

do in ours. They loved the cause we profess to love. Are we acquitting ourselves as they did in a worthy way? If a comparison were made between 1886 and 1893, would we find 1893 seven years in advance of 1886 in our work as a people in Ontario? We have not realized all we hoped for in 1886, nor all we thought we had planned for, but we do find much to be thankful for, and we have learned to be patient when our plans have miscarried, or when our progress has been slow. This much may be safely and properly said here, that the Disciples of Christ in Ontario have since 1886, largely increased their facilities for presenting their plea for a pure Gospel and a united Christendom to the people of this country. The number of men giving their whole time to the ministry of the Word is probably four times what it was then. Our brethren have now meeting houses in cities and towns where they had none in 1886. In other places new houses have been built, or old ones improved. The number of Sunday schools has largely increased. The O. C. W. B. M. has become a prominent and potent factor among us, and we believe that we are well within the mark when we say that the Disciples in Ontario, in proportion to their numbers and ability, give more to Foreign Missions than their brethren in any other part of America. In making these statements and references in this report it is not intended to suggest that this Co-operation claims the credit for all the good that our brethren do, but it is felt that at this representative gathering we can take note of, and rejoice at, all the good all our brethren and sisters are doing.

With regard to the special work of this Co-operation, 1893 presents a greatly different aspect to 1886; then the Co-operation was supporting scarcely any missions, now we are assisting Toronto (Cecil St.), Hamilton, London, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Welland, Toronto Junction. True, none of these churches are as yet self-supporting, but they all want to be, and hope soon to be, by the blessing of God. And in brief it may be said that whether we consider the number of missions or the amount of money contributed to Home Missions, we find nothing discreditable to our people, as things go in this imperfect world.

Mention should be made too of the Educational enterprise of the Co-operation, small though it may be at the present. If it be wisely managed and receive the hearty and substantial support of our people, it will in due time speak for itself in a force of well educated preachers of the Gospel. Let the foregoing suffice under this head, which naturally leads to the next, which we style,

"HOLD THE FORT."

Those persons who judge a people by their present numbers, rather than by their fundamental principles, may wonder why a body numerically so small should seek to maintain its position and extend its influence in this country. There may be members in some of our churches who see little, if any, reason why we should prefer to remain as we are rather than allow ourselves to be absorbed by the large denominations. Such individuals do not understand the considerations which underlie our movement; nor do they apprehend the grand characteristic of true church of Christ, which is a body whose only Lord is Jesus Christ, who alone has the right to say who may and who may not enter His church. So long as it remains the fact that no other people, save the Disciples of Christ, maintain and practice this essential principle, so long will it be the duty of

truth-loving, conscientious Disciples to preserve their scriptural independence and their loyalty to the Lord Jesus, by holding aloof from all sectarian bodies, and by diligently advocating and expounding the true basis of membership in the church of Christ. The exhortation, therefore, of this report to our brethren all along the line is to "Hold the Fort," and not for any sake, personal, family, social, commercial, forsake a good cause and lend their influence to those who by unfaithfulness to the will of the Lord are hindering His cause and dividing His people.

CONCLUSION.

We trust that the various matters contained in this report will receive the careful attention of the Convention, and that time may be found for a full discussion of all the more important subjects. We pray that the Lord may richly bless our coming together at this time, that He may aid us in our deliberations, and that He may guide us in our endeavors to plan wisely for next year's work, that it may largely redound to the extension of His glorious cause, and the praise of His holy name.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

HUGH BLACK, President.
GEO. MUNRO, Cor. Sec.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report as follows:—

Be it resolved,

1. That this convention records its appreciation of the Christian greeting and magnificent entertainment afforded by the people of Everton.

2. That the thanks of the convention be given to the G. T. R., C. P. R., and M. C. R. Companies, for reduced rates over their respective lines, and for their kindness in the special arrangements made in the interest of the convention.

3. That our sincere thanks be given the Board of Managers of the Co-operation and the various standing committees for their faithfulness in the performance of their respective duties.

4. That this convention, knowing that the traffic in intoxicating liquors is wholly evil, desires to record its hearty sympathy with the work of temperance reform, and to express the opinion that the time has fully come, when the Christian temperance sentiment of this country should be crystallized into a legislative enactment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, save for legitimate purposes.

5. That Christian greeting be extended to Bro. A. Anderson, of Hamilton, whom we regret to know is absent through physical infirmities, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Bro. Anderson.

6. That this convention expresses its indebtedness to Bro. D. L. Sinclair, barrister, of Toronto, for his valuable services re the incorporation of the Co-operation and the legacy from the Farewell estate.

7. That we recognize the CANADIAN EVANGELIST as an indispensable factor in the work in which we are engaged, and that we encourage its editor, Bro. Geo. Munro, by doing all we can to increase its circulation.

8. That the thanks of this convention be tendered Bro. R. Moffett for his presence and valued assistance; and through him to the G. C. M. C. for their assistance in the province.

All of which is respectfully submitted. T. L. FOWLER, Chairman.

On Missions.

Your committee would beg to report the following recommendations on the

appeals from the various churches desiring aid for the coming year, and on the report of the Board, and such other matters as were laid before us for our consideration:

1. The following appeals have been laid before us:

Cecil Street, Toronto.....	\$600
Toronto Junction.....	300
London.....	500
Hamilton.....	400
Collingwood.....	200
Georgetown.....	200
Owen Sound.....	150
Welland.....	150
Orangeville.....	50

Amounting in all to..... \$2,550

2. In considering these numerous and just requests, and the limited amount of funds at the disposal of the Board of Managers, your committee had the unpleasant duty of leaving some of the requests without positive recommendations.

3. Your committee would recommend the Board of Managers to make the following appropriations:

Cecil Street, Toronto.....	\$600
London.....	500
Hamilton.....	400
Collingwood.....	200
Owen Sound.....	150
Welland.....	150

Making a total of..... \$2,000

These amounts to be paid on the conditions that those churches receiving them use them for the purpose of assisting in paying a regular pastor, or in such other way as may meet the approval of the Board of Managers.

4. With regard to the other parts of the annual report of the Board of Managers which were referred to us, we would recommend as follows:

(a) That in reference to the legacy of \$5,000.00 of the late Bro. A. Farewell, for Home Mission work, we beg to say that it is gratifying to know that through the efforts of the Board, and Bro. D. L. Sinclair, barrister, of Toronto, in the near future there is a probability that the Board will be able to obtain and dispose of this bequest. We would recommend that so soon as this legacy is available the Board of Managers invest the amount in such securities that the accrued interest, and part of the principal, may be used for the purpose of employing a competent person as an evangelist, to visit and hold meetings in the various churches, or other points in the province which are not receiving assistance from the Board, it being stipulated that the whole sum so spent from said legacy in any one year, interest and principal, shall not exceed \$1,000.

(b) In reference to the misunderstanding that occurred during the past year, between the Committee on Young People's Societies and the Board, as to the manner in which their funds should be handled, we would say that we regret that such differences should have arisen, and we would recommend that in the future, to avoid such friction, their Home Mission funds, together with the other funds of this Co-operation, pass through the same channels under the direction of the Board,—that is, the Board and their Treasurer.

(c) With regard to the bequest of the late Bro. D. A. Sinclair, and the payment of interest received by the Board from the same, we would recommend that as this is a matter that more nearly concerns the Educational Committee, it be referred to them.

5. It is with some diffidence that we report that, according to the answers to the questions that were submitted to the various churches desiring aid from the Board for the coming year, with one or two exceptions, the progress of the work at all the points where assistance had been granted has not been such as we would desire. Yet we should not despair, but still have

faith in the promises of the Lord that we shall yet reap if we faint not.

6. And we would further recommend if the funds are available, that the Board assist Georgetown, Toronto Junction and Orangeville, or such other points as are desirous of aid, with such sums as are at the disposal of the Board, and as in their judgment are in the best interests of the cause we should have so much at heart.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. TOLTON, Chairman.

Supplementary Report of Mission Committee.

Your Committee would further make the following recommendations:

1. *Re Farewell Bequest.* The Cor. Sec. having received other subsequent communication and information respecting this bequest, and the Board also having expressed a desire to be permitted to apply a portion of it to meet the present deficiency, we would say that we are pleased to learn that this bequest is likely soon to be available.

(a) And we would recommend that although we would strongly urge that all the churches and all persons assisting in Home Mission work should not relax their efforts in this work, yet sympathizing with those who are managing the work under somewhat trying circumstances, owing to the somewhat depressed condition of things financially at present, we would recommend that the Board of Managers be authorized, so soon as this bequest is available, to apply such a part of it as may be necessary to meet the present deficiency.

(b) It has been represented to your committee that it might be wise and in the interest of the cause in general, and of the Cecil St. Church, Toronto, in particular, to lend said church, at a low rate of interest for one or two years, the sum of \$3500 from the Farewell bequest, to enable the church to reduce the first mortgage on its building to \$10,000; and we would therefore recommend that the Board of Managers be authorized to apply \$3500 of said bequest in the way indicated upon two conditions—namely, (1) That the security offered be satisfactory to the Board of Managers, and the rate of interest be mutually agreed to by the Board of Managers and the Cecil St. Church, Toronto; (2) That the church repay such loan, so that it may not interfere with a former clause of our first report.

2. Having learned that the Board of Managers promised conditionally \$50 to Welland and International Bridge, we recommend that the action of the Board in this matter be confirmed by this meeting, and that the Board be authorized to pay to the proper person the said \$50 so soon as the funds are available. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. TOLTON, Chairman.

On Nominations.

Your Committee begs to report as follows; that the Board consists of the following:

President—Hugh Black, Everton; Vice-President—John Campbell, St. Thomas; Rec. Sec.—J. W. Kilgour, Guelph; Cor. Sec.—Geo. Munro, Hamilton; Treas.—John McKinnon, Everton; R. Windatt, Bowmanville; E. M. Campbell, Toronto Junction; John Black, Everton; Edward Tolton, Everton; Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton; Arch. J. Thomson, Hillsburg.

Your Committee would also recommend that such arrangements be made as will enable the Cor. Sec. to devote his whole time to the work of the Co-operation as soon as possible.

T. B. KNOWLES, Chairman.

On Time and Place.

Your Committee on Time and Place have received an invitation from the

church in Erin Center, and also a conditional invitation from the Delegates of the Ridgetown church for the Annual Meeting, to be held the first Thursday in June, 1894.

Your Committee recommended that the invitation of the Delegates from the Ridgetown church be accepted, providing it be sustained by the church, and if not, that the matter of time and place be left to the judgment of the Board. C. SINCLAIR, Chairman.

Obituaries.

Your Committee have to report but one of our well-known and devoted laborers as having been removed from our ranks by death during the past year—Bro. James Kilgour. He had occupied a most prominent and influential position as a pioneer in the dissemination of the primitive truths of Christianity; and though he lived to a ripe old age, his presence will be missed, but the influence of his character and ministry still remain. We feel that we are expressing the feeling of the whole brotherhood in tendering our sympathies to his family, who so dearly loved him. C. SINCLAIR.

On Education.

Your Committee beg to report as follows: That they have endeavored to carry out the recommendations of the convention regarding courses of lectures. Three brethren, Bros. T. B. Knowles, T. L. Fowler, and H. McDiarmid, were invited, and consented to each give a course of lectures.

Bro. Knowles delivered a course of five lectures on the evidences of Christianity:

1. On "Genuineness of the Christian Scriptures."
2. "Authenticity of the New Testament."
3. "Positive and direct proof of the Divinity of Jesus Christ."
4. "The truths of Christianity sustained by the testimony of its enemies."
5. "The difficulties of Infidelity."

Bro. McDiarmid gave a course of four:

- 1, on "Miracles," 2 and 3, on the "Immortality of the Soul,"
- 4, on "The true doctrine of election."

Bro. Fowler's course was to have been delivered after the New Year, but because of the pressure of university work upon the students, it was deemed advisable to postpone them.

Recommendations: 1. That two or three courses of lectures be given in the Michaelmas term; that the first course be given early in October, and the other course or courses as soon thereafter as possible.

2. That one of the above course be on the subject of Hermeneutics.

3. That the necessity for a Bible school be kept prominently before our brethren, and that they be urged to give liberally of their means for the establishment of such a school.

JOHN MUNRO, Chairman.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONTARIO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

DEAR SISTERS:—Once again it is our Father's good pleasure that so many of us should gather together in Convention, that we may give an account of the past year's work and take counsel together for the future. In taking a backward glance we must indeed thank God and feel encouraged to go on with renewed energy assured that He who has so richly blessed our weak efforts in the past will still continue to bless us.

In many respects this report but very imperfectly states the work accomplished. It is an earnest effort to set forth the facts from the materials within reach. Many loving messages have come from isolated sisters. We feel stronger for these, knowing their hearts are with us and that they are trying to do what they can to help the work. We also feel that we owe much