

together with the growth in grace and scriptural knowledge, bespeak for the infant church a glorious future.

"The audiences on Lord's day, especially that in the evening, are far beyond our most sanguine expectations. This is especially gratifying when it is known that the surrounding denominational churches have opposed our plea by the most bitter and un-Christlike spirit of modern persecution.

"Already the little church has had its missionary spirit stirred. One of those baptized since the beginning of the year has his home in Manitoba. While rejoicing in 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism' he is contending single-handed for a pure Gospel.

"From the above facts the outlook is most encouraging and hopeful. You, with us, must be convinced of the value of the work and that its importance cannot be overestimated. It therefore demands not only an interest in our prayers, but also a liberal supply of the means lent to us by the Lord."

Sundry Matters.

Incorporation. The matter of incorporation was continued by the solicitor of the Co-operation, D. L. Sinclair, and arrangements made to make application to the courts to grant us an Act of Incorporation under the general Act. It is expected that word will be received in regard to this matter before this Convention closes.

Finances. As the Treasurer's report will show, the income of the Co-operation is larger this year than ever before. The pledges unpaid are more than sufficient to remove the small deficit now existing, and it is hoped that most of those pledges will be paid during the Convention and that we shall begin next year's work with a balance on the right side of the ledger as usual.

The regular collections were asked of the churches in November and May and of the Sunday schools in September. The response from both churches and schools was more liberal than ever before. It is evident that the Co-operation has the hearty sympathy of the great majority of the Disciples in the Province. It is not well to make invidious comparisons among those who contribute nor to praise those who give large sums in preference to those who are only able to give small ones, but it is felt that it is only proper to point out that one brother has contributed \$200 towards the Home Mission Fund this year. It is believed that if other able brethren had their attention directed to the matter they might be induced to follow the example of this liberal brother.

Is this Report Encouraging? As a people we are eager for numerical growth, and that is well. Judged by that standard, this report is not a very hopeful one. But when we considered the degree of faith exhibited in maintaining ground already gained, the strong hope expressed in regard to the future if the missions receive continued support, and the amounts contributed by the mission points themselves, there is no reason for discouragement, but there are many reasons for encouragement, and strong ground is furnished for the vigorous prosecution of our Home Mission Work during the coming year.

Recommendations.

In the matter of recommendations, the Board has none to make this year. So far as the missions now being supported are concerned, and the applications for assistance from other points as well, the Board, without prejudice to any of them, would respectfully leave the whole question in the hands of the Annual Meeting, as that course was found to be very satisfactory last year.

In Conclusion,

We fervently pray that the rich blessing of the Lord may rest upon our deliberations, and that he may graciously guide our future efforts for the advancement of his cause.

All of which, etc., on behalf of the Board.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:—

1. Your Committee have considered appeals for aid presented by Bro. Aikin, in the interest of Orangeville; by Bro. McKinley, in the interest of Georgetown; by Bro. Charlton, in the interest of Acton; by Bro. Lister and Sister Fleming, in the interest of Manitoulin Island; by Bro. Law, in the interest of West Toronto Junction; by Bro. D. Munro, in the interest of International Bridge; by Bro. Lister, in the interest of a meeting in Falkirk; by Bro. Wheeler, in the interest of Hamilton; by Bro. Malcolm, in the interest of Cecil Street, Toronto; by Bro. Fowler, in the interest of London; by Bro. Crewson, in the interest of Muskoka; by Bro. McMillan, in the interest of Welland; by Bro. Stephens, in the interest of Collingwood, and by Bro. Fleming, in the interest of Owen Sound, which appeals amount to something like \$3,000.

2. In considering the many just and reasonable requests for aid, the earnestness of the appeals and the limited amount of funds likely to be at the disposal of the Board of Management, your Committee have had to perform the unpleasant duty of leaving some of the appeals without positive recommendations.

3. Your Committee recommend that the Board of Management during the coming year pay to the Cecil Street church, Toronto, \$600; to the church in Hamilton, \$400; to the church at Collingwood, \$250; and to the church at Owen Sound, \$200.

4. Your Committee would recommend that \$25 be paid towards the expenses of Bro. Lister in visiting and laboring among the brethren on Manitoulin Island.

5. Your Committee would recommend that the action of the Board in promising \$500 to the church in London be confirmed, and that the Board continue to pay to the church in London at the same rate during the remainder of the Co-operation year. Your Committee also recommend that the sum of \$250 be paid in the interest of the Winnipeg Mission as undertaken by the Board, the American Board having promised a like amount.

6. Your Committee have carefully considered the application of West Toronto Junction, and would recommend that the Board pay to the church there \$200 at an early date.

7. With respect to the appeals from Orangeville, Georgetown, Muskoka, Welland, International Bridge, and Falkirk, your Committee would recommend that the Board make such grant to one or more of these places as may in their judgment be in the best interest of the church, providing the funds are available after paying the grants in former sections of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. YULE, Chairman.

Bowmanville, June 4, 1892.

On Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to recommend that the following be the officers of the Co-operation for the ensuing year:—

President—Hugh Black; Vice-President—Jno. Campbell; Rec. Sec.—J. W. Kilgour; Cor. Sec.—Geo. Munro;

Treasurer—Jno. McKinnon; R. Windatt, T. Whitehead, Enos M. Campbell, Jno. Black, E. Tolton, Donald McMillan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE S.S. COMMITTEE FOR 1891, PRESENTED JUNE 4th, 1892.

Brother President, Sisters and Brethren.—Our Annual Convention, having drifted within the influence of the world's great whirl-pool, is rushing on so rapidly that the Sunday school session has been shortened from half-a-day to two and a-half hours. Your Committee finds it necessary therefore to present a general report of Sunday school work, and only such details as are of special merit and interest. Apparently some of the Sunday school workers have misinterpreted the action of the Board in shortening the Sunday school session, and have concluded that the interest formerly manifested in this department of work is decreasing, and that their work is not worth reporting.

After the persistent efforts of the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST to provoke Superintendents to send in their reports, only 30 schools have reported. Of these 28 are from Ontario, one from New Brunswick and one from Manitoba. Several schools have reported for the first time, and only one reported last year did not report this year, viz., St. Thomas.

The 30 schools report as follows:—

Number of pupils enrolled..	1,936
Average attendance.....	1,324
Number of teachers.....	197
Additions to the church from schools.....	74
Number of church members attending.....	501
Contributions for home support.....	\$863.74
Contributions for home missions.....	\$205.33
Contributions for foreign missions.....	\$110.23

Total contributions.....\$1,179.30

Libraries 11, volumes 1,525. Schools open all the year 25, part 5. International lessons are used in 28 schools.

The Toronto (Cecil St.) school reports the largest number of pupils (150), with an average attendance of 96. Last year they reported 105 pupils, average attendance 84.

Everton school stands second, with 110 pupils and an average of 80½.

Bowmanville and St. John, N.B., each reports 105 pupils with average attendance of 78 and 91 respectively.

The school in Blenheim, which is yet in its second year, is worthy of double honor. It reports 100 pupils, average 76, while last year it reported 55 pupils, average 45.

Owen Sound shows an advance from 65 to 86 pupils, and an increase in attendance from 42 to 58.

Warton reports 75 pupils, average 50, while last report gave 30 pupils, with average attendance of 38.

Last year Erin reported 80 pupils, average 40; this report shows 46 pupils, average 30.

Guelph reported 100 pupils, average 75 last year. This year it reports 85 pupils, average 70.

Minnetoska deserves special notice. With 27 pupils enrolled, it has an average attendance of 25. "To make the school attractive and helpful and itself the encouragement" is their reported special method of securing good attendance.

Galt reports 45, average 23.

We are pleased to have a good report from the school in St. John, N.B. This school stands first in finances, contributing \$131.98 for home support, and \$52.37 for home missions.

	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.
Everton contributed....	\$33 02	\$15 28
Collingwood ".....	32 03	5 00
Glencairn ".....	15 00	22 00

Bro. Crewson reports three schools in Muskoka, two of which continue throughout the year, while the third, of which Mrs. Mary Stephenson is Superintendent, is closed during the winter.

The school at Bayaville has an attendance of 50, with 70 pupils enrolled. Almost all of the schools give some attention to the teaching of temperance and to the "collections," but there is room for improvement in connection with the latter.

In September, 1891, a successful Sunday School Convention was held in Owen Sound. In other districts union conventions have been held.

Only one of our schools (Toronto, Cecil St.) was represented at the last Provincial Sunday School Convention.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend to all schools that more care be exercised in keeping a record of Sunday school work. From the difficulty experienced by the Committee, we believe some schools have kept no record, others very imperfect ones. We do not deem it essential that an elaborate system be used, but we commend the use of class books carefully kept, and a general statement by the secretary each week, and a financial record.

2. That steps be taken to have our schools represented at local and county Sunday school conventions, and if practicable at the Provincial Convention.

A. TOVELL, Chairman.

On Obituaries.

Though not many of our leading brethren in Canada have departed to their eternal home during the past year, yet we have to mourn the loss of some who were dearly beloved and pre-eminently useful.

Duncan A. Sinclair, of Blenheim, who was taken ill while taking a course of studies in Toronto University in preparation for the ministry of the Word, after a lingering illness, fell asleep in Jesus, not forgetting the prospective work from which he was called, leaving his property as a nucleus for the establishment of a religious institution in Toronto for the education of young men.

Dugald Sinclair, one of the elders of the Mosca church, eldest son of the late revered Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo, passed away very suddenly to his heavenly home quite recently, while visiting one of his daughters in Manitoba.

We have also to regret very much the death, recently, of two brethren of the Collingwood church—Bro. Rigg, a firm and consistent Disciple of Christ, and Bro. John Ough, who, having heard the plain truth of the Gospel, overcame some formidable difficulties in the way of becoming a Christian, gladly embraced the Saviour, and died triumphantly in the hope of the Gospel.

Sister Doyle, of Owen Sound, who fell asleep in Jesus about the first of March. She had been a follower of the Saviour many years, and was pre-eminently a worker in the cause of Prohibition; probably no one in the country would be more missed in Temperance circles.

Elder George Thompson, of Wainfleet church, passed away in July of last year. He was faithful to his charge until death. He was well known throughout the Niagara district and most highly respected.

Robt. Yorsion, of Toronto, died in his ninety-second year. He was a staunch and progressive Disciple, and enjoyed strength of body and mind until the end, being able to attend at the Lord's table up to one week before his death. He was one of the oldest Disciples in Toronto.

George Munro, of Aldboro, departed this life, aged eighty-seven, in the early part of this year. He was perhaps the most widely-known man in the county, known as a counsellor and peace-maker.

We have also to mention the loss the church in Erin has sustained in the death of an humble, faithful and consistent Disciple, Bro. Archibald Thomson. He was well known by many taking part in this Convention.

C. SINCLAIR, } Com.
C. J. LISTER, }

On Time and Place.

Your Committee, to which was referred the matter of the place and time for the next Annual Meeting, beg respectfully to recommend as follows:—

1. That the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario for the year 1893 be held at Everton in the County of Wellington, Ont.

2. That the time of such meeting be the last Thursday previous to the first Lord's day in June, 1893, at the hour of 3 p.m.

R. WINDATT, } Com.
M. N. STEPHENS, }
D. STEWART, }

Bowmanville, June 4, 1892.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Hon. Z. T. Sweeney, Columbus, Ind.; A. McLean, Cor. Soc. F.M.S., Cincinnati, O.; Miss Graybiel, returned missionary from India; R. A. Burries, Williamsville, N. Y.; E. B. Grove, Buffalo; G. O. Black, Niagara Falls. Acton—W. G. Charlton.

Belwood—O. Currie. Blenheim—D. H. Stewart, E. M. Campbell.

Bowmanville—E. B. Barnes, R. Windatt.

Brantford—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodbridge.

Collingwood—Mr. and Mrs. C. Sinclair.

Cobourg—Misses Pomeroy, Miss Ewing.

Conestoga—Joseph Crewson.

Craighurst—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanns.

Creemore—Miss J. Fisher.

Everton—Hugh Black, John Black, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon, P. Baker, Miss B. Parkinson, H. Royce.

Georgetown—A. McKinley, C. McKinley.

Glencairn—M. N. Stephens, Miss Stephens, Miss L. Frame.

Grand Valley—S. Woolner.

Guelph—George Fowler, J. W. Kilgour, Mary Stewart, R. Stewart, May McDougall, J. Reed.

Hamilton—Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Wheeler, Mrs. Riech, Mary Riech, G. Munro.

Huntsville—W. M. Crewson, Mrs. Crewson.

Kilguth—Miss Jennie Fleming, R. S. Fleming.

Lobo—J. A. Brenensuhl, Mrs. McClurg, Miss M. A. Sinclair.

London—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fowler, L. Rose, John Marks, Miss L. Fitcher.

Orangeville—J. A. Aikin.

Oshawa—Mr. and Mrs. W. Laughlan, J. McGill, J. Henry, L. K. Murton.

Owen Sound—Mr. and Mrs. J. Lodiard, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lister, C. A. Fleming, Mrs. T. Miller, H. Miller, Miss L. Stephens, Mrs. Pearce.

Port Hope—Mrs. W. Black.

St. Thomas—Sheriff Brown, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, N. B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Toronto—A. W. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Malcolm, A. McMillan, Mrs. E. J. Trout, Mrs. Leary, W. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. B. Culp, D. Munro, Maggie Currie, H. Anderson, Grace Lediard, Mrs. McCullough, Dr. J. S. McCullough, Miss McCullough.

Toronto Junction—J. Munro, H. T.