

that ought to have attention, and his place as a minister of the Gospel in our town and in all the general work that makes for righteousness and morality, is amongst the first. We may also add that he is now doing extra work in Kilsyth by preaching there every Lord's day afternoon, thus making it possible for us to ask for less help from the Board the coming year.

Our work here is by no means an easy one and our progress will be slow for awhile, but good seed is being sown and the harvest is sure.

We are desirous to express our thanks to the Board and through them to the brethren who have helped us in the past, and trust the time is not far distant when we shall not need further assistance.

Yours, on behalf of the church,
C. A. FLEMING, Secretary.

Collingwood.

In presenting the annual report from the Church in Collingwood for the year 1892-1893, we might almost duplicate our report of the previous year. That is, that the work of the church here for the year just closing has been chiefly steady work. The church is working harmoniously, and regular Lord's day meetings are held both morning and evening. The latter are quite encouraging, being better attended than at some times in the past, and people seem to be interested in our special plea for union among all Christians. We have also our weekly prayer meetings well attended. The Sunday school is being kept up regularly and increasing in numbers. A Young People's Society has been formed, which is doing good active work for the church.

Bro. Sinclair held a series of meetings for some weeks during the latter part of the winter; nine additions during the year.

We are still in need of assistance if we are to hold this fort, for our own finances are not enough for our needs, though our members contribute nobly—we would still require \$200, which we hope the Board may see its way clear to allow us. While we are duly thankful for the past favors, we still hope for some continuance for the next year.

Hamilton.

Bro. J. M. Warner sends the following report for the Church in Hamilton:

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last year.....	\$ 201 17
General collections.....	537 01
Co-operation.....	217 30
Home Missions.....	46 60
Foreign Missions.....	46 50
	\$1,048 58
EXPENDITURE.	
Minister's salary—	
G. D. Weaver.....	\$ 94 50
George Munro.....	558 05
Mortgage.....	100 00
Interest.....	45 00
Foreign Missions.....	46 50
Home Missions.....	46 60
Coal.....	57 75
Caretaker.....	30 00
Gas.....	25 70
Water rates.....	0 00
Painting.....	13 00
Sundries.....	24 80
	\$1,047 90
Balance.....	\$0 68
BUILDING FUND.	
Debt on building.....	\$700 00
In bank, to meet payment, July, 1893.....	100 00
MEMBERSHIP.	
Number reported last June.....	42
Additions.....	12
	54
Losses.....	3
	51
Present membership.....	51
REMARKS.	
Although the foregoing statement	

does not show large growth during the past twelve months, we feel that good work has been done, and we believe that a foundation has been laid for greater results in the coming year. There is, we are sure, a place and a field for us in Hamilton, and we feel that we can honestly hold out good hopes to our brethren who have been helping us that we shall not require their assistance very much longer. For next year the church does not see how it can get along with less than the Co-operation's pledge of this year, viz.: \$400, and this sum we hope the Annual Meeting will see its way to grant. We appreciate what has been done by our brethren for us and for the cause here, and we are anxious at the earliest possible date to be a self-supporting church.

Cecil Street Church, Toronto.

DEAR BRETHREN: The year that has just closed has been one of much work and self-denial to many of us; we have had many disappointments and much to discourage us, but we have also had many blessings and much to be thankful for. During parts of May and June we had a series of revival services conducted by Bros. Hall and Hutto; these meetings did us much good and were the means of bringing into the church some 35 or 40 members, the greater number of which are still meeting with us. Soon after the close of these meetings the health of our late pastor, A. W. Conner, failed him, and on this account he was compelled to resign, leaving us, for the second time since opening this building, without a pastor. We were very sorry to part with Bro. Conner, as he was earnest and active, and took great interest in the work here, especially among the young people. Steps were immediately taken to secure a good man to fill Bro. Conner's place, and notices were put in the *Christian Standard* stating our need, and enquiries were made by members of the official board to this end. Correspondence was opened with a number who seemed to be desirable men; some of them came here and preached, but for various reasons none of them were found suitable; others who were recommended to us, on being written to, replied either that they could not leave their present charge or they had made other engagements, and thus so far our efforts have been unsuccessful, but we trust that before very long God will direct us to the choice of the man He wants for this work. Since Bro. Conner's departure the pulpit has been filled very acceptably by a number of brethren and friends.

In October and November there were two series of Bible lectures delivered in our church building by Bros. Knowles and McDiarmid, chiefly for the benefit of those studying for the ministry, but all who were present at these lectures received much profit and learned many things that will be useful to them in their study of the Scriptures. Our membership at the beginning of the year was 166; additions during the year by baptism, 46; by letter, 14; by commendation, 7; total, 67. Losses: granted letters, 15; removed without letters, 53; by death, 2; total 70, and leaving us at the present time with a membership of 163. Some of these losses were caused by our being without a pastor for some time, and many were caused by members moving from the city.

We thank God for His mercies and blessings during the past year, we feel strengthened by our trials and we have courage and faith for the future; there is much for us to do, and we know, if we perform our duty, God will lead us on to great success.

On behalf of the church,
JAMES D. HIGGINS, Clerk.

London.

It is with feelings of devout thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that we present the following report of the work in London during the year ending 31st May, inst., which, we feel assured, will be gratifying to all disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, who are looking forward to and praying for the time when all His scattered followers shall be gathered into one fold, in accordance with His prayer of unity among His disciples, as recorded in John xvii when there shall be "one Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

On the 1st June, 1893, the net membership stood at 64

Added since that date:

By primary obedience.....	57
From sister churches.....	2
From the Baptists.....	1
Otherwise.....	1
	61
Dismissed.....	125
	11

Leaving the net membership at this date..... 114

Our Sunday school roll numbers 150, with an average attendance of about 85. Y. P. S. C. E. numbers 38 active and 17 associate members.

We have also a C. W. B. M. Auxiliary, a Dorcas Society, and Children's Mission Band.

In view of the fact that these results have been brought about in the face of the strongest outside opposition, and that no efforts have been put forth in the way of special evangelistic services, the above showing is as surprising as it is gratifying.

Our highly esteemed pastor, Bro. T. L. Fowler, is an indefatigable worker, and it has been by incessant labor on his part—every day in the week—that the work has been mainly accomplished, in all of which he has had the constant and efficient aid of his excellent wife. The church is in a spiritual state, and the majority of the members are earnest, active workers. The services throughout the week and on Lord's day are well attended—the church building being usually crowded on Lord's day evenings. Strangers are struck with the clear, scriptural and forcible manner in which the truth is presented, and a goodly number are deeply interested. Everything considered, the prospects for the future are encouraging.

Our object in asking aid from the Board for the ensuing year is mainly to assist us in reducing the debt on the church property. The sum of \$300, contributed by different parties at the time the property was purchased, is all that has been paid in reduction of the debt, in addition to the interest on the mortgage. The brethren are putting forth every effort towards making a substantial payment on account of the church debt during the coming year.

F. MACDONALD, Clerk.

May 25, 1893.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

With reference to the bequest of our late Bro. D. A. Sinclair, of Blenheim, we have to report that a payment of interest from the same has been received by the Board and used as will be shown by the report of the committee on Education, and by the Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

It is our duty and our pleasure to note the continued generosity of our brethren of the G. C. M. C., of the United States, in still assisting our mission work in the city of London. We take it as a token of brotherly love and a proof that national lines have no place in the brotherhood of Disciples of Christ.

THE FAREWELL LEGACY.

The late Bro. Abram Farewell, of

Oshawa, bequeathed \$5000 to the Home Mission Work of the Disciples of Christ in Ontario. But, owing to the fact that there was no incorporated mission board among the Disciples at the time of the death of Bro. Farewell, it seemed doubtful whether or not the bequest could be legally paid. After a good deal of legal process, and largely through the diligence of Bro. D. L. Sinclair, barrister, of Toronto, an order of the High Court of Ontario has been made authorizing the payment of the legacy to our Co-operation. There is every reason to believe that the money will be paid over shortly, and it will become a question for the Co-operation to decide how to use it for the best interests of the cause. And in this connection the Board would again urge our brethren to remember the Home Mission Fund when they are making their wills. The Co-operation being now an incorporated body, is competent to receive and to hold not only money but also real estate.

FINANCES.

We notice a general complaint of hard times and deficits in mission funds in Canada and the States. Our own fund would seem to have been affected by the wide-spread depression, though it is hoped all obligations will be met by the time the books are closed. Speaking of the general sources of income, they indicate no falling off of interest in the Home Mission Work of the Co-operation, but rather an increase which means a good deal in a year like this. The policy of the Co-operation is to raise as much money as possible with as little expense as possible. And it is gratifying that with no special means the fund keeps up as well as it does. It is the conviction of the Board that unless the Home Mission work has the cordial and active sympathy of the preachers and elders it can not prosper, and the main reliance in this respect is therefore placed upon those leaders in the churches and upon the Superintendents of Sunday schools and Presidents of Young People's Societies.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE.

A somewhat unpleasant episode in the year's work grew out of a misunderstanding between the Board and the chairman of the committee on Young People's Societies. The latter understood that the support of the Welland Mission had been committed to the Young People, and immediately after last Annual Meeting began through the CANADIAN EVANGELIST and otherwise to urge the young people among the Disciples in the province to raise during the year from \$300 to \$350 for Welland. It was thereupon discovered that no member of the Board was aware that either the Annual Meeting or the Board had authorized the committee on Y. P. Societies to take charge of the Welland Mission. There was considerable correspondence between the Chairman of the Committee on Y. P. Societies and the President and Cor. Sec. of the Co-operation, but no action was taken on the matter until a meeting of the Board in Guelph, Sept. 16th, 1892. At that meeting the subject was very fully discussed, and the following resolution passed and ordered to be published in the CANADIAN EVANGELIST:

"That this Board regrets that a misunderstanding exists between the Committee on Young People's Societies and the Board, regarding the work proposed and the money being contributed for mission work in Welland, and is strongly of opinion that it would be in the interest of our missionary effort, that all the funds should be contributed to one treasury and for one purpose, viz., giving assistance to points recommended by the Annual Meeting. But the Board will always be pleased to consult the feelings and wishes of the

young people regarding the expenditure of money contributed."

This incident will no doubt be discussed at this Annual Meeting, with the probable and desired result that the place and functions of the Committee on Young People's Societies, and its relations to the Co-operation and the Board will be clearly set forth, so that all friction hereafter may be avoided.

RELATION OF THE CO-OPERATION TO THE YOUNG DISCIPLES.

Those who are well acquainted with the history of the Co-operation will not need to be assured that the young Disciples have always been among the warmest friends and supporters of the Co-operation. Not that any special attention was paid to them any more than to the old Disciples, for the method of the Co-operation was not to cater to any class in the churches, but to appeal to the churches as a whole—old and young, male and female. Neither has the Co-operation or the Board sought to place any obstacle in the way of any well-considered effort or special aspiration of any body of Disciples, and so far as our young people are concerned, if the Board has seemed to antagonize any of them, or their plans, it has only been because of a desire to conserve the interests of the cause in general, and to prevent the adoption of a system which, it was believed, if carried on would end in disaster. It is manifest that the Co-operation and all its agencies and committees must work in harmony, and it is also clear that there can be but one committee of the Co-operation (viz., the Board of Managers) responsible for the expenditure of the mission funds. It requires no argument to prove that no committee of the Co-operation should be allowed to undertake any project which might injure the credit or jeopardize the general interests of the society.

If the Board should be criticized for not making haste to endorse the Endeavor movement, the answer would probably be, that when men of wisdom and experience among our own brethren, and also among other religious bodies, hesitate and withhold unqualified approval while the movement is yet in an experimental stage, it cannot be a very serious offence to make haste slowly. The Board is glad to believe that many, if not all, of the young Disciples understand that the members of the Board, and the older friends of the Co-operation generally, have no wish to suppress the young people, nor to repress their enthusiasm, but on the other hand ardently desire that their efforts and enthusiasm may be guided and blessed for their own and the general good.

And in this connection it may be pertinent to remark that nothing but evil could possibly come from setting the young people against the old, or the old people against the young. The old people need the young to stir them up, and the young people need the old to keep them from going too fast. Where both consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, and are mutually forbearing when there is a divergence of view as to what is best to be done, the peace of all and the good of the cause will be most largely furthered.

These are the views and sentiments of the Board and they are respectfully submitted to the Annual Meeting.

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

In the year 1886, the Annual Meeting was held here at Everton. In the intervening seven years many changes have taken place. Not a few of those who were then present and actively participating in the business of the convention have departed to be with the Lord. They served the Lord in their generation as we should seek to