that has followed the labors of our workers in many of our Sunday-schools this past year has warmed the hearts of the workers, and given them increased zeal in their good work. With that mind in us which also was in Him, labor on.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Aikin, Chairman,
S. S. Com.

On Obituaries.

Your Committee have to report the removal by death during the past year of the following brethren, who were in full sympathy and active in our Co-operation work: BRO. EDMUND SHEPARD, who was one of our most prominent and influential pioneer preachers; fearless in the defence of primitive Christianity, and highly gifted as a public speaker, he held several public debates in defence of our plea when it was not as well understood by the public in general as it is to-day. Having preached in this province for more than forty years, he was known throughout Ontario as a preacher of fine ability and unflinching devotion to the cause of Christ. His name became a household word in many homes, and to-day a great many in the western part of the province who came to a knowledge of the truth under his preaching rise up and call him blessed. Like all our pioneer preachers he made great sacrifices in proclaiming the gospel, and, notwithstanding that he lived to the allotted age of man, he will be greatly missed, but the influence of his life will be felt for years to come. We feel that we are but expressing the feelings of the whole brotherhood in tendering our sympathy to the bereaved wife and family.

Also we are called upon to report the death of BRO. ARCHIBALD MCKILLOP, of West Loane. He was one of earth's most noble men, a true man of God. Though not a public speaker,

he preached the gospel by the life he lived, and always gave freely of his means for the spread of the truth. His house was a home for the preacher, where he was always welcome. Having been engaged for many years in an extensive business where he was constantly dealing with the public, his uprightness in dealing blended with his Christian life, won the respect of all.

BRO. JOHN THOMSON.—Among the Ontario Disciples, especially in this part of the province, few men were better known than Bro. John Thomson, of the Erin Centre Church, for many years an elder of the church, a warm and hearty friend of this Co-operation, and a man who maintained a living interest in all that had to do with the advancement of the Saviour's kingdom. His hospitable home was always open, in bygone days many of the Disciples enjoyed his hospitality. A man of sterling qualities, one to whom to know what was right was to do it. He was a man of strong convictions, and fearless in expressing them. Always liberal himself, and always urging others to do their duty in this respect as well as in other particulars, a man whom it was a privilege to know, and whom the church in Erin and the churches at large will greatly miss.

We add one more to the list of those whom we mourn, BRO. ANGUS MCKINLEY, of Georgetown. Through a long illness, and with failing powers, he maintained a deep interest in the success of the congregation in Georgetown, doing much to place it in its present favorable condition. His faith in the future of the church there was unshaken and his efforts unabated. His interest in the missionary efforts of the Co-operation was strong, and his loss will be deeply felt, both in the church there and in the wider field of the churches throughout the Province.

In tendering our sympathy to these bereaved families we feel that we are but voicing the feeling of this Convention.

C. SINCLAIR,
J. LEDIARD,
Committee.

On Missions.

Your Committee on Missions beg to report as follows:

1. From the information furnished us on the blank forms which were authorized two years ago, we glean with some satisfaction at least, that the churches which have been obtaining assistance from the Board have been making substantial gains, not only from the point of view of numbers, but also in the lessening of the church indebtedness.

2. The following appeals for help have been submitted to us:

Cecil St., Toronto.....	\$600
Hamilton.....	400
London.....	500
Owen Sound.....	150
Collingwood.....	200
Georgetown.....	200
Guelph.....	100
International Bridge.....	45
Manitoulin Island.....	50

Making a total of ... \$2,245

Your Committee, in considering these reasonable requests, and being aware that the Treasurer's receipts have not met the expectations of the Committee of last year, feel it their duty in some cases to recommend smaller amounts than those asked for.

3. Your Committee would therefore recommend that the Board of Managers make the following appropriations:

Cecil St., Toronto.....	\$400
Hamilton.....	400
London.....	450
Guelph.....	75
Owen Sound.....	100
Georgetown.....	100
Collingwood.....	100

International Bridge.....	45
Manitoulin Island.....	50

Amounting to ... \$1,720

Such appropriations to be paid only for such part of the year as the churches benefitted are actually supporting and paying a pastor, unless with the consent and approval of the Board of Managers.

5. Your Committee note with satisfaction that those churches obtaining aid from the Board have contributed liberally, not only towards foreign missions but also for home work; and recognizing the financial depression that prevails, yet considering the importance of the work we are engaged in, in trying to win souls for Christ so that His kingdom may prevail in this province, we would strongly urge that all churches and persons in sympathy with the work should not relax their efforts in this direction, so that the Board may have not only their sympathy, but also their financial aid.

6. Re report of Board of Managers:

(a) With reference to the relation of O. C. W. D. M. to the General Board, your Committee are pleased that the present cordial relations exist between the two boards. They have heard a delegation of the sisters which waited upon them with the view of bringing about an affiliation of the two boards for home missions work, the sisters having proposed to join their home mission funds with those of the General Board. Your Committee would therefore recommend that this affiliation be consummated, and that in the appointment of the committee for the general work the sisters be represented; and further, that so soon as the constitution will permit it, it may be amended so as to enable the sisters to be represented on the Board of Management, if mutually agreeable after one year's trial of the affiliation above referred to.

(b) As to the question of Christian Union. Your Committee feel that they cannot recommend any other basis of union than that which the Disciples of Christ have always contended for, but would earnestly recommend a continuance on New Testament principles of labor towards this desired end.

(c) Re Farewell bequest. We are pleased to note that since the last Annual Convention this fund has come into the hand of the Treasurer.

(d) Evangelistic Work. Your committee would recommend that the recommendations of last year be followed for another year, with the addition that the Board of Management have the power to use their own judgment as to the employment of a special evangelist or such of our own preachers as, in their opinion, may from time to time be able to do the work to the best advantage.

(e) Mode of entertaining the Annual Convention. Your committee feel that they would be taking too much upon themselves in making any recommendations on this matter, but would offer the following suggestions: In our opinion the time is come when the present method should be wholly or in part abolished, as it necessarily means too much expense and labor on a few, and also prevents many from taking part in or enjoying the meetings of the Convention. We would, therefore, venture to suggest that the Conventions be held in cities or towns where we have churches and there is sufficient hotel accommodation, and that all delegates and visitors be entertained at their own expense.

7. Your committee would observe that in the foregoing have been outlined the recommendations which they would desire the Board of Managers to carry out, allowing, however, the Board sufficient latitude to use their judgment as to the points assisted and the amounts given.

(Signed) JAS. TOLTON,
Chairman.

(Clause 4 [re Toronto Junction], which is here omitted, was, by an amendment, expunged from the report.)

Check your Indigestion with the King of Cures.—K. D. C.