## Ontario Letter.

REV. P. K. DAYFOOT.

(CONCLUDED). PUBLICATION BOARD.

The report had been printed and circulated, so that no

time was lost in reading. A few extracts are here given:
The Publication Board of the Baptist Convention are
gratified to be able to report that the business for the year
ending March 3\*, 1899, bas been a relatively satisfactory
one, and that the accounts of the Board are in a healthy

condition.

The statement for the Book Room shows that the value of stock on hand at the beginning of the year was \$5,270,14, that the purchases of the year were \$11,556 69, and that charges on account of management, salaries, expenses, reut, etc., were \$2,560.10, making a total of \$19,386.93. The sales (including \$93 62 for discounts and interest) were \$13,765.76, and the value of stock at the end of the year was \$5,523.58, being a total of \$19,289.34.

The statement of the Canadian Baptist shows that the gross earnings on subscription list, advertising, job work and interest accounts were \$12,206.10, and that after deducting subscriptions paid in advance, salaries and wages, materials, presswork, expenses, rent, etc., amounting to \$11,706.79, the profit was \$499.31.

The statement of investments shows the interest earnings to be \$641.59.

A sum of \$54.85 was paid for the travelling expenses of members of the Board in attending its meetings, which is made a profit and loss charge on general account.

The net profit of the year's business was therefore \$983.64, and after drawing upon the Contingent Fund for \$11.54 a dividend of \$1,000 has been declared by the Board, payable-to Societies of the Convention in proportions as directed by the Convention Act, as follows:

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The Publication Board has been enabled during the last ten years to pay in dividends to the Societies of the Convention an aggregate of \$5,022 42. but the members of the Board are convinced that if surpluses are to be won in future a well sustained effort is required the extend the circulation of the paper and improve its value as an advertising medium. With this object in view the services of an agent have been secured, and his canvass of parts of Quebec and Eastern Ontario has been fairly successful. It ought to be possible in our constituency of more than forty thousand members of Baptist churches in Ontario and Quebec to add a thousand subscribers to the paper each year for the next five years, and from all points of view besides a financial one, the aim should be to place it in every Baptist family within the bounds of the Convention.

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The Canadian Baptist has during the year sustained grest loss in the death of its editor, Dr. James B. Wells, who was a man splendidly endowed by gifts, training and temperament for the position he filled. To the Publication Board, as well as to the Baptist cause throughout Canada, the service rendered by Dr. Wells during his nine years of editorial labor was invaluable, and the reputation which. The Baptist had acquired under him adds seriously to the difficulties of finding a successor to occupy the vacant chair.

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The platform meeting was largely attended in spite of rain. Rev. W. C. Vincent, of Winnipeg, spoke for Manitoba and made a deep impression. Rev. J. A. K. Walker told a story of trials and triumphs in India. Resolutions commending Dr. McDiarmid to the Manitoba brethren. Then closed one of the best meetings of the Convention.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

When the report was brought in a remarkable event took place. In the village of Grimsby, Ont., lived Mr. C. ff. Woolverton. He organized the Baptist S. S. there 70 years ago and has been in it ever since. He helped organize the Baptist church there 60 years ago. He has been a teacher in the S. S. 55 years and superintendent 45 years. It was quite fitting that this veteran worker was called to the platform and, on behalf of the Outario S. S. Association, was presented with a set of Kitto's Rible works and an illuminated address. We have in 17 associations 35,258 S. S. scholars, an average attendance of 25.936; teachers and officers, 4.272; scholars members of the church, 6.857; joined the church during the year, 918. These schools have given to Home Missions, \$1,088.83; to Foreign Missions, \$1,531.09; to Manitoba, \$648.91; to Grande Ligne, \$1,073.45; to home expenses. \$14,250.34; to all purposes, \$20,458.21; being an increase over last year of \$1,700. The report suggested a more thorough visitation of families for securing more scholars, the better training of teachers, more attention to libraries. the urging of parents, to attend the Sunday School, and a further promotion of missions among the scholars

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The territory of this mission is Quebec province, with 280 000 square miles. 67 counties and 1,500,000 peoples, of whom one-seventh are Protestant. In 1844 there could be found but three French Protestants in Montreal; there are now 4,000 in the city, meeting in ten halls and chapels. In the province are 900 chapels, 15,000 converts, while probably as many more have crossed the line. There are 150 converts working among their fellowmen. Grande Ligne includes 13 fields, 28 missionaries, teachers and Bible-women. There were 37 baptisms last year, and five weeks were given to touring by the missionaries. New work is opening in Quebec, from which. Mme. Heller was driven forth long ago; Valleyfield and Granby. A home is established in Montreal under the care of Mrs. Scott, a Bible-woman. This institution is called Bethany and will serve as a shelter for aged and infirm people, and for young people coming to the city seeking work and for holding of meetings. The Grande

Ligne school, or Feller Institute, has been for many years the main spring of the mission. Since 1840 not less than 3,500 persons have studied there, while hundreds have passed through the elementary schools of the different stations. On the Sunday before Easter 13 students were baptized and others will join their home churches. Fifty applicants were refused last year for want of room and \$35,000 could be well spent in enlarging the building.

B. Y. F. U.

MESSENGER AND VISITOR.

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The program in its first part concerned "The Young People's Movement," and called on three speakers for ten minute addresses.

1. "Why is it needed?" Mr. E.L. Hill, (f) For Bible study. (2) For training. (3) For foessecration. (4) For aggressive work.

2. "What has it accomplished?" Rev. W. T. Mc. Alpine, (1) It developes enery. (2) It gives spiritual culture. (3) It enlarges the horizon.

3. Where has it failed?" Rev. J. O'Neil, (1) In being effervescent. (2) In encouraging boldness in young people. (3) In cleaving the church by an age limit. (4) In organizing a separate institution within the church.

A half hour was given to discussion, and there was a free expression of opinion, pro and con
The second part of the program considered the Local Society.

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2. "The pastor's relation to the Society," Rev. W. J. McKay. He should (1) recognise his responsibility for this, as for every department of the church. (2) Help the Society by attending the meetings, encouraging the young people, and leading in Bible study.

The first speaker at the evening meeting was Principal Masse of Grande Ligne. In that choice English peculiar to a cultured Frenchmen, he traced the rise and progress of the Feller Institute, and urged a liberal support to its threefold work of evangelizing, educating, and training for service.

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Rev. S. Shelden read an able paper on, "How to interest our people in denominational objects." He suggested that pastors abould (1) Preach not only salvation, but consecration. (2) Preach the duty of evangelizing the unsaved. (3) Teach the need of prayer, faith and the Holy Spirit. 4, Give to each one something definite in the line of Christian work. 5. Train the people to give. 6. Place the Canadian Baptist is vever home.

The B. Y. P. U. program was then resumed, and Rev. W. H. Cowsert spoke on "The Individual Lifte." He showed how the individuality found in ever person should be, I. Moulded toward the highest ideal. 2. Led to emanate from Christ. 3. Conformed to Christ. 4. Likened after Christ.

M1. F. L. Fowke, discussed the "Young People's Society, how to realize its possibilities." I. Be not discouraged by small beginnings. 2. Secure a succession of able leaders. 3. Press educational work. 4. Enlist the young in personal work,

The committee on the Forward Movement, introduced a resolution asking the churches to raise \$150,000 in the next eighteen months, including the regular incomes; this to be divided \$60,000 for Foreign Miseions, \$50,000 for Home Missions, \$22,500 for Manitoba and British Columbia, and \$17,500 for Grande Ligue.

Thus, with thanks to the Walmer Road church and the Toronto Baptists for their unbounded hospitality, we closed one of the most successful conventions in our history.

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# Suggestion of a Plan for Sunday School Grading and Supplemental Lessons.

SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS FOR THE INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

GRADE NO. 1. AGE S .- GREAT TRUTHS FOR LITTLE

Have we a book from God?
The Bible is a book from God.
What does the Fible tell us about God?
The Bible tells how great and how good God is.
What does it say that God made?
The Bible says that God made the heavens and the

h. Out of what did he make the world?
God made the world out of nothing.
How long was God making the world?
In six days God made the world.

#### LESSON II

What was made on the first day? On the first day God made light. What did God call the light? God called the light Day. What did he call the darkness?

What did he call the darkness? God called the darkness Night.
What was made on the second day?
On the second day God made the sky.
What was made on the third day?
On the third day God made the dry land appear.
What did God call the dry land?
God called the dry land Earth.
What did he call the waters?
God called the waters Seas.
What did the earth bring forth?
God made the earth bring forth grass, and herbs, tress.

A. God made the card who have and tress.

Q. What did these plants yield.

A. These plaints yielded seed and fruits.

#### LESSON III

O. What was made the fourth day?
A. On the fourth day God made light to divide the day from the night.
O. How many great lights did God make?
A. God made two great lights?
A. These great lights were the Sun and Moon.

What else did he make?
God made the Stars also.
What was made on the fifth day?
On the fifth day God made the fishes and the birds.
Where do the fishes and birds live?
The fishes live in the water, and the birds live in

Q. What was made the sixth day?
A. On the sixth day God made all kinds of cattle and beasts and creeping things.

#### LESSON IV.

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On the sixth day God made man.
Of what was mau made?
Man was made of the dust.
How did God make woman?
Woman was made of one of the man's ribs.
What was the name of the first man?
The first man's name was Adam.
What was the name of the woman?
The woman's name was Rve.
Where did God put Adam and Eve?
God put Adam and Eve?
God put Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden.
What did God tell them to do?
God told them to take care of the garden.
What did he tell them not to do?
God told them to take care of the fruit of one of the

#### LESSON V.

Were Adam and Eve happy? Adam and Eve were very happy while they obeyed

When did they disobey God? They disobeyed God when they are what he told

not to eat. What is disobedience called?

O. What is disobedience called?
A. Disobedience to God is called sin.
Q. Did God know about their sin?
A. God, knew they sinned, for he sees and knows every thing.
Q. How did he punish them?
A. God punished them by driving them out of the beautiful garden.
Q. What did God say about dying?
A. God, told them that they should die because they had sinned.

ad sinned.

Q. Was God sorry for them?

A. God was sorry for them and gave them hope of a Saviour to come.

#### LESSON VI

O. Who was the first murdeser?

Cain was the first murderer,
Who was Cain?
Cain was the first-born son of Adam and Eve.

A. Cain was the first-born son of Adam and Eve.
Q. Whom did Cain kill?
A. Cain killed his brother Abel.
Q. Why did Cain kill him?
A. Cain became angry, and rose up against his brother, and slew him.
Q. Did God say anything to Cain?
A. God said to Cain, Where is Abel thy brother?
Q. What did Cain say?
A. Cain said, I know not! ain I my brother's keeper?
Q. Was this another sin?
A. Yes, Cain told a lie.
Q. Did God punish Cain?
A. God punished Cain for his sins.

### LESSON VII.

When did Noah live?

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Noah lived four thousand years ago.
What did Noah build?
God told Noah to build a large ark.
Why did he build the ark?
Noah built the ark to save himself from the flood of

Q. Why did God send the flood?
A. God sent the flood because men had become so

wicked.

Q. Who were saved in the ark?

A. Noah, his wife, his sons, and his sons' wives were saved in the ark.

aved in the ark.

Q. What became of the rest of men?

A. The rest of men all died in the flood.

Q. How high did the flood rise?

A. The flood covered all the earth.

# LESSON VIII.

Q. When was Abraham born?

O. What did God tell him to do?

A. God told Abraham to leave his home and go into

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A. Abraham obeyed the Lord and went into the land

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Q. What did God tell him to do with his son Isaac?

A. God told Abraham to take Isaac and offer him for sacrifice.

Q. Did Abraham obey God?

A. Abraham took his son and went to the place of sacrifice.

sacrifice.

Q Did Abraham kill and offer his son Isaac there?

A. God sent his angel to tell him not to hurt the lad.

# LESSON IX.

Q. Why did God tell Abraham to offer Isaac?
A. God told Abraham to offer Isaac so as to try his faith.
Q. What is Abraham said to be?
A. Abraham is called the father of all them that believe.
Q. Does God like people to believe his word?
A. God likes everybody to believe what he says.
Q. Will God ever break his word?
A. God is true and will never break his word.
Q. How did Abraham please God?
A. Abraham pleased God by trusting and obeying him.
Q. How may children please him?
A. Children may please God by trusting and obeying:

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