

curse. As a result of this work many young men had been "plucked as brands from the burning," and were living useful, consistent Christian lives.

The special Committee on the Executive Committee's Report submitted the following :

Having heard the report of the Executive Committee on their work for the past year, it is hereby resolved that the following be the finding of this Convention on the matters therein referred to, viz:—

The principal reason why more has not been accomplished, and why in some cases there has been a retrograde movement, is that there has been a lack of visitation of Associations.

That for this no blame attaches to the Executive, as the necessary funds have not been supplied for this work by the Associations. And that by last Convention they were required to keep Brother Crombie engaged in his sphere of Evangelistic work.

That we learn with regret of the illness of our esteemed Brother Crombie, by which the work was seriously interfered with. We heartily endorse the action of the Executive in granting him leave of absence, and rejoice to see him again among us in a measure of restored health. Seeing that it is absolutely necessary for the general welfare of existing Associations, and the formation of others, that a Travelling Secretary should be employed to attend exclusively to this work, and that Brother Crombie desires to be relieved from the position of Travelling Secretary, in order that he may devote himself entirely to Evangelistic work, the Executive are hereby empowered and instructed to engage a competent man to fill that office.

That in view of the difficulty the Secretary has experienced in obtaining correct information on which to base his statistical report, we earnestly impress upon all Associations the importance of responding promptly and fully to his circulars asking for this information.

In view of the action of the Dominion Convention in declining to assume the responsibilities and work of the Provincial Conventions, we deem it unwise to adopt the recommendation of the Report, "That Montreal should be made the centre of the Executive Committee's work," Toronto being so much more central.

That we cordially concur in the suggestion of the report that the Association organ, "The Watchman," should be well patronized by all Association workers.

We heartily endorse the recommendation of the Executive as to the observance by all Associations of the usual day of prayer appointed by the International Convention, viz., the 2nd Sabbath of November, on which, as far as practicable, special sermons should be preached to young men.

In conclusion we would render hearty thanks to God for the measure of success that has accompanied our work in the past year, and pledge ourselves to more earnest effort in the future; and for the prosecution of the executive work of the coming year we recommend that an effort be made to raise the sum of \$2,000.

Moved by D. A. BUDGE, Montreal, seconded by ROBT. HENDERSON, Montreal: That this report be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by W. GIVIN, Hamilton, seconded by T. J. WILKIE, Toronto, That the report of the Committee on Executive Committee report