

\$1. per member responding *literally* to the appeal, and showing the highest average for the special contribution."—(President's address, *Year Book*, 1878, page 13.)

But the Barrie church is in urgent need of a chapel. The plans have been prepared, and submitted to the careful scrutiny of the committee appointed by the Convention Board at its January meeting. That committee, (consisting of Revs. Dr. Castle and Joseph D. King, and the President of the Convention) have published their report in printed circular, and in the columns of the *Baptist*. From their circular we make the following extract:

"The said special committee now beg to state that they have carefully considered the plans of the Barrie Building Committee, and do most heartily "approve" and "endorse" them. They bespeak for the pastor, Rev. H. F. Griffin, a cordial reception and liberal response to his appeal for aid wherever he may go in quest of funds to supplement the self-denying contributions of his own people.

In the opinion of the committee the church edifice, which it is proposed to erect in the important and growing town of Barrie, will be unique, commodious and comparatively inexpensive, a credit to the denomination, and just what is needed to meet the requirements of the church present and prospective."

We need only say that pastor Griffin is at present canvassing the churches in behalf of this worthy object, and we trust he will meet that liberal response which the cause so justly merits.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

SHOWERS OF BLESSING.—A reference to the register of baptisms reported for the month on page 143 of the present issue, indicates the very gratifying fact that in 37 churches in Ontario and Quebec upwards of 230 converts have made profession of their repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly God is blessing Zion! A time of refreshing is also being experienced among our churches in the Maritime Provinces.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH IN QUEBEC.—In a recent note from our respected friend and brother, Rev. A. H. Munro, he says: "I enjoyed greatly my visit to Quebec. The little Baptist church there has but 60 members, but at a bazaar it raised the almost incredible sum of \$7800. Bro. Marsh (the venerable pastor) is very much beloved by all who know him. He merits the regard he receives: for he is just the Apostle John in the flesh."

PERSONAL.—Rev. A. H. Munro, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, is away at Atlanta, Georgia, representing the Montreal S. S. Union at the Great International Sunday School Convention at present in session there. Bro. Munro is being very much encouraged in his Montreal pastorate by tokens of Divine favour in the conversion of souls and increasingly large congregations.

BINDING.—We propose to print a limited number of the Title-page and Index to Vol. I of the HELPER, for the use of those who intend to have their numbers bound. Will all our subscribers who wish a copy send us their name and address as early as possible? Of course the Title-page will be furnished by us *gratis*.

Any Subscribers entrusting us with the binding of their *Helper*, will have it attended to with neatness and economy. Back numbers may be had.

THE WOODSTOCK MEETINGS.—This is Convention week at Woodstock. On Monday and Tuesday the Theological students of the Institute undergo their public *oral* examinations; and on Tuesday evening the graduating class deliver their valedictory addresses and receive the parting charge of the Principal, in the College Hall. These exercises are always interesting and well attended. On Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the morning the semi-annual meeting of the Trustees of the Institute takes place. The Trustees are of course early risers, and, like the early bird, we hope they may get the kind of worm they want. The remainder of the day on Wednesday from 11 o'clock will be occupied with the semi-annual meeting of the Home Mission Board. The present financial position of the Convention and other very important matters will occupy attention, and require very serious and prayerful consideration. When God is so abundantly blessing with *spiritual* increase many of our mission churches, we trust that those who have received bountifully His *material* blessings, will prove faithful to the Convention in its hour of need. On Thursday at nine a.m. the Foreign Mission Board holds its meeting, when business of equal importance will no doubt come before the members. We have reason to hope that at this meet-

ing a thorough and hearty understanding between the Board and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society will be arrived at.

We trust that brethren and sisters all over the Province will, in their petitions at the Throne of Grace, earnestly remember these very important Denominational Councils.

Contributed Articles.

OUR FOREIGN MISSION AND OUR LADIES' CIRCLES.

In the CHRISTIAN HELPER for February, Bro. Timpany writes:

"Foreign Missions cover *all* the objects for which we have many societies at home. Supporters of the different home societies forget this fact when they compare a *very* one of these societies, and the income thereof with our Foreign Mission Society and its income."

We most heartily endorse this part of his article; and because Foreign Mission work includes so many objects therefore we have *one general* Foreign Mission *Fund* on which we ask our Missionaries to draw for *all* the objects Bro. Timpany names. Bro. McLaurin's estimate as passed by the Board for the current year includes, not less than twelve different objects. These annual estimates include everything—women's work and all—for which funds are required for the year therein named. From this it will be seen how important it is to the future success of our work to educate our churches and friends of the Mission to sustain the *general fund* and not, as a rule, to designate their gifts to any specific object, but to leave it to the good sense of our Missionaries on the ground to apply it to what may be most pressing as the money comes to their hand from our Treasurer.

As inquiries have been frequently made of late as to the relation which the Ladies' Societies sustain to the General Society, I propose to state the case as I understand it.

1. According to the Constitution of the Ladies' Societies they are *strictly independent*, as the following articles show, viz:

1. The object of this Society shall be the evangelization of the women of heathendom by (a) the employment of native agencies for this work; (b) aid to lady missionaries married or single; (c) provision for suitable means for work.

11. Missionaries shall be at full liberty to write to circles, and obtain help from them, and circles shall be at liberty to designate their funds specifically.

111. Funds not designated specifically shall be forwarded as the society may deem best to the lady missionaries, who may divide and use them as they think proper.