

superintendency, as far as my duties to my own church would permit, in Central and Western Ontario. By visit and by pen, imperfectly, I know, I have striven to awaken new interest in the home missionary work. Each church visited and association addressed received me with cordiality. The Toronto Association heard me patiently while I reminded them of their shortcomings for the year past, and it is pleasing to record that brethren there have this year considerably increased their contributions to our Society.

Thinking it desirable that one Sunday should be observed as Home Missionary Sunday, the Secretary addressed a personal letter to every Congregational pastor in Canada, requesting that wherever possible, February 14 be a day of prayer for, and in remembrance of the C. C. M. S. We have reason to believe that in the greater number of our churches the day was so devoted. In continuing this practice it will be necessary not to interrupt in any way any well-understood arrangement of the Foreign Missionary Society, as by an inadvertence was the case this year. Distinct in some aspects, the two societies like double stars must be; yet it must not be forgotten that in a large way they are really one.

The action taken by the Union last year in appointing a committee on closer fellowship with our churches in the United States, in which action this Society was peculiarly interested, was duly communicated to the sister society, and was very kindly acknowledged by the secretaries. A readiness was expressed by them to co-operate with us in any way within their power. Several notable services have accordingly been rendered us by our brethren over the way. In response to our desire, the Rev. A. J. Bailey, Missionary Superintendent for the State of Washington, visited Victoria and Vancouver in our interests, and thereby put us in possession of important information while cheering and guiding those far-distant churches. The cost of these visits to this Society was merely nominal, so that we are under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bailey. We therefore desire to bear glad testimony to the courtesy of the brethren of the American Home Missionary Committee in this neighborly service.

It was the privilege of your Secretary to attend in July last the International Christian Endeavor Convention in the City of Washington, and to convey Canadian Congregational

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