

he showed that the incomes of the several societies would be largely increased, if more were done in gathering up the *miles*, "the contributions of the rank and file"—a suggestion worth heeding by every pastor in Canada, as well as the United States. The receipts for the year were \$265,679. ro. Though not nearly so large as last year there is still a heavy debt to be liquidated. Dr. Murdoch the secretary, who is well known to many of our readers, read an admirable paper on "More money for Missions," which is to be published and widely distributed. We would advise its extensive circulation on this side the lines. It cannot fail of doing good wherever it goes. Reports from the mission field were upon the whole, very encouraging, calling for devout thanksgiving to God. The meetings were brought to a close by the annual sermon, preached, in the absence of Rev. John Peddie, by Dr. Wayland Hoyt of Brooklyn. A "grander" sermon we never heard.

These anniversaries of our American brethren will long be remembered, by at least one Canadian, with feelings of pleasure. Everything conspired to render the visit to Cleveland a delightful one. The beautiful city was itself a charm. The weather, for the most part, was favourable to enjoyment. But, above all, the profuse hospitality and courteous attentions accorded the visitors, rendered the occasion one which they cannot soon forget.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

**THE ASSOCIATIONS.**—Several of these pleasant annual gatherings have already taken place: and thus far with very gratifying success. At the call of the brethren we had an opportunity of explaining the position of the HELPER before the Toronto Association. We reserve for our next issue a more extended reference to these denominational meetings.

**OUR LESSONS.**—The whole of the lessons for July appear in this issue. They are written by an esteemed brother whom we have persuaded to "try his hand at it" in hope that this department of our work may be still more acceptable to the S. S. teachers. We are very anxious to have our Lesson Notes all that can be desired.

We shall always be most willing to re-

ceive from any source hints as to the further improvement of the HELPER as a Sunday School journal.

**MANITOBA AND THE "HELPER."**—Our effort to make the HELPER the Baptist Sunday School paper for the *Dominion* is thus appreciated by our good brethren in Winnipeg:

"DEAR SIR,—The Baptist S. School Board at a meeting held last night, decided, on the recommendation of the Rev. A. McDonald, to order ten copies of the CHRISTIAN HELPER from date until the end of the present year. Enclosed you will find \$3.00 the amount required according to Mr. McDonald's statement."

The letter is dated Winnipeg, June 6th, '78.

**ORDINATION.**—On the 6th instant Bro. D. A. McGregor, pastor elect of the Whitby churches, was set apart to the work of the ministry by "the laying on of hands." His christian experience, "call to the ministry," and doctrinal views were eminently satisfactory to the council. The usual order of exercises was followed. Opening services by Rev. M. C. Gregor of Georgetown, brother of the candidate; sermon by Rev. J. Denovan of Toronto; prayer—with laying on of hands—by Rev. W. Muir; charge to candidate by Rev. W. K. Anderson of Lindsay; hand of fellowship Rev. J. D. King of Yorkville; charge to the church Rev. W. Prosser of Port Perry. Bro. McGregor has a somewhat difficult field to cultivate—especially as regards the town; but he has associated with him a band of earnest workers, and with God's blessing upon their united labours we hope to see the cause largely built up.

**REV. W. W. ROBINSON.**—Just as we go to press, a very interesting and welcome letter from the young minister of Claremont Baptist Church, Shrewsbury, England, has come to hand, from which we call a few extracts which will be gratifying to his old friends in Toronto. Our readers will perhaps remember that nearly a year ago we informed them that the church of which Bro. Robinson is pastor, was about to erect a new place of worship. He now writes:

"I know you will be pleased to hear that by the Divine blessing the work I have undertaken here, has proved successful, and after two years or rather more of hard work we

open in a few days our new Sanctuary under very favourable auspices. Our new church is a very handsome and well-appointed building, and by far the best of the Baptist churches in Shropshire or the district. We are looking forward with intense anticipation to our opening services (to take place on the 4th of June). Chiefly, I hope we are all looking up to Him who has thus far bestowed upon our feeble efforts His blessing, and are feeling that 'except the Lord build the house they labour in vain that build it.' To me it is a matter at once of deep humiliation and deep thankfulness that I have been selected by the Great Head of the Church as the instrument through which the old church (250 years old) has been resurrected and provided with so beautiful a sanctuary. How strange are God's ways! I little thought years ago of this, and I am amazed at Divine providence. Truly His way is in the sea. What He has in store for me yet I know not; whether He will take me and how use me I cannot tell; but one thing I know, and that is, I have found His service sweet and a great delight. It may have its cares and trials and toils, but it is its own reward; and while, when the sun is shining I rejoice, I have learned that in the shadowy places character is formed and some of the fairest graces are developed—*Laus Deo.*"

Bro. Robinson says of this paper:

"I am always glad to get the HELPER." It is famous. We use the capital S. S. notes in our school—that is as far as the one copy will go."

## Contributed Articles.

### EARLY MEMORIES.

To the Editor of the "CHRISTIAN HELPER."

DEAR SIR,

Pending our next interview with our aged friend Elder Oldham, which we still anticipate, I propose to give your readers a relation of a remarkable event which occurred in those early days in the county of Oxford, which though it had no connection with the early churches or ministers, will, besides furnishing an illustration of a wonderful providence of God, help, in no small degree, to fill up the picture of those times, and exhibit the condition of the first settlers, and some of the accidents to which they were exposed.

I shall, as nearly as possible, give you the words in which my aged friend related the facts to me, and I have no doubt but your readers will be interested as I was, with my friend's story.

I remain, Mr. Editor, Yours truly,  
LUTHER.

At the time of which we are now speaking, say about 1820, the country surrounding the place where Woodstock now stands, was almost an unbroken forest. The exception was known as the Burch settlement, which consisted of nine or ten proprietors settled along the south side of the Governor's Road,