

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:-

S. S., Coldstream.....	\$ 4 50
" Acton.....	3 00
" Bowmanville.....	7 60
" Reading.....	11 40
" Stayner.....	5 25
" Walkerton.....	5 00
" Milton.....	8 00
" Denison Ave., Toronto.....	10 00

Up to July 18th \$14,124.46 had been received from the Sunday Schools who observed Children's Day: that was 50 per cent. more than a year ago.

CHURCH NEWS.

ERIN VILLAGE.—The Woman's Mission Band of this church has recently bought and presented to the church a beautiful communion set.

ERIN CENTRE.—A Mission Band was organized by the sisters of this church recently in Hillsburg. Fifteen names were enrolled as members at the first meeting. Many more are expected.

WELLAND.—The Wainfleet and Gainsboro brethren united with the Welland church to hold a "big meeting" on Lord's Day, July 22nd. Bro. Hiram Brown was the chief speaker. Three services were held during the day; the audiences were large and attentive.

ALDBOROUGH.—Bro. E. Sheppard was with the brethren in Aldborough on July 1, and took the confession of, and baptized three persons. From our acquaintance with the candidates, we infer that there was great rejoicing in the Aldborough church on that day; and there were those whose hearts were made glad who do not now live in Aldborough.

SELKIRK.—We have to report as an immediate result of our June Meeting which continued over two Lord's Days two immersions. Since then another has manifested a willingness to walk with us, whom the writer "Buried in Baptism" yesterday after our hour of worship. All heads of families and in the prime of life. It is impossible to predict what good may be effected from such a beginning when they with their talents (children) shall be gathered into the Master's vineyard. J. FRY. July 16th, '88.

BRANDON, MAN.—Am now on my way to preach a short while in a settlement a few miles N. W. of here, where we have a few members. Have had four additions by baptism in Portage La Prairie lately at our regular services. One was an aged lady in her 78th year, another baptized with her was a girlly eleven—the two extremes—one drawing near the other shores, the other starting on life's voyage with all its glorious possibilities in store. The other two were a young man and a young woman in early prime. May the good Lord keep them all. Our Union S. S. picniced in Bro. Sisson's grove last Tuesday, had a good time. A. H. FINCH. July, 10th, '88.

BEAMSVILLE.—Will you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to report a meeting held at this place by the Disciples of Christ. Bro. Campbell who has been laboring for the church here for nearly two years did the speaking. The meeting lasted for eight days, Bro. Campbell preaching three discourses on the Lord's Day the first of July. The immediate result of the meeting was nine by obedience as set forth in the Gospel, and three reclaimed. Three have since obeyed the Divine command and been buried with their Lord in baptism, making fifteen additions in all. The Church here is one of the strongest amongst the Brotherhood in the Dominion and since Bro. Campbell has been here he has strengthened it still more both in numbers and spiritually. He has decided to labor for the brethren at Dorchester. The brethren here are sorry to part with him, but trust and pray that he will return and labor for them in the near future. May God in His great mercy shower His richest blessings upon Bro. Campbell and his family in the prayer of all the brethren. Trusting that I have not taken up too much space in this report, I remain your brother in Christ. I. KONKLE. July 17th, '88.

[You have not taken up too much space, brother; we should like to have many more such reports.—EDITORS.]

MUSKOKA MATTERS.

Bro. Percival Baker, student from Bible College, Lexington, Ky., is spending his vacation in this field. He has studied the Bible well, and his teaching is appreciated by those who love that good old Book. He commenced work June 24th.

Bro. John B. Lister, of Warton, is also laboring here. Sent out by the O. C. W. B. M. He is a good worker, and not easily discouraged. He began work on the 8th July with the brethren in Macauley, near Bracebridge, who had been much neglected.

We have been moving around somewhat, one here and another there, while the busy season of hay-making lasted, and have in turn visited Macauley, Baysville, Ridout, Dorset and Brunel. J. B. L. is again in Macauley doing a good work, has assisted them in organizing, and is "holding forth the word of life" in that region. P. B. is commencing a series of meetings in Brunel to be assisted by J. B. L. shortly. I have made a strike in Huntsville, where we are making arrangements to build a house of worship immediately.

Huntsville is a growing place—nearly thirty houses, including central school buildings have been erected there this year. It is centrally situated, having steamboat communication northwest, northeast and southwest and the G. T. R. running north and south. I intend to make it my headquarters ere long. W. M. CREWSON.

Baysville, July 24th, '88.

A CALL TO DUTY.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Two months have passed away since the annual meeting. Circular letters have been sent out to all the churches, asking that pledges would be sent for whatever amount each church felt able to promise; up to this date but very few responses have come to hand. We don't wish to assume that you have no interest in the advancement of our Redeemer's kingdom, no desire to do your part in carrying out the commission, but we don't know what to think about it; the Board has no money except what is sent from the churches, and without money, or pledges for money, or even knowing that you are in sympathy with missionary work, how can we be expected to continue the work now on hand.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board, held on July 10th, we expected a large number of churches would have responded to the circular sent, but were disappointed; and under the circumstances, with but a small amount remaining in the treasury, and few pledges in, we were reluctantly compelled to notify the general evangelist (Bro. Lediard) that at present we were not in a position to continue his services beyond the term of engagement, August 1st.

Now, brethren, this is the question, Are you willing and will you do what you are able to sustain the cause in our Province? or will you allow all missionary efforts to die for want of support? Have you faith in the gospel? Do you rely on God's promises? Then strengthen your brethren by doing your duty as God has prospered you—just contribute what you are able, no matter how small the amount. God will only hold us responsible for doing what we can. The Board has faith; many times that faith is tried. Shall the work, which is very encouraging, in Denison Avenue, Toronto, Muskoka, Collingwood, Manitoulin, Portage la Prairie and other points be sustained, and new points assisted? Send money to John McKinnon, Everton, and pledges or any equal encouragement to T. L. Fowler, Everton. We will keep you informed on our work regularly. HUGH BLACK.

OWEN SOUND AS A MISSION POINT.

I am heartily in sympathy with the present movement amongst us to build up churches in the cities and towns of Ontario. It is apostolic and consequently wise.

Foremost amongst rapidly growing places stands Owen Sound. It is beautiful for situation and on a great highway of travel. Its population is increasing very rapidly, and during this year not less than 600 men will be employed on its new elevator and a large lake boat about to be constructed there for the C. P. R. Company. Its educational establishments are large and successful. Its Collegiate Institute stands to the front, and has passed more pupils successfully this year than any Collegiate Institute in Ontario. The Northern Business College, of which Bro. C. A. Fleming is the principal, is equal to, if not superior, in point of attendance to any business college in the Province. All these are reasons why Owen Sound should be, if possible, liberally helped at an early day.

As to the church there, it is doing its best now to let its light shine. They have commenced by taking steps to build a suitable house of worship. They have secured a fine building lot in the best part of the town, and are about to build a new house of worship. I had the privilege of seeing the plan. It will be a pattern of neatness and convenience. At present they are meeting in the Northern Business College, having sold the old meeting house. They are making great sacrifices to do this, and I trust it will enter into the hearts of the brethren to help them if they should ask help.

Their meetings on the Lord's Day are growing in numbers and interest, being more largely

attended than for many years; and as in Toronto so also here, students who are from home for educational purposes find a good church home amongst the brethren in this place.

Bro. C. J. Laster dwells in their midst and labors amongst them regularly. I am sure much could be done in this rising town. Now is the opportunity.

I write thus that we may not lose sight of so promising a field. JAMES LEDIARD.

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DEAR SISTERS,—I have no doubt but that many of you who were at the June meeting at Hillsburg went home strengthened in faith, and with a full purpose to consecrate yourselves more to the service of God. Therefore, I trust many of you had organized yourselves for missionary work. By so doing you will not only bless others but will be blessed yourselves. Those of you who have already organized are, I trust, pressing forward as you were doing in the past year. We feel thankful for the work that was done in the past year; I trust you see the benefit of bringing our forces together. Having our *littles* put into one common treasury, we will be enabled to undertake and accomplish much for the Master. This we want to do, for the time of probation is short and we will have to give an account of our stewardship. Amongst the many good things our dear Sister Burgess said at the convention was this, "Keep your forces together, get your sisters interested in the work before you, they will not only help you with their means, but with their prayers and their sympathy." By this principle our American sisters have done the great work which you are all familiar with. Now, dear sisters, can we not have a common interest in the work before us. We have Muskoka, Toronto and Collingwood to think of. We know there are many other needful fields, but we cannot do everything at once. We take up these three points on these grounds: *Muskoka*, because there are many hungering and thirsting for the *good tidings*, and our dear Bro. Crewson is not able to tell it to them all, hence he asks for more men. I expect Bro. J. B. Lister is now at work there, as he kindly consented to go. We have taken up the work in *Toronto* because we want to make it self-sustaining as soon as possible, and we believe that when the church in Toronto is on that ground it will be able to do more to evangelize Ontario than any other church in the Province. *Collingwood* has a good house of worship and a noble band of Christians who are struggling to keep house, but will not be able if not helped.

Are you aware that within the past twelve months *three* of our churches have been closed on account of weakness and lack of support? Whether is it better to take up new work, and lose all that has been done in those places, or give strength to those who have already expended their funds and have become almost disheartened in the struggle? Now you know the impulse of new life. Let us hope Collingwood will be heartily supported until they can help themselves, and then we will count on them to help others. I will leave you to judge whether these be sufficient reasons for taking up the work at these three points or not. We would like to take up a great deal more work if you could assure us that we could support it. We have made an estimate of what was done last year, and we go by that. We must move cautiously, but despatch our work with *alacrity*. I trust you will remit promptly to the treasurer, Miss JENNIE FLAMING, KILSYTH, as the work in Muskoka must receive our earliest attention while the weather is favorable. Let all the Auxiliaries know that we need their help, and that at once, so that we can meet our obligations. MRS. E. McCLURG, Cor. Sec'y. July 13, '88.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

It is with a feeling of regret that I sit down to pen my *last* "Notes" as Evangelist of the Co-operation. The reason will be found in the following resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the new Board:—

Resolved, "That in view of the financial state of the Board, and the obligation to support Toronto, Muskoka and Collingwood, the executive do not feel justified at this time in employing an Evangelist, though they would wish to do so, in harmony with the expression of opinion at the annual meeting, and that the corresponding secretary be instructed to inform Bro. Lediard of this decision."

Consequently my duties as Evangelist will close with the last Lord's Day in July. My two years of travel and intercourse with the brethren have been very pleasant, and I trust in a measure profitable to all with whom I have come in contact. In closing I need only speak of my visits and work since the annual meeting, as I have made brief reports in nearly every issue of the ONTARIO EVANGELIST.

From the annual meeting I went to Warton and held a meeting over three Lord's days, with

eight additions. Since then I have preached in Kilsyth, Ridgeway, Mosca, Rodney, Bismarck, Eagle and Aurora. During the year just closed I have held meetings of varying lengths with the churches in Cape Rich, Garatava, Gainsboro, Walkerton, Lobo, Minto, Kilsyth and Warton, resulting in fifty-five additions, and, I trust, in doing good to the churches themselves. This and my work in Toronto has filled the year to the full, and now the year and its record is of the past. May the Great Head of the church accept whatever of service met His approval and pardon all else. For the future, may His richest blessing be on us all, leading us in all wisdom and loyalty to love, to greater efforts and more blessed results.

A word to the churches and brethren throughout the Province as to my own intentions for the future. I shall continue in the evangelistic field for the present, having meetings to hold which I promised some months ago. Besides this I have August and September fully engaged. Churches desiring my help in protracted meetings will please address me as usual at Ridgeway, Ont. I will in all probability resume pastoral work with the new year. I take this means of informing the brethren of my present intentions in answer to enquiries to numerous to reply to by letter. JAMES LEDIARD.

THE SEPTEMBER COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The time for this collection is not far distant. The churches ought to be thinking about it and preparing to do their duty. An earnest and enthusiastic effort on the part of the preachers and elders would secure a very generous contribution for this cause.

We started out to raise \$100,000 this year. If this sum and something more were raised, it would give a mighty impetus to all our missionary undertakings. We are able to do this, and we ought to do it.

The Society has more missionaries in the field than a year ago. More are under appointment, and will start as soon as the necessary funds are in hand. More still are called for. If we could increase the force in the field tenfold, we would not begin to supply the demand. The work is most encouraging everywhere. The outlook is exceedingly bright and full of promise. The Lord is calling upon us to go up and possess the land. Will we obey his command? He has given us the men and the means. Will we employ the men and consecrate the means committed to us in trust for this purpose? A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec., P. O. Box 750, Cincinnati, O.

LOBO MISSION BAND.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE LOBO AUX. TO THE O. C. W. B. M.

I. Whereas, after a long trial of suffering our Heavenly Father has released from the bonds of the flesh the immortal spirit of our beloved sister, Sarah C. Zavitz, who was our first president and performed the duties of that office with diligence, (a year before her death she tendered her resignation, but this Society with one voice urged her to keep her position in the hope that she might recuperate, but sad to say she never did), therefore,

Resolved, That while we lament the loss of a devout member of the church and a faithful associate in this Society, we extend to her husband, children and relatives our Christian sympathy, and spread these resolutions upon our records as a simple but sincere tribute to the memory of one who "hath done what she could," and that a copy be sent to the ONTARIO EVANGELIST and *Christian Standard* for publication. Done by order of the Society.

M. A. SINCLAIR, LIZZIE GRAY, MRS. E. McCLURG, } Committee.

July 13th, 1888.

II. Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call our beloved sister, Nancy Mitchell, away from the toils and sorrows of earth to mingle with the spirits of the just made perfect. Notwithstanding she was never able to attend our meetings, we had no warmer friend nor more willing helper in all our mission work. Her place will be hard to fill, still we would bow in humble submission to the will of Him who "doeth all things well," therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply deplore her loss as a faithful, earnest Christian, whose aim in life was to serve and honor her Divine Redeemer, and that we offer our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased, and commend them to the God whom she loved and served so faithfully, and that these resolutions be spread upon our records, and that a copy be sent to the ONTARIO EVANGELIST and *Christian Standard* for publication. Done by order of the Society.

M. A. SINCLAIR, LIZZIE GRAY, MRS. E. McCLURG, } Committee.

July 13th, 1888.

MARRIED.

LAY—GRAY.—On the 4th of July, at Ridgeway, by Elder E. Sheppard, James Lay to Mary Jane Gray, both of the Township of Aldborough.