

there have been about thirty-three received into the church during the two years from all sources, and about the same number have removed from it, so that to-day we stand in the matter of members just where we were. We thank God and take courage. We have lost none by a return to the world, and have a good record of many who have gone from us and are the valued members of other congregations.

Our second difficulty was our "poverty," and the absence of wage earners in the congregation. This led to the church making an appeal to the Home Mission Board. That appeal was met by a very ready response, and for two years this church has been receiving help.

Every individual member feels that we owe a debt of gratitude for this to the Board and the brethren. But its effect on ourselves was largely beneficial, too. We were being helped, and we felt that as others needed as much as we, that it was honorable that we should strain every power to do the very best we could for ourselves. To do this we have reduced our financial matters to a carefully planned system, and this we owe largely to our esteemed Bro. Fleming. We study the closest economy in little things, as well as great, even the work of janitor being done by our young brethren without cost to the church. We are steadily reducing our church debt: we are contributing for home and foreign missions, and indeed refusing no proper call which can help along the work of the Lord; we sometimes fear we shall need to withdraw our help from work outside the congregation, but should deeply regret the necessity of so doing. For all purposes we last year raised about \$700.00.

We hope by the divine blessing that when the Annual Meeting again comes round we will be able to make a less sum from the Board meet our needs, and so give them the opportunity of helping others whose needs are as great as ours.

As to the third difficulty, the supposed exclusiveness of this congregation, it is the hardest to remove from the minds of those whom we wish to reach. We are attempting it and we are succeeding; the process is slow, but every day we are better known in our town, more highly appreciated, and our positions and doctrines better understood. This has called for constant thought and wise effort, but it is necessary to a permanent growth. We are not courting the smiles of those around us, but we want to lead them to Christ and His word. Their smiles and approval are well enough in themselves, but it is their spiritual good we are seeking. We are here to be known, we are here to uphold Christ and His Gospel in its purity and simplicity, and we are trying by every proper means to get near to the people, and the exclusiveness of the post, if it ever really existed, is slowly but surely dying out and giving place to a closer intercourse with the town in which we live.

So I look back upon the two years work in Owen Sound (not my work, but that of the church here, for no preacher was ever surrounded by a more helpful band of co-workers), as on the whole both satisfactory and encouraging. It is slow, but our work in cities and towns will be of necessity slow in Canada, and there are reasons for it which I cannot here dwell on. But we have great cause for thankfulness, we have good hope for the future. We have just held our anniversary service and annual business meeting. Last year Bro. Munro was with us and saw our order and greatly encouraged us; we would have been glad to have him again, but we could not afford the

luxury of his presence this year, though it only cost his railway fare. He will approve when he knows that we are exercising a rigid economy, so that next year we may do with less help from the Board. I have written this because I think that mission points should from time to time state clearly their position and prospects. I have spoken of the work just as it looks to me after nearly two years of service. I could have written a more glowing account and spoken of incidents most encouraging, but such would not be a general statement of the work here; it is like all other points, it has its difficulties and disappointments; it has its successes and triumphs. We thank God and go forward. To our brethren everywhere we say, be patient with the workers in cities and towns, our fields are the hardest, our surroundings the most trying, and yet the results are the most blessed and far reaching in their effects. The truths we hold are as precious as ever, and thank God good men are everywhere seeking for them and manifesting a readiness to receive them as never before. Let us be more than ever faithful in the work and leave the results with the Lord.

JAMES LEDIARD.

From the Committee on Education.

Bro. T. B. Knowles, of St. Thomas, has agreed to deliver a course of lectures in Cecil St. Church, Toronto, beginning Oct. 26. They are specially intended for students, but the church and the public will be invited, and the lectures are of a sufficiently popular character to make them interesting to a general congregation. The dates and subjects are as follows:

1. Oct. 26.—"Genuineness of the Christian Scriptures."
2. Oct. 27.—"Authenticity of the New Testament."
3. Oct. 28.—"Positive and direct proof of the divinity of Jesus Christ."
4. Oct. 31.—"The truths of Christianity sustained by the testimony of its enemies."
5. Nov. 1.—"The difficulties of infidelity."

Bro. Knowles has paid special attention to this department of Christian learning, and the committee has great pleasure in urging all who can to enjoy the benefit of his labors by attending the lectures.

Other courses of lectures are being arranged for; due notice of which will be given.

JOHN MUNRO,
Chairman of Com.

Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

OCTOBER 19, 20 AND 21, LONDON.
RALLY OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,
OCT. 20, AT 8.45 A. M.

The place where the rally is to be held is not yet decided upon, so watch for announcements.

Come to the convention with note books, but do not expect or try to take down every good thing said there. The convention will be full of consecrated men and women who will give us the essence of their best thought, replete with the spirit which they have drunk in in constant communion with the Father, but you and I cannot hope to digest more of such a feast than those points best suited to our individual cases. There is such a thing as eating so much convention as to be unable to digest it all.

CONVENTION NOTES.—I presume all those who expect to be at the London convention and desire billets have

already sent their names to A. J. Clark, 380 Simcoe st.

Register your name as soon as you arrive in the city at the registration office in St. Andrew's Church.

Admission to the meetings of the convention is to be by badge, which you will receive on registration.

ALEX. McMILLAN.

Alvinston, Ont.

The Ontario Convention.

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Christian Endeavor Societies of Ontario will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, on Oct. 19, 20 and 21, commencing at 2.30, Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 19, with a service of song and informal introduction of delegates, led by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, Ph. D., of Galt, President of the Provincial C. E. Union. The programme is one of the best ever presented, the topics being spiritual and practical, and the speakers who represent various denominations and many sections of Ontario, will thrill and inspire all with their earnest words. Prominent among them are The Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, London; Rev. S. P. Rose, D. D., Montreal; Rev. Chancellor Burwash, S. T. D., Victoria University, Toronto, and Mr. H. W. Frost, China Inland Mission, Toronto. Addresses of welcome will be given by Rev. J. A. Murray, M. A., of St. Andrew's Church, and Mayor Spencer; and a reply by Rev. R. Johnston, B. A., Lindsay. Other speakers will be Rev. J. F. Barker, Ingersoll; Rev. F. T. Tapscott, Hamilton; Rev. C. W. Watch, Oshawa; Rev. A. Gaudier, Brampton; Rev. J. H. Ratcliffe, St. Catharines; Rev. H. W. McTavish, Shellburne; Rev. A. S. Walton, B. A., Hamilton; Rev. R. Trotter, Barrie. A free parliament on "Junior Work," will be conducted by Mr. R. J. Colville, Y. M. C. A. Secretary, West Toronto, and another on "Work of officers and committees," by Mr. G. T. Fergusson, President Toronto C. E. Union. "Montreal '93" will be dealt with by Mr. A. A. Ayer, Montreal, chairman committee of '93, and Mr. W. S. Leslie, editor of the *Endeavor Herald*, Toronto, will conduct the Question Drawer. Two American Orators, of great power and eloquence, are also expected to be present and deliver addresses. A large and energetic convention committee, with Rev. M. P. Talling, B. A., as chairman, and Mr. W. J. Doherty, 508 Grey st., as secretary, are hard at work making arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the thousand delegates that are expected. The low rate of a single fare for the round trip, on the certificate plan has been granted by the G. T. R., C. P. R. and M. C. R. companies; and it is to be hoped that every Endeavorer in the Province who can possibly do so, will take advantage of it and come to the convention. The tickets will be good from the 15th to 25th Oct. An enthusiastic reception committee, with Mr. T. Hart Howard as chairman, are preparing to give each delegate a hearty welcome on arrival. A social re-union from 5 to 7 on Thursday evening is also being arranged. The music of the convention will be under the direction of Mr. Chas. E. Wheeler, organist of St. Andrew's Church, who will have a well-trained choir of 200 voices, to lead in singing heartily the praises of our Lord. The press will be afforded every facility, and liberal reports of each session are looked for.—*London Parish Visitor*.

Dr. T. A. Slocum's
OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF
PURE COD LIVER OIL. If you have a wasting away of flesh—Use it. For sale by all druggists. 35 cents per bottle.

Obituaries.

Absorbing interest that to begin to read it is to ensure that it will be read through with the greatest possible dispatch. And when it is finished it is found that all the impressions made are such as are in harmony with what is pure, elevating and Christian. And how one feels rebuked at his indifference to the terrible effect of the liquor traffic! It occurs to us to remark that now when so many who are prohibitionists in theory have grown weary of the subject and will scarcely listen with patience to a good lecture on it, that the extensive circulation of "A Subtle Adversary" would do much to revive a hearty interest in behalf of the abolition of the liquor traffic. One thing is certain, if the book is circulated it will be read. There is much that could be truthfully said in commendation of this work. We hope that what little is here said may induce many of our readers to procure a copy of it.

What our Friends are Saying.

"I like your paper very much and could say many kind words concerning it, but feel unable to continue it at present."

"Enclosed you will find one dollar for the CANADIAN EVANGELIST. If American money is not taken at par let us know and we shall send the rest. My sister would be lonely without the paper. We long for it to come."

American bills are all right here. Our subscribers in the United States need not trouble getting a P. O. order, or wait until a Canadian dollar bill comes their way.

One of our agents, in sending a renewal for an old subscriber, says:

"He desires me to say that he is very highly pleased with your paper, and does not see how he could do without it now."

"Enclosed find money order for \$1.00 to pay for EVANGELIST. Please excuse seeming neglect. Every time I would pick up your paper it would remind me the dollar was not sent you; but when Monday came, it was forgotten."

This brother's case illustrates many, and shows why we do not stop the EVANGELIST as soon as the paid up subscription expires. That plan may suit the daily *Globe*, *Mail* and *Empire*, but it would bring down upon us the wrath of many of the best men and women we have the privilege of knowing. Renewals are coming in very well, but keep on, brethren and sisters. You get your EVANGELIST regularly every two weeks, and it tells you a great many things you would be sorry not to know. But remember, every issue of the paper means money to the publisher. Printers can't work for nothing, and they require their money promptly. Of course, gentle reader, if you were the only one in arrears, the publisher could manage beautifully. But when you are but one out of a hundred or two in a similar case, why then the publisher must every now and then remind you that "many littles mak' a muckle."

SEEKING IS BELIEVING.—If you wish to be convinced who is doing the best Photographic work in the city of Hamilton, see the work turned out by Frederick Lyonde, the high class Photographer, opposite Post Office, Hamilton. We make any kind of Portrait work in first class style at moderate prices. If you cannot call to see our samples ask any person who has been photographed by us. Remember, we say, any one. Telephone 185.

Wherever souls are being tried and ripened, in whatever common-place and homely ways, there God is hewing out the pillars for His temple.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Literary Notes.

TO PUBLISHERS.—All books, tracts, pamphlets, magazines, etc., intended for notice or review in this department must be addressed to the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, 85 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

A SUBTLE ADVERSARY, a tale of Callisto County, by Chas. J. Scofield, one of the circuit judges of Illinois. Published by the author, 640 pages, price \$1.50. O'Hara & Co., selling agents, Carthage, Illinois.

It is a pleasure to call attention to a good book. "A Subtle Adversary" is a good book. The "Subtle Adversary" is the Liquor Traffic. This book presents a wonderfully realistic picture of the awful malevolence of those engaged in the traffic when they find their craft in danger. It also throws a lurid light on the ways of respectable church-member politicians, when they scheme to secure the support of the saloon business for their party. It is a work of fiction of such