

of the public school population is 80 4-10 per cent; attendance in the Sunday School is 89 4-10 per cent. The percentage to the total attendance in the public, and high, and separate schools, averages 56 per cent. Ours averages 69 4-10 per cent, that is, the separate school average is 40; public school, 45; high school, 56, and the Sunday School, 69 4-10.

Oxford.—Rev. R. J. ELLIOTT (Woodstock)—I was hoping that the President of our county would be present, but I think he is not. Our report is very similar to the excellent reports that you have heard from many of the counties. The county is thoroughly organized, township and county conventions being held. In one or two instances two townships have united and held a united convention. We are taking a leading part in the temperance work. The reports at our last convention indicated a spiritual tone that was very helpful and hopeful.

Brantford.—W. N. HOSSIE—The City of Brantford was organized in 1876. It has now a population of 15,000, 25 Sunday Schools, 467 officers and teachers, 4,409 pupils. Besides these there are religious classes held in the Ladies' College and two other institutions, whose aggregate attendance is over 300, which is only one-third of the population of the city under religious instruction. The number of pupils received into Church membership from the ranks of the schools, as near as may be, exceeded 300 during the year, and the total Church membership of pupils is over 1,500. Reports have been received from sixteen schools, nine remaining silent, notwithstanding repeated applications for their reports. Our rule or condition for local banner rank is that every school be visited at least once a year and reported, besides an annual convention held. No visitation was attempted last year, but better things are promised this year. Our city contribution to the Provincial Sabbath School work has always gone with the county donation, but last year our moiety was \$26.30 only, while this year it should be considerably increased. We are conscious of the following needs, and are striving to attain them: A Normal Class in every school; Normal Institute held at least once a year in the city; Home Class Department for the benefit of those who cannot attend the Church schools; house to house visitation to invite to the Church and Sabbath Schools; and a Sabbath School periodical, either local or provincial. I may say both for Brantford and the County of Brant that, while the Associations are not taking hold of the temperance question, we are all alive as to which way we are going to vote on the 1st of January, and "Yes" will be the record.

St. Thomas, Bruce, Huron, Perth, Stratford.—Unreported.

Lambton.—Rev. J. CAMPBELL TIBB, B.D.—About three years ago we had a divorce, on reasonable grounds, from Middlesex. We did not quarrel, but we agreed that it was better to part, and the authorities granted us a divorce on those grounds, and so we organized separately in Lambton. We had 126 schools reported when we