

WOODSTOCK ASSOCIATION.

Woodstock Association this year takes her place on the same platform with Brant. One missionary only, the pastor of Oxford St., Woodstock. Congregations, membership and prospects grow and brighten, and we are hopeful before long another name will be added to the list of self-supporting churches. Were it christian and permissable to steal, we could find it in our heart to advise them to do so, and thus find a short cut to the coveted position, but as we are forbidden even to covet, and commanded to follow after those things which make for peace, we can only express the hope that Oxford Street, by dint of hard work and confident trust in Almighty God, may soon be able, like the mother church, to number her membership by hundreds.

Such, in very brief and imperfect form, is a record of our past year's work. We have had our usual quota of cares, anxieties and reverses, but over all, the abounding grace of God and the unusual measure of spiritual blessing and enlargement that have fallen to our lot make us strong to face losses, deficits and the defection of one or two brethren whom we had honored with our confidence and entrusted with work. We will follow our usual course and embody in this report a summary of the leading facts and incidents in connection with our work during the past year:—

1. One hundred and five pastors and 52 students received assistance from the Mission Fund during the past year, and the Gospel has been preached at 333 churches and preaching stations.

2. Churches have been organized at Shedden, Uttoxeter, Little York, Mar, Sauble Falls and Elnvale.

3. Chapels have been built at Victoria Ave., Hamilton; Perry Station, Marshville, Shedden, Springfield, Lorimer Lake, Tobermory, Russell, and McPhail Memorial, Ottawa; and at the following places buildings are in course of erection:—Sprucedale, Minesing, Rivington and Niagara Falls South.

4. The following churches have risen to self-support:—Windsor, Kenmore, Russell and South Indian; McPhail Memorial, Ottawa; Drummond, Lanark and Middleville; and reduced grants are applied for at Vankleek Hill, Forrestville, Keady, Niagara Falls.

5. Work has been begun during the year at Rat Portage, Norman, Keewatin, Shallow Lake, Perry Station, Marshville, Wartburg, Sarnia Mission, Belle Ewart, Innisfil, Elmdale, Georgian Bay Islands, and several other preaching stations in connection with fields formerly occupied.

6. Over 1,600 baptisms have been reported from Mission fields;