

Another matter of grave concern to you is that of City Missions. As you know, hitherto we have counted ourselves as under no obligation to press and foster mission work within city bounds, leaving that to the church or churches already established in the place. Of late, from more than one direction, appeals for aid have reached us from City Mission Churches. It is a question with two sides. Many of our Mission Church members from the country, settle in the city and suburbs, and unless city churches show great activity in furnishing them with church homes, the work which has cost us money and care will be lost to us. On the other hand, will not more be done in the long run by giving this work as extra to the cities? Do we not run the risk of being losers, if assuming this additional burden, the city churches will subside into the ordinary contribution for missions? Mistakes can be made by too much centralization, as by the reverse.

We would acknowledge the value of the work in the hands of the S. S. Committee, leaving room for a special report by the Committee themselves.

We invite your heartiest recognition of the work of the Woman's Society in evangelizing the northern districts of Ontario.

In the large benefactions with which Mr. McMaster has enriched our denominational institutions, our Home Mission work has had generous recognition. The office of Superintendent has been permanently endowed to the extent of \$2000 a year.

We record our thankfulness to God and to his servant for this wise and generous bestowment, and we trust that the influence of this example may be felt by all who are entrusted with the disposition of means for God's cause.

In the Brant Association we have:

*Tuscarora* (Indian)—(two churches)—Rev. John Tennant, pastor.

*Plattsville*—Mr. I. J. Metcalf (12 months).

*Bronte* and *Springfield*—Mr. J. O'Neil (5 months).

The progress on the Indian Reserve is of the most gratifying character. Bro. Tennant is very acceptable among our Indian brethren, and perhaps at no previous time did we have such reason for hopefulness. Bro. Geo. Foster and the Park Church take a live and practical interest in the work. In this connection we may ask, when are we to do justice to the aborigines of this continent in giving them the gospel which is their only hope for this life or the life to come? Plattsville continues prosperous, but Bronte has not recovered much from its past troubles, notwithstanding faithful and patient efforts on their behalf.

East Ontario has the following Mission Churches:

*Baileboro'*—H. C. Priest (5 months).

*Belleville*—Rev. J. J. Baker, pastor.

*Cobourg*—S. J. Arthur (5 months).