

railway excursions, which have the past two years greatly exceeded the expectations of the railway officials. Two immense trains were required to move the multitudes, who suffered great discomfort because of the inefficient accommodation. Still, the township Sabbath School Association received goodly sums from percentage on tickets sold, and have made a donation to county and provincial work. South Brantford and Oakland held their Second Annual Convention in Bethel Methodist Church, the home of our Whyte Brothers, who led the service of praise and song at Stratford. There we held three sessions—all well attended—discussing a programme of practical topics, and resolutions were passed declaring in favor of house to house visitation, temperance, and a declaration on the objects of Sabbath-school work, namely: "To gather the people together on the Lord's day to study, teach, and learn the Word of God under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for the purpose of leading souls to Christ, and building up believers in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and to help each other to search and know more of the great salvation so freely offered in the Gospel." And on the 10th August a successful meeting was held in the Methodist Church, Paris, and an interesting programme of reviving topics was heard, and the town association re-organized after a rest of nearly twelve years. Our youngest work—that of the Union of Primary Sabbath School Teachers—continues to exist, holding monthly meetings in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association, where the lesson is either taught to a small class or presented for discussion and study by the primary teachers. On the 9th July we held our first entertainment in Wyckliffe Hall, where representatives from sixteen primary classes were present and seated mostly in children's little chairs; over one hundred and sixty little ones taking part, each class rendering one piece, and all joining in several choruses. The hall was well filled and a collection of twenty dollars received on behalf of this interesting work. The county has now a population of over 35,000, and of school age—according to the census of 1881—8,436. Its territory embraces four large townships and two small ones, one city and one town, in which we have four township associations, one city, one town, and a union of primary Sabbath-school teachers, all of which have held meetings and conventions within one year. There are now in the county 101 schools, an increase of 11 since April last; 1,113 officers and teachers; 8,598 scholars; making a total membership of 9,711, being an increase of 498, with an average attendance of 6,451, and 578 reported as added to church membership. Last year the number reported was over 700; 85 use the International lessons in some form; 16 use selected or chance lessons; 11,801 volumes in libraries; \$45.88 is the average aggregate weekly collection; \$953.00 contributed to missionary and benevolent objects; \$68.00 to county and provincial Sabbath-school work; \$3,878.10 expended on school maintenance, making a total

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