

day services are held morning and evening, and Sunday school in the afternoon. Bro. Sinclair takes charge of all these meetings, and also held as usual a protracted meeting during the winter, being assisted for a few evenings by Bro. O. J. Lister, whose preaching is always appreciated. There were four additions. Our church membership is 42, being somewhat less than at the time of our last report, as we have lost many by removal, and have sustained a great loss during the last ten days by the death of two of our most prominent brethren, both deacons in the church.

Bro. Sinclair's labors are highly appreciated, both by our own congregation and the people of the town generally. He is always ready to take his place in all Temperance work and other good works. Our meetings are all well attended, and so is the Sunday school.

Financially we are not any stronger than at our last report. We can hardly say yet what we shall be able to raise for the coming year, certainly not more than \$300, towards our own support, as we still carry a debt of \$375, the interest on which has to be met half-yearly. We are not forgetful that we have been largely dependent on the Co-operation for the assistance so kindly given us during the past four years, and while gratefully acknowledging past favors, we would still ask for a continuance, if possible, of the same amount for another year towards the support of a preacher in this important town.

Hamilton.

Bro. J. M. Warner reports for the church in Hamilton:—

Financial Statement.

Receipts.	
Church collections during year	\$879 36
From Co-operation	319 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,228 30</b>
Expenditure.	
To preacher	\$521 77
Home Missions	33 00
Foreign Missions	36 00
Furnace	107 00
Interest on mortgage	51 00
On principal of mortgage	100 00
Sundries	177 98
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,026 75</b>
Balance on hand	201 61
Liabilities.	
To preacher (G. D. Warner)	\$94 50
On mortgage	100 00
Coal bill	22 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$217 00</b>
Which leaves us short	15 39

Membership.

No. reported last June	38
Added by confession and baptism	11
Came in from abroad	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>
Lost by removal	10
" death	1
<b>Total at present</b>	<b>42</b>

Owen Sound.

Bro. C. A. Fleming sends the following on behalf of the church in Owen Sound:—

No. of members at last report	65
Added during year by baptism	12
" " letter	11
<b>Total No. on church book</b>	<b>88</b>

While our gains have been fairly satisfactory, our losses by removals during the year have been unusually large; no less than 29 persons have gone from us. The most of these are in fellowship with other congregations, but a number are in places where we have no congregation, and therefore are still members here, though counted as losses in this report. The losses are the result of the present trade depression in our town, and all churches here are suffering from a similar exodus.

This, of course, has to some extent affected our financial ability; still, for the year just closed we present the following:—

General expenses	\$77 22
In liquidation of church debt	148 62
For Preacher's salary	383 58
" Home Missions	20 50
" Foreign Missions	16 10
" Sunday school	44 54
" Women's Mission work	20 00
" Children's Mission work	20 00

Total amount contributed for all departments by this church	\$730 56
Contributed by Co-operation for Preacher's salary	200 00
By O.C.W.B.M., to debt fund	60 00

As to our present condition, we are thankful to God that he has kept us in peace and harmony during the year. All parts of our work are in a satisfactory condition. Sunday services are well attended by the members, and an increase of late in the Sunday evening services. Prayer meetings are largely attended, and our Sunday school has shown marked improvement since our Sunday School Convention last fall. The church is at peace within, of good report without, and full of Christian activity, which promises well for the future.

As to the future. For the future we hope the best things, and propose, by God's grace, to work for the best things. We realize more than ever that faithful personal work, and that of the most persistent kind, is the only way to secure permanent and satisfactory results in our towns and cities, so that we are determined to hold back nothing of service or sacrifice that will tend to the glory of God and the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

No special Gospel services have been held during the year owing to the long continued sickness of a large number of our members during the season when such services might have been held. It is our intention to hold such services as early in the fall as possible.

As to our preacher, Bro. Lediard, we would say that we esteem him very highly. We think he is just the man for our work. He is active, not only in pushing the interests of the local congregation, but also in every good work in our town, and we much desire to be able to continue his services.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Board, and through them to the Co-operation, for the help given us during the past year, and also to the O. C. W. B. M. for their liberal donation towards the liquidation of the church debt.

To continue our work in its present favorable form we have decided to ask the Co-operation to grant us \$200 for the coming year, and trust they may be as able as we feel sure they are willing to grant our request. At the same time we are prepared to make every possible effort ourselves, realizing that the demands upon the Co-operation by others are both numerous and pressing.

Manitoulin Island.

It will be remembered that the Board was authorized to contribute \$25 towards evangelistic work on Manitoulin Island, to be carried on under the direction of the church in Kilsyth. Bro. O. J. Lister was selected to visit the Island. In the Dec. 15 number of THE EVANGELIST there appeared the following report from him:—

MANITOULIN.—A report of labor on Manitoulin Island is not equal to expectation. Evil-speaking, dissension, and alienation had sprung up and grown among the little band left there some two years ago. This put the work back weeks. Some sectarian parties had profited by above state of things. Good grounds for hope of a brighter prospect appeared before leaving. One man of good repute was baptized. Several more were almost persuaded. Some laborer should remain there all winter. Had a good hearing at a new point.

Manitoba.

A request was made to the Board on behalf of Disciples in Manitoba to grant \$250 for one year towards the support of an effort to establish the cause in the city of Winnipeg. It was represented that "F. C. M. S. had made a grant of \$250 for that purpose, and that the Disciples of Christ in Manitoba were able and willing to provide the balance of what would be necessary to make a proper start. The Board, feeling great interest in the project and believing that the brethren in Ontario would approve of the action, acceded to the request made and voted \$250. It was hoped that the work would have been begun early last fall, but the difficulty of finding a suitable preacher prevented that. Bro. J. B. Lister informs the Board that Bro. John McKee, of Irvington, Indiana, has been employed and is now in Winnipeg "to gather together the scattered Disciples in the city, and to urge before all the people a complete return to the doctrine and practice of New Testament Christianity."

Orangeville.

The little band of Disciples in Orangeville asked to be assisted in carrying on a series of meetings conducted by Bro. E. Sheppard. The Board did not feel able to appropriate more than \$10 to that purpose. The subjoined report of the meetings appeared in THE EVANGELIST:—

ORANGEVILLE.—Bro. E. Sheppard, of Walkerton, began a series of meetings with the church here on Nov. 15. This step was the first in beginning the work openly in our town. Possibly it would not have been hard to have selected a better time of the year, but we were anxious that the work should be begun. We were only favored with two evenings free from storm or rain, consequently the attendance of strangers was small; but the brethren were faithful in their attendance. Bro. S. made it profitable to be present. His discourses were laden with truth, as we think he earnestly desires they shall be. The impression created was good; everywhere the meetings were well spoken of. On the afternoon of Lord's day, Nov. 22, our hall was nicely filled, notwithstanding the very heavy rain. Our hall is inconvenient, being on the third floor; we hope to get a better one soon—in fact we are trying to get hold of a new hall. Services are held every Lord's day at 11 a.m., Bro. Henry King and myself conducting alternately.

Cecil Street Church, Toronto. Financial Statement from June 1st, 1891, to April 30th, 1892.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand June 1st, 1891	\$209 82
Building and Furnishing acct.—	
Donations	\$2,438 02
Loan McMaster Esq.	2,000 00
Loan J. M. Laws	200 00
Accoun. notes	100 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,738 02</b>
Weekly Collections	1,458 32
Board of Co-op. bal. to May 31, 1891	328 00
Total of Co-op. on account to May 31, 1892	335 00
Loan J. M. Laws to pay J. R. Gaff	100 00
Farmers' Loan Co. Int. on deposit	8 10
Collections for Missions	64 00
Rent Den. Ave. Building	128 00
Proceeds of Lecture by W. F. Richardson	29 61
Sundries	23 85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,482 72</b>

Disbursements.

Building and Furnishing Account—	
Fuel for work and material	\$1,960 51
J. M. Laws, loan returned	1,845 00
J. R. Gaff, loan returned	200 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,005 51</b>
Pastor's Salary—	
J. R. Gaff	\$720 00
A. W. Conner	577 21
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,297 21</b>
Interest	1,255 46
Fuel	180 40
Gas	93 16
Water	2 80
Caretaker	91 50
Taxes, local improvement	33 97
Pulpit supplies	97 00
Advertising, printing, etc.	48 56
Expense at Convention	41 58
Expense, lecture, W. F. Richardson	35 23
Foreign Missions	45 00
Home Missions	15 00
Sundries	45 79
Rent Denison Ave. building	200 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,481 19</b>

Balance on hand May 1, 1892.... \$1 53

Our debt at present is as follows:—

Mortgages, 1st	\$12,000 00
2nd	2,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,000 00</b>
Notes	1,200 00
Carpets, curtains, etc.	61 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,261 00</b>

The Statement given at last Convention was to May 31, 1891; and as we cannot give statement to end of May this year I have made it to end of April, and hereafter they can run from May to May. J. D. HIGGINS, Treas.

STATEMENT SHOWING ORDINARY EXPENSES OF CECIL STREET CHURCH FOR YEAR COMMENCING 1st MAY, 1892, AND RUNNING TO 30TH APRIL, 1893.

Pastor's Salary	\$1,200 00
Interest	945 00
Caretaker	100 00
Fuel	80 00
Gas	90 00
Water	3 00
Taxes	33 97
Advertising, Printing, etc.	50 00
Sundries	40 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,540 97</b>

This means that our expenses are about \$49 per week; and as our collections average only \$30 per week we fall short \$19 a week in our receipts, so that you will see that we need still all the assistance that the Co-operation can give us for another year.

Our expenses last year were extra heavy, as we had to pay eighteen months' interest on the first mortgage, no interest having been paid on it until June, 1891; our fuel bill was large, as we were heating the Denison avenue building, and we had to heat the Cecil street building for the workmen, and then we had to pay rent for the Denison avenue building till Feb. 1st, 1892; although we managed to sublet it in June or July, 1891, still we were paying \$8 per month more than we were receiving.

Of the \$2,438.02 given for the Building Fund, \$1,004.95 was given by our people here, and \$473.07 by the brethren throughout the Province.

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Treas.

Our Membership on 1st June, 1891, was 148; during the eleven months to 30th April, 1892, we have had 28 additions by letter and 16 by baptism; we have lost 14 who removed without letters, 10 who were granted letters, and 2 who died; we had 44 additions and lost 26, leaving us a net gain of 18, and making our membership at the present time 160. J. D. H.

Bro. A. W. Conner, who has been employed to succeed Bro. J. R. Gaff as preacher for the Cecil Street church, sends the following additional information:—

"I am informed that you annually expect a letter from the pastor of Cecil Street church. Inasmuch as our church clerk has made a full report, there is but little for me to do, unless I call attention to some of the hindrances to our work.

"The spiritual health of the church is excellent. The members are filled with the spirit of the Lord Jesus, as their work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope daily prove. The church is a decidedly progressive and aggressive missionary church, and longs to be able to do far more at home and in foreign lands than it is now possible to do.

"At present we are making a great effort to preach the Gospel at home. Brothers Hall and Hutto, of Chicago, have just begun a series of evangelistic meetings in our church. We expect to continue until many souls are won to Christ. We pray the Lord to give us the grace of continuance. We ask the brethren in convention and at home to offer to God prayers for the success of these meetings.

"The great hindrance to the success of our work is the great financial burden which has fallen upon the congregation in securing the church building. Because of this burden the church gives every Lord's day far more than it is able to give, so the most important part of church work is greatly hindered. If the brethren of Ontario will remove a reasonable part of this burden (the debt on church building) it will only be

a few years until Toronto proper will have four or five strong missionary churches instead of one. Cecil Street church is on the way to success. Pray for it."

London.

Our brethren are generally familiar with the steps leading to the very hopeful inauguration of the work in London since the last Annual Meeting. When the meeting house was secured, the Co-operation was asked to assist in supporting a preacher, and so was the G.C.M.C. of the United States. Both responded favorably, one liberal brother offering to meet \$200 of the pledge made by the Board on behalf of the Co-operation. Steps were at once taken to find a suitable preacher, and about January 1st, 1892, Bro. T. L. Fowler was employed.

The following account of the state of the cause in London is given on behalf of the church there:—

"It is with no small degree of pleasure, and with feelings of profound gratitude to the Author of all Truth, who declares, 'My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it,' that we send this report to the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation, and call attention to the new mission opened at London, Ont., last year, through the indefatigable energy of Dr. H. Z. Leonard, U.S. Consul, aided by the large-hearted liberality of such brethren as John Campbell, of St. Thomas.

"In January of the current year your Board assumed the larger share of the financial responsibility of the new field.

"The original five who formed the membership at the inception of the work had been strengthened by the addition of 22, thereby making a total of 27 to begin the work of 1892. This little band of Disciples was up to this date without a pastor. It was with much fear and trembling that efforts were made to secure an under-shepherd who would not only lead the little flock 'into pastures green and beside still waters,' but also so present the Christ of the Gospel that it would indeed prove 'the power of God unto salvation' to many who would lovingly submit to the authority of Christ. Our expectations have been more than realized in Brother and Sister Fowler, our present pastor and his excellent wife. While both possess the happy gift of winning and retaining the sympathy of the people, Brother Fowler in his own original style proclaims the Gospel so simply and yet so forcibly that already many have yielded to the Saviour. As previously stated, the membership, Jan. 1st, 1892, was..... 27

Baptized since Jan. 1st	32
Received from the Baptists	3
" by letter	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>

Dismissed by letter..... 3

Baptized but did not take membership..... 2

Leaving a present membership of 64

Two have made the noble confession, but have not yet been baptized.

"The Sunday school was opened January, 1892, with 11 pupils; the aggregate to date is 91 pupils and 9 officers.

"The young people have organized a Y. P. S. C. E. with fourteen active and eight associate members.

"The sisters of the church and congregation have also been active in organizing both a 'Dorcas Society' and an auxiliary of the O. C. W. B. M. The membership of the latter is twelve, with the prospect of an increase in members and interest.

"Three week-day services are held. These meetings are well attended. The earnestness and enthusiasm manifested,