

Report No. 8—Education.

To the Bishop and Conference:

BRETHREN.—In submitting this report I do it with my eyes open to the fact that Conference Reports are of no great value unless they stir us to action. So then in considering the subject of this report, we acknowledge its great importance as a means of equipment for the duties of life as they relate to man's temporal existence. It is admitted on every hand that the educated man has the advantage in the different professions of life. Then, if it is a great advantage to have an education, the higher the better, in this life of trial, how much more important when it relates to man's supreme duty, his preparation for the life beyond; if, as we have stated, it is the duty of every individual to secure an education to prepare for usefulness in this life and the life to come, how much more does this apply to the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Why? Because they must be teachers of the people; then, it is important that the people be educated, the teacher all the more.

The facilities for securing an education are many, from the Academy to the University, but we can only refer to a few in this paper. First, Otterbein University: This school is well equipped and has been doing grand work for God and the church. Lebanon Valley University: This school also is doing grand work in preparing men and women for useful lives in the Master's service. Then Union Biblical Seminary: How many, many young men and women have here been qualified and directed to useful lives for Christ.

Then let us note,—

1ST. That as a Conference we will pray for, and do all we can for the educational institutions of the church.

2ND. That the Ministry of Ontario Annual Conference apply themselves earnestly and diligently in preparing for the great work of leading souls to Jesus Christ.

3RD. That as an Annual Conference we will not grant Annual Conference License to any young man or woman who has not at least passed the Public School Leavings, and that we will not ordain any with less qualifications.

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. BACKUS.

Report No. 9—Preachers' Aid.

I, your Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Fund, beg leave to submit the following report:—

Amount reported last year	\$180 45
Received per G. Backus	40 2.
Interest on same	13 24
Amount charged to Missionary Board	70 00
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J. SHOWERS¹ Auditors
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