

and Oakville field we have also had much to encourage. Oakville contemplated church organization several months ago, but delay was deemed advisable. A building lot has, however, been purchased and paid for, and the brethren interested confidently expect to erect a suitable church edifice in the early spring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

In the Midland Counties Association eight missionaries have been at work: seven pastors and one student. This Association has had an exceptionally prosperous year. On each field aggressive, well-directed effort has been put forth and the results have been most gratifying. In some churches the assistance of brethren wholly devoted to evangelism was secured in connection with special effort; in others the pastor alone, or in co-operation with some neighboring pastor, conducted the special meetings, and in all cases, the reapers returned bringing their sheaves with them. In Galt the baptisms reported during the year number 25; congregations have improved, and the debt has been reduced. At Hespeler the membership shows a net gain of 36 p. c., besides increase in the attendance at church services and Sunday School, and a reduction of the chapel debt. Fullarton has enjoyed a year of signal blessing; 20 persons have been baptized; overflowing congregations listen to the Word preached, and an out-station that gives promise of fruitage was opened in January last. Tavistock in no respect falls behind in the race. This church is a veritable "bee-hive"; pastor and people are unwearied in their efforts to reach and save the perishing, and one by one they have been gathering the saved into the fold of the Good Shepherd. For several months past the Tavistock pastor has been preaching on Sunday afternoon at the Free Will Baptist Church on the twelfth line of Zorra with much encouragement. Sebringville has broken virgin soil at Wartburg, and the student missionary has had the joy of preaching to unexpectedly large and attentive congregations. St. Mary's has also had a year of increase and progress, and though pastorless at present, is earnestly coveting the best gifts. Brampton has had a number of additions, but continues to lose heavily by removals. Were it not for the strong and capable leadership which this church has enjoyed for years, utter disheartment would have taken possession of the people, but the decimated ranks have been steadily filled by fresh recruits, and we confidently expect the church to declare for self-support in the near future. Orangeville is an important, promising, and yet difficult field. Five or six years ago a revival of marked power led to the reorganization of