

The President then announced to the delegates the importance of their signing the register, and asked them to do so.

The PRESIDENT—We will continue with the reports from the counties. The next is Western Ontario. Any delegate present from Norfolk?

Mr. A. J. DONLY—Norfolk has 90 schools in operation this year: 23 Baptist, 8 Episcopal, 42 Methodist, 7 Presbyterian, and 10 Union; 890 officers and teachers; average attendance, 700; 6,740 scholars; average attendance, 4,600; 1,470 church members in the schools, an increase over last year of 80; 235 joined the church during the year, an increase of 90. Seventy-six of the 90 schools use the International Lessons, and 18 hold teachers' meetings for study of lesson; 47 contribute to benevolent objects; amount contributed during the year, \$327. The amount contributed for the past year to the funds of the Provincial Association, \$56.* Three schools hold Normal classes; 8 sent delegates to the Ottawa Convention, and 47 sent delegates to the County Convention the past year. Besides the County Convention, held in February, there was also a convention held in each of the eight minor municipalities, and an Institute for Normal Sunday School work in Simcoe, in January, lasting four days, at which both attendance and interest were most encouraging. The aggregate attendance at the several conventions was about 2,700.

The PRESIDENT—Any County of Brant delegates present?

Mr. W. N. HOSSIE—Brant is a banner county. It has seven local associations, which hold annual meetings. During the year the 23rd Annual County Convention was held in the Village of Burford, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd days of March last. We combined Institute work with that of the Convention. While it was a grand success so far as attendance was concerned, as we crowded the church to its fullest capacity, it was not so in regard to Normal Work, as we only got one-half of the delegates to use the pencil. We paid expenses and made arrangements for the collecting of our county donation to the Provincial Association, which I am happy to say was forwarded on time. Judging from the banner sums that have been sent in, I think we head the list with \$80 from that little County of Brant. We have 115 schools, 105 have been personally visited within a recent period by the county officers. We have 1,218 officers and teachers, 10,372 pupils. We do not call them children, because we have elderly people among them. Our membership is 11,590, including pupils and teachers, almost one-third of the population of the county. The average attendance is 7,441. Members reported as being added to the church, 363. The average weekly collection, taking the city schools and all, amounts to \$71.86 per Sunday.

A DELEGATE—Have you ever been in the Brantford jail, and can you give us any idea of the work there?

* \$6 of this was remitted to the Treasurer after the closing of his books for the year.

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