

high appreciation of their continued faithful and efficient services in the up-building of the church.

There are many indications that our cause is steadily growing in favor with outsiders, and we trust the incoming year will be one of marked progress.

F. MACDONALD, Clerk.

Toronto.

Another year has passed with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures. We have had some sorrows and many joys; perhaps a few failures, but the Lord has crowned our efforts with some success. Our membership is smaller, by one, than it was a year ago, having lost 24 and gained 23; but considering the financial and general business depression that we have been passing through, and, on account of this, the number of people leaving the city, together with the fact that we have been seven months without a pastor, we think that we have been blessed in thus holding our own. The spiritual condition of the church is good, as may be seen by an attendance at our Wednesday evening prayer-meeting; and the members are united and work harmoniously together. We have a splendid Young People's Society, composed of a number of active and earnest young workers for the Master. The Sunday-school, under the able superintendence of Bro. J. L. Leary, is in a live and healthy condition. We have also been blessed in financial matters, being enabled to reduce our debt by eleven hundred dollars, and, as our financial report will show, to pay a large amount for interest, besides our other running expenses.

In the latter part of May, 1893, J. E. Powell commenced to serve the congregation as pastor, but after about five months' labor he was forced to resign, and, as we had been unfortunate in choosing J. E. Powell, we determined to be very careful in our next selection; and we feel satisfied that we have now, in Bro. Lhamon, the right man in the right place. Since Bro. Lhamon has come among us we feel wonderfully encouraged to go on with the Master's work, and fully expect at the time of our next annual meeting to report decided progress in spiritual growth of the church, number of members and financial strength. We ask for your prayers for our work, as you will have our prayers for yours, for we know "Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." During parts of March and April Bro. R. Moffett, of Cleveland, O., conducted a series of special services which were the means of bringing a number of people into the church and building us up and strengthening us in the faith, besides setting forth our plea for primitive Christianity in a clear and forcible manner to many who had never heard it before; and we can confidently say that the good effects of Bro. Moffett's work will long be felt in Toronto.

We feel that the success of the work in Toronto is, to a certain extent, due to the warm support and generous gifts of brethren outside of our city, and we take this opportunity of thanking these brethren for what they have done, knowing that when they receive the thanks of the Master, to whom they have really made these offerings, they will indeed be rewarded.

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Clerk.

Welland.

Before G. W. Jackson left for England last summer he was ar-

ranging to have the church in Welland taken care of by Bro. R. B. Ray, who, it was expected, would work between Welland and International Bridge. The Board understood, both from Bro. Jackson and Bro. Ray, that the matter had been satisfactorily settled, and that Bro. Ray would take up the work shortly after Bro. Jackson's departure. For some reason Bro. Ray was not able to do so, and before the Board was apprised of that fact, the oversight of the church was placed in other hands. It was found that the change was distasteful to most of the members of the church, but having been made, the Board had no power to alter things, although it is believed they were in a position to have effected an arrangement which would have turned out to the benefit of the church in Welland. Under the circumstances the Board has not felt justified in paying any part of the sum authorized to be paid to Welland by last annual meeting.

Georgetown.

In the early part of the mission year, the church in Georgetown renewed its appeal for assistance in keeping a preacher. The Board promised to aid at the rate of \$100 per year, provided the Georgetown and Acton churches could unite in employing a minister. This was done, and we have the following report from Georgetown:

In looking back over the history of this church for the last twelve months, we have great cause for thankfulness and also for discouragements.

1. We are very thankful that the Lord has richly blessed us in adding thirteen precious souls to the church, twelve by immersion and one immersed believer taking membership with us, besides the interest has very much increased since Bro. Stephens commenced to labor with us, notwithstanding that we have preaching only once each Lord's day.

We have a very interesting and instructive C. E. Society, which Bro. Stephens organized last November. We have about fifty members of which, probably, about thirty are good active members. Our Sunday-school is fairly well attended. We have made an attempt to secure a library for the school, but we have only succeeded in getting about thirty books, so far, which we distribute each Sunday, and they are read with interest. If any Sunday-school has some books that it doesn't use, and could let us have them cheap, we would make an effort to buy them.

Bro. Stephens has done good work since he commenced to labor for us, although hindered a great deal through the long and serious illness of Mrs. Stephens.

2. We feel very much discouraged financially, for although the church has increased in numbers, it hasn't apparently increased financially. For although the Board is assisting us this year, and several members of the church are giving about all they are able, we have not been able to collect near enough to meet current expenses, which worries us a good deal, and fear that unless we get increased assistance, for a short time at least, we will have to be without a preacher, which we would regret very much as we are very comfortably housed and this is a field where much good might be accomplished.

D. McKECHNIE, Secretary.

Dr. Low's Worm Syrup cures and removes worms of all kinds in children or adults. Price 25c. Sold by all dealers.

The Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario.  
ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1894.

	CHURCH.	S. S.	V. P. S.	MEMBERS.	INDIVID'L GIFTS.	TOTAL.
Acton	\$14 50	\$2 00	....	....	....	\$16 50
Aurora	11 50	3 00	....	....	....	14 50
Blenheim	11 20	1 60	....	....	\$10 00	22 80
Bowmanville	10 00	5 50	....	\$10 00	....	35 50
Collingwood	37 50	3 00	....	....	10 00	50 50
Erin Centre	58 12	6 00	....	11 00	15 00	90 12
Erin Village	24 60	3 10	....	5 00	13 00	45 70
Everton	95 48	11 50	....	55 00	14 00	175 98
Gainsboro	1 25	....	....	....	....	2 25
Galt	12 75	....	....	....	....	12 75
Glencairn	30 00	16 00	....	....	5 00	51 00
Glencoe	2 30	....	....	6 00	....	8 30
Georgetown	5 85	2 30	\$1 00	....	....	9 15
Grand Valley	23 20	1 00	....	....	....	24 20
Guelph	39 08	5 00	2 00	12 00	5 00	63 08
Hamilton	32 05	5 70	1 45	15 00	40 00	94 20
International Bridge	10 00	....	....	....	....	10 00
Kilalyth	24 65	....	1 00	....	....	25 65
Lobo	....	....	3 22	....	....	3 22
London	26 50	5 00	2 40	10 00	....	43 90
Marsville	33 25	....	....	10 00	....	43 25
Milton	22 34	4 60	....	....	....	26 94
Niagara	2 00	....	....	....	....	2 00
Nissaugwaya	26 79	....	....	5 00	7 00	38 79
Orangeville	3 00	....	2 75	....	10 00	15 75
Oshawa	100 00	....	....	....	25 00	125 00
Owen Sound	30 51	5 20	....	....	....	35 71
Ridgetown	3 75	....	....	....	....	3 75
Rosedene	3 50	1 00	....	....	....	4 50
Selkirk	3 00	....	....	5 00	....	8 00
Stayner	13 00	....	....	....	1 00	14 00
St. Thomas	81 10	2 55	11 37	12 00	100 00	209 02
Toronto, Cecil Street	38 62	5 14	5 00	17 00	15 00	60 76
Toronto Junction	15 00	3 50	....	6 00	....	24 50
Wainfleet	76 65	....	....	....	....	6 65
Walkerton	35 53	2 52	....	10 00	....	48 05
West Lake	11 00	....	....	....	....	11 00
West Lorne and Eagle	5 50	67	....	1 00	....	7 17
Warton	2 00	....	....	....	5 00	7 00
	\$909 97	\$95 88	\$30 19	\$190 00	\$285 00	\$1511 04

To balance on hand at last audit. 426 23  
collections taken at annual meeting at Everton. 35 20  
received from isolated brethren and sisters. 140 00  
received from the Farewell estate. 200 00  
received from Missionary Auxiliary, St. Thomas. 5 00  
received from collections taken at Hillsburg. 18 61

Total.....\$2342 08

EXPENDITURE.

By cash paid Cecil Street church, Toronto, balance due for last year	\$285 00
" " Church, London	162 68
" " Hamilton	214 70
" " Owen Sound	90 00
" " Collingwood	74 50
" " Welland	50 00
" " Collingwood, on account for current year	145 00
" " Owen Sound	120 00
" " Hamilton	296 76
" " London	303 30
" " Toronto	300 00
" " Georgetown	25 00
" " Corresponding Secretary, for printing, stationery, etc.	44 91
" " J. A. Aikin, chairman, S. S. Committee, postage, stationery	4 25
" " Treasurer, postage, stationery, etc	2 71
on hand	\$2118 81
	223 27
	\$2342 08

FAREWELL LEGACY.

1893.	
Aug. 12. Received Legacy	\$500 00
Interest on same	112 37
	\$612 37
Loans	\$1800 00
To Co-operation, on account	200 00
Evangelizing	\$805 00
Less paid by churches	317 00
	485 00
Balance on hand	\$624 37

HILLSBURG, June 9, 1894.

We, the undersigned, have examined the books and papers of Bro. John McKinnon, Treasurer of the Ontario Co-operation of Disciples, and find his statement of amounts correct, agreeing with the books and vouchers.

H. T. LAW,  
A. C. GRAY,  
Auditors.

Remarks on the Reports.

These reports are not all everything that we would like them to be, but an attentive consideration of them will discover much more reason for encouragement than for discouragement. We would all be gratified if a larger number of additions were reported and a smaller number of subtractions. And it would be most pleasing if all the missions were able to say they require much less aid from the Co-operation next year than last. We look for such signs of progress; we are anxious for them; and we have a right, as a Co-operation, to expect that the mission churches will exercise a conscientious care to reduce to the lowest possible figure the amount they ask from the mission fund from year to year. While on the other hand it is always fair to remember that the mission churches

are not simply asking help for a work which may be for their own personal benefit but are rather soliciting assistance in an enterprise which it is believed is for the general interest of the great and good cause we all have committed ourselves to. What strikes one, in examining these reports, is the faith these churches continue to have in the simple Gospel of Christ, their confidence that it is possible to build up strong congregations of Disciples in Ontario, and their determination to press on towards self-support by the help of their brethren and with the blessing of the Lord. And what this means is only fully appreciated by those of us who have had an insight into the great financial sacrifices that many of the brethren and sisters at these missions have been making for years. If our people generally could see this as clearly as the Board of Managers have come

to see it, it would open their eyes, if it did not their pockets. And we think it would open their pocket-books. In fact, one of the most effectual means of opening the brethren's purses is to inform them as to the extent to which the mission churches have obligated themselves for buildings and current expenses in connection with their special home work.

A great deal of enthusiasm is aroused in many of the churches on behalf of Foreign Missions, and this Board would like to see that enthusiasm more general and more intense; but we think it proper here to remark, that an equal amount of enthusiasm is deserved by our Home Mission work, and to say still further, unless a Disciple is deeply and intelligently interested in the Lord's work at home, he cannot have a true conception of its importance and necessity abroad.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

In accordance with the instructions of the Annual Meeting, the Board employed Bro. Robt. Moffett as Evangelist. He began work in Ontario with the Erin Centre church, and has spent most of his time in Ontario since that time, holding protracted meetings. With the exception of the time spent with the Cecil St. Church, Toronto, Bro. Moffett labored at points, not receiving the assistance of the Board, as per the resolution of the Annual Meeting. The Board, in response to an urgent request from the Cecil St. Church, Toronto, and regarding the fact that that church had been for some months without a settled minister, ventured to go beyond the letter of the law in this case. It is doubtful if it be wise to tie the hands of the Board by such provisos. We judge it would be better in future to leave the Board some freedom of action in such matters.

It is possible there may be in the minds of some of our brethren more or less disappointment at the results, numerically speaking, of Bro. Moffett's efforts as an evangelist in Ontario. In view of his reputation won in the large field of the United States, and of the justly high estimate formed of the man and his preaching by those of our own people who had repeatedly heard him, great things were expected—great things numerically; for Ontario Disciples, like their brethren elsewhere, and religious people generally, are great on counting results by heads and almost by heads alone. Now, we are all agreed that it is our duty to endeavor to save by the Gospel the greatest possible number of people in the least possible time; but many of us have learned, and the rest of us will learn by and by, that it is not always the protracted meeting that closes with the largest number of additions that is of the greatest immediate benefit to the church, and produces the most well-grounded Christians in the long run. This report is of the opinion that whenever intelligent people listen to Robt. Moffett preach, the results are always good.

Bro. Geo. Fowler held a protracted meeting for the church at International Bridge with quite gratifying results. The Board, having regard to the circumstances of the faithful little band at that place, assisted in defraying the expense of the meeting.

It is the judgment of the Board that, in the present condition of things among us in Ontario, probably, on the whole, the best results in evangelistic work would be obtained by using our own preachers