

organization established and are trying to keep it intact. We have under our control a Normal Class and union teachers' meeting weekly. We cannot report the best of success; indeed, I think that during this last year, with regard to our class, we have fallen off in numbers. The work was taken up by one of our city ministers, whose hands are full of work in connection with his own church. It seems to me we need an instructor appointed to keep up our Normal work.

The PRESIDENT—I am glad Mrs. Walker has broken the ice for the ladies. Let us hear from some more of them; you do not need to be appointed, you know.

Brant.—W. N. HOSSIE (Brantford)—Brant was organized in 1870. The population of the county is 35,000. It has now 113 schools, seven local associations, each of which has held its annual convention. We have one primary union, the first organized in Ontario, which holds meetings monthly. We have 1,218 officers and teachers, 10,372 pupils; average attendance, 7,441; added to the Church membership from the schools, during the year, over 400, and nearly 2,000 pupils are members of the Church. Brant has never failed to hold its annual convention for twenty-four years. The last was held in Brantford on the 2nd and 3rd of March. The attendance was small for a city, but the programme was excellent and well carried out. We were favored with the presence and instructive assistance of our General Secretary, Mr. Day, whose presence was highly appreciated. The County Convention voted \$80 to the Provincial Association, and forwarded that sum before the financial year closed. We again claim the banner rank for Brant.

The PRESIDENT—I hope it won't be long before we are all banner counties. (Laughter.)

Elgin.—Unreported.

Norfolk.—A. J. DONLY (Simcoe)—Norfolk County was organized in 1888, and all the townships were organized the same year. We have continued to hold our conventions regularly since that time. This year we held them in January and June. The total attendance at our conventions was over 3,000. We are in advance of all previous years since our organization. There are 96 schools in the county, each one of which is reported. We have 7,240 scholars in attendance, of whom 1,735 are members of the Church. We have added to the Church the past year 446. Out of the 96 schools, 87 use the International Lessons. We have contributed to the provincial funds, \$71. We instituted Normal work two years ago, and it has been carried on regularly and successfully since. We hold our meetings every two weeks. All the schools in our county have been visited officially the past year, by the officers of the Township Association. (Hear, hear.) With regard to the percentage of attendance as compared with the school population, we stand very favorably. Our entire school population in Norfolk is 9,137. The total attendance

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