

hasten to a milder clime. We trust his life may be spared, and that a suitable successor may be found for Decewsville. Hagersville has had a good year, *a very good year*, and is looking more hopefully into the future than for some years past. Eighteen months ago a preaching station was opened at Ballsville; conversions and baptisms have already taken place, and it is expected that this out-station will bring substantial help to the Hagersville church. Langton has had a still larger measure of blessing. Many persons have been added to the Lord during the year, and we believe the church has been greatly quickened and strengthened. At Forrestville, a very gracious work during the winter brought much cheer to the church and pastor. At St. Williams also, the prospect was very inviting, but in some way the gracious operations of the Holy Spirit were hindered; yet we believe that a day of large blessing for St. Williams is near at hand. The Middletons, North and South, and Glenmeyer called a pastor a year ago. He did not receive the sympathetic and practical cooperation and support of the membership as a whole, and the field has again become pastorless. A small grant, terminable Oct. 1st, was made to Lynville, on the understanding that henceforth, if possible, a working union be effected between Lynville and Round Plains. In Elgin, we have assisted West Lorne, Dutton, Fingal, Shedden, Springfield, Bayham and Houghton. The Pastor of the Dutton church, after two years of faithful, and by no means unproductive toil, resigned his charge, but regular services have been maintained by two licentiates of the church, and it is probable that this arrangement will be continued for some months at least. West Lorne has had a rich ingathering, and stands in immeasurably better position than it did twelve months ago. Fingal has made no advance during the year, but early in the summer an excellent chapel was purchased at Shedden, a church organized, and the prospects at this new station are decidedly encouraging. Springfield has had a phenomenal year. In January last a chapel costing \$2,700 was dedicated; special services immediately followed the dedication of the building, over 100 persons professed conversion, and of these 58 were baptized and added to the little church. As we think of Springfield, we may well exclaim: "What hath God wrought." On what may be called the Bayham and Houghton field, difficulties neither few nor trifling, confronted the missionary; yet, in the face of all obstacles, the gospel of God's Grace has triumphed; many have been converted and several baptized and added to the churches.

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