

THE ONTARIO EVANGELIST was not forgotten amid all the varied and pressing interests of the occasion. A goodly number of its friends paid up arrears and renewed their subscriptions.

The needs of Collingwood were presented by C. Sinclair; of Hamilton by R. N. Wheeler; of Welland by W. H. Swazee, Jr., and H. Brown; of Galt by R. W. McDonnell; of Guelph by E. S. Kilgour; and of Owen Sound by C. J. Lister.

And say now, you critical brother or sister, if you do not see all you want to see about the Annual Meeting in this number and in the last, don't waste your energies in scolding the Editors; send them a Post Card pointing out the omission.

J. R. Gaff, C. Sinclair and Geo. Munro were appointed a committee to attend the Conference of the Christian Church relative to the advisability and possibility of the union of the Christian Church and the Disciples; and T. B. Knowles and T. L. Fowler were requested to attend the Conference of the Free Will Baptists for a like purpose.

A lengthy and interesting report was presented by the Committee on Sunday Schools; we hope to publish at least a synopsis of it. Arrangements were made to devote considerable time to S. S. work at the next Annual Meeting. Bro. Gaff gave an instructive address on Sunday Schools, and a number of others made short speeches.

W. W. Coulter of St. Thomas, Secretary of the church, is deserving of honorable mention. He had charge of the billeting arrangements, and we do not know of how many more departments. He seems to have the faculty of attending to ever so many different matters at the same time.

The number of business men attending the yearly meetings of late years has been very encouraging. In addition to those whom we have become accustomed to expect there were present this year R. Windatt, D. W. Clendenan, L. K. Murton, and John Hamilton. These brethren are all evidently heartily interested in the work, and all took an active part in the business of the meeting.

Robert McMillan of Hillsburg prepared daily reports for the *St. Thomas Journal* and the *Toronto Empire*. It was expected that some others would have reported for the *Globe* and the *Mail*, but through a mis-understanding those papers were not utilized. We have hitherto neglected to use the Press largely to let the people know what we are doing. Now that a good start has been made we trust the public prints will be freely used on such occasions.

It was very encouraging to see an old pioneer like Bro. James Kilgour taking an active part in the business meetings. He helped much in the discussion on the adoption of a written constitution by pointing out that, although heretofore the brethren engaged in co-operative work in Ontario had no formal constitution they had plans which they were agreed upon to guide them and which were duly recorded in the minutes of their Annual Meetings, and that therefore the adoption of a written constitution was nothing new in principle.

We were all glad to see Bro. Gaff looking even so well as he did after his severe illness of last winter, and we know all will join with us in the hope that he may speedily regain his accustomed health and vigor. Bro. Gaff presided at the Lord's table on the Lord's Day and by his appropriate remarks helped us to think solemnly and tenderly of our Lord. Sister Gaff met with her Ontario sisters for the first time at the Annual Meeting; she won golden opinions from them and has already a warm place in their hearts, and we did hear that she was favorably impressed by them; and now that the matter is up, we may as well say that, in our humble opinion, our Ontario women are—well, not so slow.

Of the aged brethren who have long been prominent at these annual gatherings there were not many present. Ah! we are reminded, not many of them linger on this side of the river. But we were glad to be greeted by these venerable men—James Kilgour, James Menzies, and C. J. —, now we are at a loss really to know whether these initials belong to an old man or not, he looks young and evidently feels young, but we understand he has been preaching about twice as long as John A. has been

Premier, and that—, however we'll venture to write the name here—Lister. Bro. Lister did not agree with his brethren in everything, but he did not "declare a division" on that account, nor make any disagreeable remarks. We are sure he knows that even though there may be some fault in the method, the great object is to preach the Christ and win men for Him.

A very hopeful sign was the presence of a number of young brethren who, we understand, intend to devote themselves to the great work of preaching the Gospel, viz.—H. W. Hoover, M. D., Selkirk; R. W. Ballah, Aylmer; G. O. Black, Everton; D. Munro, Toronto; and John Munro, B. A., just graduated with honors from Toronto University. There may have been others, we trust there were; we shall be pleased to add to the list. We are happy to know that our brethren in this country in increasing numbers are becoming interested in this very pressing question of adding to our preaching force a regiment of godly young men. And we think it a pity that at the Annual Meeting a very hearty expression of sympathy with such young men was not given. We heard a good deal privately, but little publicly. Our young brethren need encouragement, let us be thoughtful about them and let them know, at least, that we are interested in them.

Though the meeting convened a day and a half earlier than usual, a number of important matters received little or no attention. Bro. J. W. Kilgour desired to call the attention of the delegates to the propriety of taking some steps to bring preachers and churches together, but he got barely time to introduce the subject; it was referred to the Board without discussion. Bro. James Lediard was anxious to have some action taken on a recommendation made in the Board's Report, viz.: "That something should be done to encourage them (young men desiring to devote themselves to the ministry of the Word), to take advantage of our own educational institutions." But the hour of adjournment had come, and this question too had to lie over for another year.

The church in St. Thomas extended a hearty welcome before hand, and we all realized that they meant it. Though the number of delegates and visitors was large, all were comfortably provided for. Our own brethren were not able to entertain all; but they were very kindly assisted by members of other churches in the city. Dinner was served each day in the basement of the church; that was a great convenience to the visitors, and we presume it lightened the labors of the sisters in St. Thomas. And please observe it was *dinner*, not a mere lunch, that was served—there were potatoes, *warm* potatoes, and pudding and pie, and—we won't tell any more. We here tender a hearty vote of thanks to the sisters of the church in St. Thomas, not merely on our own behalf, but on behalf of all who were there. May they each and all attend many such meetings and be as royally entertained.

CHURCH NEWS.

EVERTON. One confession and baptism—a young man and head of a family—at our prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, June 26th.
T. L. FOWLER.

GLENCAIRN. Bro. C. Sinclair informs us that he was in a meeting of days at this place. It will be remembered that he held a successful meeting here about a year ago.

ERIN CENTRE. A young woman confessed the Saviour and was baptized recently at Erin Centre. The brethren about Hillsburg have started a weekly prayer meeting which will, no doubt, be productive of much good.
G. M.

ERIN VILLAGE. We closed an interesting series of meetings at this point, June 4th. We had a good hearing from our friends and neighbors. Four young women and two young men "hearing, believed, and were baptized."
G. M.

TORONTO—DENISON AVENUE.—Bro. James Vernon, Jr., of Baltimore, M.D. was with the church on Denison Avenue, Lord's Day, June 9th. He delivered two powerful discourses which greatly delighted and strengthened the brethren.

BOWMANVILLE. Bro. F. W. Baughman, who has been laboring with the church in Guelph during the past year, recently received a call from the church in Bowmanville. He began his work there June 23rd. We hope his labors will be

blessed in his new field. He has promised to let the readers of the EVANGELIST hear from him.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—We have received a communication from Bro. A. McMillan containing the gratifying information that an effort is about to be put forth to establish the cause in this young and flourishing town. The first regular meeting is to be held on Lord's day, August 4th. For the first three or four Sundays they expect to have preachers from other churches, after which they propose to have a resident minister. Bro. McMillan also informs us that the nucleus of another church is already meeting at East Toronto, a rapid growing village about five miles from the centre of the City.

SELKIRK. Our annual meeting closed on Monday evening the 3rd of June. Bro. W. D. Campbell of Dorchester was with us over two Lord's Days, assisted part of the time by Bro. S. Keffer of Beamsville. Visible results, thirty added to the church, seventeen of which were heads of families. Brethren from a distance gave us their influence by their presence. Simcoe, York, Wainfleet, Welland, Smithville and Beamsville were represented. Our hearts are filled with joy to overflowing. It will be well if the Lord gets all the praise.
J. FRY.

DORCHESTER. Our June Meeting began June 11th, and lasted two weeks. It was carried on by Bro. D. W. Campbell, who has been laboring for the church here nearly a year. The meeting was, as usual, well attended by outsiders as well as members; and resulted in sixteen additions. This makes over thirty added since September last, and the brethren seem so united, and interested in the work, that we thank God and take courage. We were pleased to hear Bro. Fowler, who was with us one evening. Bro. Menzies from Toronto was also with us part of the time. For some four months Bro. Campbell has been preaching every Lord's Day afternoon, in the Town Hall, Aylmer. Aylmer is a well built, and prosperous town, of 2500 inhabitants, on the G.T.R.R., 12 miles east of St. Thomas, and, as the business centre of the east riding (Elgin), is an important field. There are fifteen Disciples living here now, most of whom are from the Dorchester church, which is seven miles distant. The attendance and interest are so good, that we hope in the immediate future to report a church organized. Bro. Campbell intends to divide his time between Aylmer and Dorchester the coming year.
R. W. BALLAH.
Aylmer, July 4.

THE DELEGATES.

- Bowmanville—R. Windatt.
- Collingwood—C. Sinclair.
- Erin—Geo. E. Williams, Geo. Munro.
- Erin Centre—Robt. McMillan, Geo. Munro.
- Everton—Edward Tolton, Geo. O. Black.
- Galt—Mrs. A. Hume, R. W. McDonnell.
- Glencairn—M. N. Stephens, Adam Henderson.
- Guelph—F. W. Baughman, J. W. Kilgour.
- Hamilton—R. N. Wheeler.
- Kilsyth—James Fleming, Jennie Fleming.
- Lobo—James Lediard.
- Mimosa—Arch, McDougall, T. L. Fowler.
- Mosa—J. McKellar.
- Oshawa—L. K. Murton, John McGill and John Henry.
- Owen Sound—C. J. Lister.
- Rodney—John McKillop.
- Toronto—C. C. Pomeroy.
- Wainfleet—M. tilda Thompson.
- Walkerton—Jno. Hamilton, Thos. Whitehead.
- Warton—James Hunter, H. Brown.

If there be any errors or omissions in this list the Recording Secretary, Bro. J. W. Kilgour, Guelph, will be glad to have them pointed out.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

- This committee made the following recommendations which were adopted:—
1. That the Board secure a suitable person in each church in our Province to canvass all its members with a view to their becoming Annual or Life members of the Co-operation; and that they endeavor to reach all our isolated brethren and secure their co-operation.
 2. That the first Sunday in November and the first Sunday in May be set apart for collections for Home Missions in all the churches.
 3. That the first Sunday in October be Children's Day for Home Missions.
 4. That the attention of the brethren be called to the advisability of remembering the Home Mission work in their wills.

5. That the Board be requested to adopt such other plan as they may deem fit and proper to collect funds for the Co operation.
J. W. KILGOUR, Chairman.

"CHEERFUL GIVERS."

The Lobo Christian's Mission Band was organized June 22nd and is called "Cheerful Givers." We met at the house of our minister at three o'clock in the afternoon, and after he had given us a simple address on the work we are to do, our names were enrolled, and our Band commenced with twenty members. We have a Board of Managers consisting of five young ladies members of the Church,—a President Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We meet on the first and third Saturdays of each month, pay a fee of two cents per month and we are going to take up the study of China.
GRACIE McCLURG, Secretary.

JUNE MEETING AT THE BRIDGE.

The first man I met, of any particular importance, on my arrival at Suspension Bridge was O. G. H., who threatened an arrest—in fact did arrest me, and it was not till after a kindly introduction to many of his old friends, and an excellent repast that I was released. Bro. O. G. was director of ceremonies for the occasion and if you expect to find a more suitable man for such work, "you must needs go out of the"—State of New York. All visitors—probably 200—were made comfortable at the homes of the brethren and friends at the Bridge. Elder M. Witmer, whose house is hard by the Tabernacle; kept an open door during the meeting, and his was not an exception to the rule. Christian liberality abounds among the brethren at the Bridge equal to the brethren at St. Thomas, and that is saying a great deal. Bro. John A. Brooks was chief speaker. We also had an excellent discourse from Bro. Humphrey, pastor of the church at Tonawanda. Bro. Trible, pastor of the church in the City of Buffalo, gave us a fine address on Sunday School Work; he was followed by Bro. Robbins, of North Tonawanda.—Bro. R. is pastor of the church there. Bro. Brooks is pastor of the church in Kansas City—he is a great religious and political reformer—a grand man on the great Temperance question. Bro. B. has few equals as a speaker—he is an orator. Our good Bro. Humphrey, not feeling very well, immediately after the Bridge meeting took a trip to N. Y. City. The writer was invited to "fill his pulpit" during his absence, which is not an easy task. The meeting at the Bridge was a grand success. On Lord's Day the Congregational meeting house was opened up for our use, our house not being large enough to accommodate the multitude that assembled to hear the Word. The kind and liberal treatment to our brethren by the Congregational friends will not soon be forgotten. The W. C. T. U. kindly gave us the use of rooms for lunch during the day. Brethren visiting the Falls will find a good meal at the rooms of the W. C. T. U. The writer spoke for the church at the Bridge Lord's Day after June meeting—morning 'twas hard to follow a man like Bro. Brooks. Bro. O. G. courteously called on a preacher from Canada to occupy part of the time at the opening services, Bro. Brooks not coming in time to occupy the pulpit—just think of it. Bro. O. G. does good and he means to make others do it, too. The Rochester work isn't completed yet—help him, every one who can.
H. BROWN.
Warton, July 3rd, 1889.

MARRIED.

- MATTHEWS—WHEELER. On 26th ult., by T. L. Fowler, William Matthews of Erin, to Mary E., youngest daughter of the late William Wheeler, Erin.
- BUTCHART—BLACK. In Toronto, June 11th, 1889, at the residence of C. C. Pomeroy, by J. R. Gaff, Reuben Butchart to Anna M. Black. The marriage of this esteemed young couple is followed by the well wishes of a host of friends.

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