

systematic organization or canvass through the country generally. My attention was, therefore, directed mainly to the City of Toronto, and by the close of the Conference year subscriptions were secured amounting to the sum of \$130,000.

At the Conference of 1887, a systematic plan was adopted to cover the entire field within the Province of Ontario. About \$250,000 were apportioned to the Conferences within these limits, and the apportionments were generally accepted by the Conferences at the sessions of that year.

Very encouraging subscriptions were obtained at several of the Conferences, and hearty sympathy was accorded to the movement by the great majority of the ministers and laymen present. Either at the Conference or at a meeting of the Conference Special Committee shortly after, a distribution of the amount accepted by each Conference among the several districts was made, and arrangements effected for holding district conventions throughout our work.

During the following year, with the assistance of several brethren, lay and clerical, a convention was held in each principal district in the Province of Ontario. In connection with each convention a public meeting was held, and subscriptions secured, thus largely effecting a canvass of the principal centres. The result by the first of May, 1888, was a subscription list of \$195,000.

This form of work was continued at the following Annual Conferences, and up to the month of October of that year. At that date a meeting of the Board of Regents with the Advisory Committee appointed by the last General Conference was called, and it was decided that, if by the first of May, 1889, the sum of \$100,000 cash should be secured, and the subscription list should be advanced to, say, \$250,000, the Board should take into consideration the propriety of proceed-