

young and tender minds and get them full of Christ; then we will be bringing them up on the direct road to His kingdom. Let me solicit the help of everyone here and let each be determined to go forward to do his duty and use all the talent the Lord has given him in carrying on this great work.

I am pleased that we have with us our old friend, Prof. Sherwin, who will lead us in the singing. Let us join heartily in the singing, because that makes our hearts warm and makes us better friends to Jesus.

The hymn, "Work for the night is coming," was then sung.

Dr. McGuire, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, then reported the following nominations:—

President—MR. GEO. RUTHERFORD, Hamilton.

Minute Secretaries—Rev. W. G. WALLACE, Georgetown, and Mr. WM. HAMILTON, London.

Business Committee—Mr. L. C. PEAKE, Chairman, Toronto; Rev. J. McEWEN, Lakefield; Rev. J. T. DAVIS, Tapleytown; Mr. SENECA JONES, Hamilton; Mr. J. C. STEVENSON, Clinton; Mr. W. N. HOSSIE, Brantford; Rev. S. L. UMBACH, Berlin; Mr. J. J. CRABBE, St. Mary's; Rev. W. W. SMITH, Newmarket; Dr. E. W. McGUIRE, Guelph.

The Report of the Committee was amended, giving them power to add to the number of the Business Committee, and carried.

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES.

The President then called for reports from Counties, and Mr. W. N. HOSSIE reported for the County of Brant as follows:—

COUNTY OF BRANT.

We reported last year that the work of local organization was almost completed, and expressed disappointment at the hitch that had prevented the enjoyment of the pleasure anticipated in announcing complete organization. On that occasion but one township remained unorganized, and one town to revive. Well, the lapse of time transferred the chief hindrance elsewhere, and, on the 12th of December, 1885, South Dumfries was organized, and a convention held in the Baptist Church, St. George, on the 9th of February, 1886—three sessions—discussing many practical questions with a spirit

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