

In the way Bro. Geo. Fowler was employed at International Bridge, and the Board would recommend such a course for the coming year as that which should be our principal reliance in this department.

THE FAREWELL LEGACY.

We have pleasure in reporting that the \$5,000.00 bequeathed by the late Bro. Abram Farewell, of Oshawa, was duly and fully paid, and disposed of as directed by the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer's Report will present particulars.

And at this point we would again respectfully remind our brethren and sisters not to forget our Home Mission funds when they are making their wills. The Co-operation has now full power to receive, to hold, and to handle real estate, as well as money.

OUR RELATION TO THE O. C. W. B. M.

is that of the cordially sympathetic friend. About twenty-eight of the Life Members of the Co-operation are, speaking after the manner of the Apostle Paul, "weaker vessels," and about half of the annual members. The sisters, as is well known, are never behind-hand when collections are being taken for the Co-operation, whether in church, Sunday-school, or Young People's Society. Many of the most hearty letters the Cor.-Sec. receives express the prayers and contain the contributions of women for the Home Mission Fund of the Co-operation. Of not a few of these same good women it is true, what one of them once said of herself, that they have a "bigger stake," financially in the Co-operation than they have in the O. C. W. B. M. The Co-operation being composed of sisters as well as brethren is naturally in a position to be well-disposed towards any special means the sisters alone may adopt to further the common cause. And if any suggestions should be made looking in the direction of a still closer fellowship, which might be to the advantage of both, and to the disadvantage of neither, this Board is confident that the Co-operation would receive them cheerfully and consider them attentively.

One point, in any case, should hereafter be guarded, viz., that the Annual Meeting programmes of Co-operation and O. C. W. B. M. should be so arranged that one will not interfere with the other, and that all may have the opportunity of attending the public meetings of both societies.

PRESENT STATUS OF THE UNION QUESTION.

The wave of interest in the question of Christian union which passed over this country last year has left things pretty much as they were, so far as we are concerned. As the discussion progressed, it constantly furnished evidence that many were feeling their way towards the Scriptural position, and were endeavoring to draw the line between the essential and the non-essential. The influence of the man-made creed was very apparent, according to its manner, in preventing the mind from seeing the plain Gospel truth. It is cause for gratification and thankfulness that the evils of divisions among believers in Jesus are being perceived with increasing clearness, and in whatever degree any person or any body approaches the New Testament standard we have cause of rejoicing. But these hopeful indications furnish no ground to justify our withdrawal from the field, or the relaxation of our efforts.

MODE OF ENTERTAINING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

It is known to the Board that there is a somewhat prevalent impression that the time has come to consider whether we cannot devise some method whereby the labor and expense of entertaining the annual meeting might be more nearly equalized than it is at present, and we would suggest that if there be time, and it be thought proper, this annual meeting give the subject some attention.

THE PROGRAMME.

The programme for this Annual Meeting is unusually full and interesting, and probably takes a somewhat wider range than on former occasions—in some respects at least. If any one should find upon the list a subject which he thinks does not exactly come within the purview of a Missionary Co-operation, let him understand that there is not any intention or disposition on the part of the Board to claim for the Co-operation powers which it does not possess and which it is believed it could not scripturally exercise. The Board learned that there was a desire among our people to have certain subjects discussed, and it was thought that this Convention might furnish an occasion on which they might be freely and usefully considered, without committing any individual, much less the whole body, to any particular view.

FINANCES.

Notwithstanding the protracted dull times, we have not suffered proportionately with most other missionary bodies, though there has, of course, been a falling off in gifts. Upon looking over the list of contributing churches, Sunday-schools and Y. P. Societies, we find that in comparison with '92-'93, '93-'94 does not indicate a falling off in interest. The following table gives an exhibit for both mission years:

	'92-'93.	'93-'94
Churches contributing,	39	38
S. Schools "	21	22
Y. P. S. (senior) "	8	9
Y. P. S. (junior) "	1	2

Considering the number of churches, etc., among us in Ontario, the foregoing is the reverse of discouraging. With the return of good times, and continued careful management of the funds, a large increase of gifts may reasonably be looked for.

CONCLUSION.

"Let us thank Him for all that is past and trust Him for all that is to come."

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

HUGH BLACK, Pres.

GEO. MUNRO, Cor. Sec.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Time and Place.

Your Committee on Time and Place beg to report that an application for the Annual Meeting has been received from the Church in Galt, but that we recommend that the matter be left, as last year, to the discretion of the Board, and that the churches be invited to make application therefor to the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JAMES LEDIARD.

On Enrollment. SUMMARY.

Church Delegates	36
C. W. B. M. Delegates	16
S. School	10
Chris. Endeavor	7
Junior C. E.	2
Mission Bands	3
Life Members	20
Annual	5
Visitors	72
	171

D. MUNRO, Chairman.

On Statistics.

Your Committee on Statistics begs leave to report as follows for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1893:-

1. Number of congregations meeting at regular stated times to "break bread," 67.
2. Number of congregations organized during 1893, 3—Rainham Centre, Northwood and Harriston.
3. 38 of these engage 23 persons to devote all of their time laboring with them in the Master's cause.
4. Five congregations that usually employ preachers were without at the close of the year.
5. Number of students and teachers preaching for churches in Ontario during the year, 7; at the close of the year, 5.
6. Number of young men known to your Committee to be preparing for the ministry but who as yet have had no experience in preaching, —
7. Number of additions by confession and baptism as reported in the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, 273.
8. Number of members reported as having died, 24; difference, 249.

P. BAKER, Chairman.

Committee to G. C. M. C.

The committee appointed by the President, by virtue of a resolution of our last Annual Convention, as delegates to the Annual Convention of the G. C. M. C. Association, which met in Chicago, in September last, to confer with the Board of Managers of that organization, with a view to affiliation between the Ontario Co-operation and the General Christian Missionary Association, and the establishment of relations with this latter body similar to those sustained by similar organizations in the different states, beg to report:

1. That two of this number, namely, John Campbell and J. W. Kilgour, attended said Convention in Chicago and had a short interview with a committee appointed by the Chicago Convention to confer with the Ontario delegation in the matter.

2. That this committee assured us that proposals for affiliation would be received with pleasure by the G. C. M. C.

3. That the only requisite to such affiliation would be a contribution by our Co-operation, churches or individual brethren to the funds of the G. C. M. C. Association.

Owing to the shortness of time and the pressure of the other business of the Convention, we had no opportunity to consider details or discuss the project at length with the committee of the G. C. M. C., but we append hereto a copy of that committee's report adopted by the Convention.

Your Committee would recommend a continuance of the fraternal relations hitherto existing between the G. C. M. C. and this Co-operation, that we gratefully acknowledge the assistance received from that society in the past, that we cordially reciprocate the expressions of good will contained in the Report of the Committee already referred to, and that, with regard to any further affiliation, that that be left in abeyance until the proposed unification of the work of the G. C. M. C. and the F. C. M. S. has been considered by their next Annual Convention.

J. W. KILGOUR, Chairman.

On Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions makes the following report:—

1. That this Convention record its appreciation of the Christian hospitality and entertainment granted by the Erin Centre Church and Hillsburg people.
2. That we give our sincere thanks

to the Board of Managers and the various standing committees for the liberal and painstaking manner in which they have performed the work entrusted to them.

3. 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 is fully come when the Christian temperance sentiment of this country should be crystallized into a legislative enactment prohibiting the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors; and that a copy of this resolution, referring to a letter received by the secretary of the Dominion Alliance, in which Alliance our esteemed brother, Abram Farewell, now deceased, was a pioneer worker.

4. That Christian greeting be extended to Brother A. Anderson, of Hamilton, whose bodily affliction prevents him from being present, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to him.

5. That we recognize the CANADIAN EVANGELIST as an indispensable factor in the work in which we are engaged, and that to encourage its editor, Geo. Munro, we will use our influence to increase its circulation.

6. That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Bro. Macklin, returned missionary from China, for his presence and valued addresses.

7. That the Convention extends its hearty thanks to the different churches for opening their houses of worship to us and our preachers.

8. That Christian greeting be extended to Bro. T. L. Fowler, of London, whom, we regret to learn, is absent by reason of sickness in his family.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. FOWLER, Hillsburg, June, 1894. Chairman.

On Nominations.

Your Committee begs to report as follows, that the Board for 1894-5 be constituted thus:

- President, Hugh Black, Everton.
- Vice-President, John Campbell, St. Thomas.
- Recording Secretary, J. W. Kilgour, Guelph.
- Corresponding Secretary, T. L. Fowler, London.
- Treasurer, John McKinnon, Everton.
- Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton.
- John Black, Everton.
- George Munro, Hamilton.
- A. J. Thomson, Hillsburg.
- S. E. McKee, Erin.
- J. H. H. Jury, Bowmanville.

That a hearty vote of thanks of this Convention be tendered the Board for the faithful discharge of their onerous duties during the year 1893-94.

- JOHN MUNRO,
- W. W. COULTER,
- JOHN DARROCH,
- R. N. WHEELER,
- R. W. BALLANT.

On Young People's Societies.

The Committee on Young People's Societies respectfully submit their report, trusting that its perusal may be the means of stimulating an increased and deeper interest in this important ministry of the church.

During the year the number of C. Y. Societies have been increased by 8 (one Society, Welland, having ceased to exist), namely: Acton, Dorchester, Georgetown, Grand Valley, Harwich, International Bridge, Rainham, Rainham Centre, and Kilsyth. The membership has increased from 579 to 1003, and the total contributions from \$708.22 to the handsome sum of \$1203.36, including Young People and Junior Societies. We are also pleased to report an increase in the number of societies contributing to Home and

Foreign Missions, and would urge upon all the importance of cultivating a missionary spirit among the young, and in no more effective way can this be accomplished than by investing capital in the work.

It is with thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father that we report 108 precious souls gathered into the vineyard of the Lord from the societies. This is a gratifying evidence of the spiritual work that ever characterizes the Endeavor movement.

The reports from nearly all the societies are most encouraging, and the special works undertaken by the different societies exhibit a consecration that is commendable. One society has pledged one fourth the support of a scholarship of a Japanese girl; another is paying for a lot to build a church on, another has pledged \$100 to help build a new church, one has purchased a library and another an organ. Among the many favorable features of the work reported, we quote but a few.

"We have found the Endeavor Societies a great benefit as a training school for developing young Disciples, stimulating them to greater activity in church work." "As a society, we are becoming better acquainted with and more interested in the work of our Master." "Our Society is developing more interest and liberality in mission work."

Before closing this part of the report we beg to draw your attention to the valuable reports from the Junior Societies, now four in number, and would urge the organization of a junior society in connection with the senior at all places where it would not clash with a similar organization now in existence. It is the verdict of all that the Juniors are doing a grand work.

Your Committee respectfully makes the following recommendations:

1. That a deeper interest in the young people's efforts be taken by the older members of the church.

2. That our societies take part in all local unions of C. E., and whenever practicable lose no opportunity of presenting our plea, not in a dogmatic or pugilistic spirit, but in the spirit of the Master.

3. That our societies make more use of our own literature in tract form for the dissemination of our distinctive plea.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. COULTER, Chairman.

On Education.

Your committee endeavored to carry out the instructions given by the last annual meeting.

A course of four lectures was given by Bro. T. L. Fowler in the month of October last on The Science of Interpretation, the subjects being—

1. The Character of the Age in which the early Christian teachers were trained, with a History of the Conflicting Methods of Interpretation.
2. The Plan and Purpose of the Bible.
3. The Qualifications of the Interpreter and Rules to be observed in ascertaining the Mind of the Spirit.
4. Canons of the Newer Criticism and their Modifying Effect upon the Character of the Bible.

Bro. Fowler handled the subject well in the short time at his disposal, and he more than maintained his former good reputation as a student and a preacher.

By reason of the small number of students at the university last year who were interested in these lectures, we did not deem it wise to incur the necessary expenditure for another course last year—preferring to husband our means for future and increased work.