

in Lachute, Grenville, McNab and Sherbrooke, and chapel renovation and furnishing at considerable expense has been done in Pembroke and Clarenceville.

At your last annual meeting you passed a resolution expressing the desirability of having one Home Mission Society for the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In that resolution you declared your conviction that a union should be effected as speedily as possible, and to that end you sent a deputation to the meeting of the Western Society, empowering it, if union was found practicable, to take such steps as were necessary to carry it into immediate effect. This deputation met with a special committee of the Western Society, and after careful consideration of the matter in its varied aspects, it was unanimously decided that, while union is eminently desirable, it would not be wise to press it to immediate consummation. Arrangements were made, however, by which the General Superintendent of the Western Society was released from his duties there for a few weeks that he might give the time to work in our Convention. After visiting our fields he expressed, at the semi-annual meeting of your Board, his conviction that union was both practicable and advantageous. The question was referred by your Board to the consideration of the Associations at their meetings in June. These are the bodies that come closer to the life of the churches, and more truly represent them than any other organization we have. Both the Ottawa and the Canada Central Association discussed the question, and each passed a resolution unanimously expressing the view there should be but one Home Mission Society for Ontario and Quebec, and that steps should be taken to consummate the union of the two existing societies. This matter is therefore before you at your present meeting for consideration, and, we trust, final decision.

Your Board, at its semi-annual meeting, adopted the plan of local H. M. Boards in connection with the Associations. The Canada Central Association has already appointed its Board. The Ottawa Association, in view of the probability of a rearrangement of the Associational bounds, referred this matter to a committee with power to appoint a Board.

It is gratifying to your Board to be in a position to present so cheerful a report. We thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

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1ST DISTRICT.

Coaticooke Church	
Barnston	"
Eaton	"
Magog	"
Kingsey Falls	"
	S. S.
Sherbrooke Church	

2ND DISTRICT.

St. Andrew's Church	.....
Abbott's Corners	"
Clarenceville	"
First Church, Montreal	.....
do.	Home Mission C.
Olivet Church, Montreal	.....
do.	S. S.
Lachute Church	.....
Dalesville	"

3RD DISTRICT.

Ottawa Baptist Church	.....
do.	H. M. Circle
J. Edwards, special	.....
Ottawa Church Gleaners	.....
do.	S. School
Hull Mission Church, Ottawa	.....
Concess. st. Mis. School, Ott	.....
do.	do.
North Nation Mills Church	.....
do.	H. M. C.
Clarence Church	.....
Rockland	"

4TH DISTRICT.

South Gower Church	.....
do.	Mission Circle
do.	S. School
Kemptville Church	.....
Osgoode	"
Ormond	"