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This paper, while not claiming to be what is styled an "organ," may be taken as fairly representing the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Eighth Annual Convention, held at London.

The annual meeting or conference of the Disciples of Christ in Ontario began yesterday (Friday) afternoon, May 31, in the Christian Church at the corner of Dundas and Elizabeth streets. The attendance at the opening meeting was small, but an influx of delegates is expected to-day. It is believed that there will be at least 150 Disciples present at 10-day's sessions.

The Conference will last until noon on Monday. To-day and to-morrow will see the Disciples in session from 9 a.m. until after 9 p.m., as three meetings will be held each day. On Sunday there will be a sunrise prayer meeting, morning worship, the Lord's Supper at 3 p.m., and preaching service again at night. In event of the church being too small to seat the congregation and the delegates, permission has been obtained to hold services on Sunday in the agricultural hall at the fair grounds.

The body is called "The Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario."

To the vice-president, Mr. John Campbell, St. Thomas, devolved the task of opening the meeting yesterday afternoon. The president, Mr. Hugh Black, of Rockwood, Ont., is absent under more than ordinarily sad circumstances. He is at Cook's Mills, Algoma,

endeavoring to recover the body of his son, who taught school there, and who was drowned on Wednesday last.

The meeting opened with devotional exercises. Then the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed. After that several committees were appointed, and then the proceedings took the form of a social meeting, adjourning at 5 o'clock.

The church was well filled in the evening, when Rev. W. D. Cunningham, pastor of the Church of Christ, St. Thomas, preached. He based his remarks on the following verse from Isaiah, lx, 1: "Arise, shine, for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is upon thee," and this verse from Ephesians, v, 14: "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

The preacher expressed his pleasure at meeting so many who worshiped Christ in the same manner as himself, and went on to dwell of the majesty of the sun and all the powers derivable from the sun's rays. Well might Jesus Christ, then, be called the Sun of Righteousness. As the earthly sun was the source of earthly life and light, so the Sun of Righteousness awoke to spiritual and eternal life those who slept. He urged his hearers to live high, noble, grand lives, such as the Master would have them live. How could they live idly and contemplate the destruction of souls and not be moved to save them? God set them as watchmen on the hills, and bade them to be thoroughly alive to the condition of their own and other souls. Christ died for all, and how could they slumber while others died? The sermon was an earnest appeal to all to awake from lethargy and make an effort to save sinners.

A liberal collection was taken up. The eighth annual convention of the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions commences in the school room of the church at 9 o'clock this morning.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The opening address of welcome was made by Mr. John Campbell, vice-president, St. Thomas. He reviewed the progress of the work of the Disciples of Ontario during the past year, and con-

sidered it very satisfactory in all points. Mr. Campbell gave an encouraging account of the mission work, and referred in congratulatory terms to the establishment of the Bible School in Toronto.

The address will be printed in the paper of the body.

Rev. P. Baker, Evesham, presented the report of the committee on statistics. It is pointed out that if a congregation or the body of the church does not care to report, it doesn't need to. Therefore, the figures presented were not as complete as they might otherwise be. There are now 64 congregations of Disciples in Ontario, with an estimated total membership of 4,000. There were 300 additions by baptism to the church body during the year, and total contributions amounting to \$21,864.77. The contributions to home and foreign missions were most encouraging.

The report was discussed and adopted.

J. Lediard, Owen Sound, presented the report of the committee on Sunday schools, and stated that the committee was looking forward to greater things. Their growth as a people would be largely from Sunday school ranks, and it called for their very best work. There was no other field so rich in results as that field. The report urged that teachers make special effort to visit the homes of their pupils. The committee were also especially anxious to see the schools take a larger interest in their home missions.

The church in St. Thomas reported 60 additions to the membership of the church by way of the Sunday school.

This report was also adopted.

The report of the committee on educational work was prepared by Mr. John Munro, Toronto. As Mr. Munro was absent in Manitoba, the report was read by Mr. R. W. Badah, Hillsburg. It stated:

1. That a Bible school had been established in Toronto, according to the recommendation of the last annual meeting.
2. That a teacher, Rev. T. L. Fowler, M. A., was engaged by the Board of the Co-operation, at a salary of \$600, for the six months' session.
3. That rooms in the Cecil Street

Church building, Toronto, were used as lecture rooms.

4. That there is now a nucleus of a library.

5. That there were five students in attendance at the school during the session, and five others who availed themselves of a correspondence course.

6. That the work done during the session was in every way highly satisfactory, and, in the opinion of the committee, was a cause for great rejoicing among the Disciples of Christ in Canada.

It was recommended that the school be made self-supporting as soon as possible, and that Rev. T. L. Fowler be continued in charge of the school.

The noon adjournment was then made. Mr. Wm. H. Jacks, United States consul, was an interested listener to the discussions. Mr. Jacks' predecessor was also a member of the church body.—Advertiser, May 31.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

In the afternoon, Mr. T. L. Fowler read the report of the committee on the work of the year. It detailed the progress during the year at the various points, the whole report showing that the mission work was most encouraging. The report also indorsed the establishment of a Bible school in the province.

W. W. Coulter, St. Thomas, read the Christian Endeavor report, which showed that the total Endeavor membership in connection with the body to be 731—520 active, 153 associate and 68 honorary, accessions from the society to the church, 42. The expenses of the society had been \$201.36. The society had contributed \$392.69 to the support of the home church, home missions, and to the educational fund, \$11—a total of \$578.95.

Mr. Coulter stated that the amount raised for the year for missionary purposes was \$1,000, as in 1893, and four times as much in 1894. One society was organized in China. Another was organized for the support of a girl school in Japan. Another organized a mission Sunday-school,

members have decided to enter the mission field. The report was heartily approved of by the meeting at large.

Rev. George Munro, Hamilton, the able editor of the DISCIPLE OF CHRIST AND CANADIAN EVANGELIST gave an address on the subject, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" The address took the form of an inquiry as to the position and prospect of the Disciples of Ontario, a statement of their distinctive position from their standpoint, and the necessity of maintaining it and advancing their work. The position of the Disciples was, he said, a plea for primitive Christianity, for union on the basis of the Bible alone, and opposition to all human creeds as tests of fellowship and conditions of church membership. The Disciples believe that this is the original basis of union. They hold that the conditions of membership in the Church of Christ, as ordained by Himself, and preached and practiced by His apostles, are that they should believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God with all their hearts, repent of their sins, and confess before men Jesus as Lord, and who are baptized (immersed) in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Also that they are entitled to membership in the Church of Christ so long as their walk and conversation becometh the Gospel of Christ. The address maintained that these principles should be energetically proclaimed and urgently preached, and the signs of the times indicated that they were propitious times for the advocacy of these principles.

The speaker also said that the Inter-denominational Union of Christian Endeavor has apparently served its purpose in the providence of God as a movement for Christian union, as they saw such leading denominations as the Methodists and Baptists establishing young people's unions of their own. In view of this it was now necessary that the original New Testament doctrinal basis of union should be faithfully and energetically preached.

Rev. C. Sinclair, Lobo, spoke on "The Demands of the Cause in Ontario." He urgently advocated placing an evangelist in the field.

Rev. Richard Buley, Hamilton, said up Chatham before the eyes of the conference as a field to go in and possess. There were Disciples there who were obliged to go to other churches because of the lack of one of their denomination. "With a ten hundred soap boxes, in a whole of Kent," said this enthusiastic

Stevens, Glencairn, one of the modest and most liberal laymen,

made a speech in regard to the demands of the work.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. R. A. Burriss, of Bowmanville, preached the evening sermon, which was a very eloquent address on the subject of "The Forward Look." He chose for his text, "Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before." Philippians iii. 13.

The preacher began by dwelling on the fact that the past with its successes and failures, its joys and sorrows, was irreparable. The present was the only contribution which the past could give them. From the vantage ground of the present he asked them to glance at the prospect of the future. They had before them new opportunities for making their lives better, and new opportunities for obtaining knowledge. There was also before them new duties and new difficulties. To the preacher's mind, the future was as bright as the sure movement of the divine purpose could make it. There was before them the era of applied Christianity—less of visions and dreams and more regard for Christianity that goes into the world and fights for the oppressed, succors the weak and carries healing into hearts and homes. Sentimental religion whose sentiment effervesces in a sigh was at a discount; religious rapture does not rescue the "submerged tenth." A Christianity that offers to a hurrying world dogmas instead of bread, fine speculations instead of shelter, cannot find place very much longer in a world where the cries of the needy break through our comfortable studies and elegantly appointed churches, merging themselves in the rich tones of the organ and making them weep and wail.

The time was at hand when Christianity must justify its existence by an imitation of its founder. That they were approaching this era the signs of the times proclaimed. The effort was being made to realize more of the kingdom of God on earth, in work done in harmony with divine law, in better social habits, better business practices, better politics and better citizenship. The era of simple Christianity was before them, also an era of free and unfettered inquiry into the Christian truth. Simplesness of aim and effort ever had been and ever would be the secret of all noble human accomplishment.

NOTES.

Mrs. Candace Lhamon Smith, formerly a missionary in Japan, was present at the afternoon meeting and made

a few remarks with regard to the ineffectual effort to unite the Baptists and Disciples in Japan. The Baptists proposed union on the basis of the New Hampshire confession of faith, and closer communion, which the Disciples could not agree to.

At the meeting of the O. C. W. B. M. devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Brown, of Warton. The principal business transacted was the decision to affiliate with the Co-operation for another year for carrying on the Home Mission work. Extension of the work in Japan was also discussed.—*Advertiser*, June 1.

SATURDAY MORNING.

There was a very noticeable increase in the attendance when the conference began on Saturday morning. C. Sinclair, Collingwood, read the obituary report. Special reference was made to the loss sustained by the drowning of the son of President Hugh Black, of Rockwood, and also to the death of D. G. McKillop, West Lorne.

After the adoption of the report J. G. Scott, Toronto, sang a solo, and Rev. J. Lediard, Owen Sound, led in prayer.

Then the discussion on the report of the Committee on Education was continued. The remarks were confined altogether to the question of the continuance of the Bible School at Toronto. Mr. A. C. Gray, Lobo, an undergraduate of Toronto University, spoke strongly, favoring the continuance.

Rev. J. H. Hardin, co-responding secretary of the Home Missionary Society, Cincinnati, Ohio, a graduate of Lexington, Kentucky, Bible College, was also strongly in favor of the school. He said that the lack of proper educational facilities caused the young men of the denomination to go to the Bible colleges in the United States. After spending three or four years in the States, and marrying a Yankee girl, they were all inclined to stay there. He pointed out that perhaps fifty of the most talented Disciple preachers of the States came originally from the Provinces of Canada. The college would be a growth, he said, and if they had one in twenty-five years they should be proud.

Rev. P. Baker, Everton, threw cold water on the scheme of home education of Disciple ministers. They were \$150 in debt yet as a result of the first session of the Bible School in Toronto. He wanted to know where the funds were to come from.

Several delegates interrupted Mr. Baker by asking if he believed the money would not be paid.

Mr. Baker admitted that he thought

it would. He went on to say that one gentleman who intended leaving the Disciples several thousand dollars threatened to divert the amount for fear it would be used for educational purposes. Then Mr. Baker raised a storm by hinting that the Board had kept the Co-operation in the dark on the subject.

Rev. George Fowler and Rev. Geo. Munro got after Mr. Baker, who modified his statement by saying that the Co-operation had been kept in the dark as to the means of obtaining funds.

This Mr. Munro also denied. He said, with Mr. Hardin, that the college would have to be a growth. They might just as well bring out the self-binder the day after seeding and expect to reap the harvest as to expect to see immediate results.

The question of an entrance standard of education was touched on, and a great difference of opinion manifested. Some wanted a university education and others thought a second-class certificate was plenty. Others believed that the ability to read and write was all that was necessary.

"It is hardly necessary to have professors teaching elementary subjects," said Mr. R. McMillan, Guelph.

"We don't want university graduates," said Rev. Geo. Fowler. "You can't build up the cause in Canada by B. A.s. We have been trying for fifty years and failed."

Rev. F. M. Rains, Cincinnati, Ohio, was called on as a financier. He strongly urged the continuance of the school. If necessary they could get money not only in Canada, but in the States. "We want more faith than Greek," said Mr. Rains.

An amendment by T. Whitehead, seconded by James Tolton, was read. It recommended that the school be continued, if the Board of Managers have the funds at their disposal, or have reason to believe that the funds are available without having to draw on any other fund.

Rev. T. L. Fowler characterized the amendment as a policy of delay, and Mr. Tolton denied that with vehemence.

The discussion was prolonged until 1:15, an hour and a half after the time set for adjournment. The vote finally stood 23—23, but on a recount the original motion to continue the school, with Rev. T. L. Fowler as principal, was declared carried. The motion was then made unanimous.

The ladies of the Co-operation guaranteed \$100 of the expenses, the endowment fund \$150 more, and a delegate promised \$50. A high standard of admission was not insisted upon,

but it was tacitly understood that the standard should be raised as the school progressed.

Saturday was a busy day at the Convention of Disciples of Christ—yesterday was even more so. The more progressive of the Co-operation were jubilant over the victory gained on the Bible School question, and believe that the continuance of the school recently started in Toronto marks an era in the history of the body. It practically means the inception of what may in years to come prove a worthy competitor with the number of far-famed Bible colleges supported by the body in the United States. An interesting feature of the division was the fact that lady delegates voted, and the majority were on the side of progress and the school. Another feature of the division was the readiness with which the minority bowed to the will of the majority, and the leader of the opposition was the first to move that the matter be made unanimous.

The routine work was pleasantly diversified during the afternoon, when a number of little children, representing the mission bands of the Church of the Disciples in St. Thomas and Mr. Fowler's church at Elizabeth street, gave a number of very cleverly-executed kindergarten exercises. They were directed by Mrs. W. W. Coulter, St. Thomas, and Miss Libby Pitcher, London, and the drill reflected credit both on the patience of the teachers and the aptitude of the children. The ladies of the O. C. W. B. M. surrendered an hour or so of time, as did their brethren in convention, and afterwards the two conferences resumed.

The Disciples elected their board of managers, which is, with one exception, the same as last year. Mr. R. N. Rice, St. Thomas, takes the place of Mr. A. J. Thompson, Hillsburg. The other managers are: President, Hugh Black, Rockwood; vice-president, John Campbell, Erie Mills, St. Thomas; recording secretary, J. W. Kilgour, Guelph; corresponding secretary, T. L. Fowler, Toronto; treasurer, John McKinnon, Everton; J. H. H. Jury, Bowmanville; Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton; John Black, Rockwood; S. E. McKee, Erin; George Munro, Hamilton.

The committee on nominations placed themselves on record by dropping from the board the names of those pastors whose churches were in receipt of funds controlled by the board. But the convention would not hear of losing the services of such tried and true men as Rev. George Munro, Hamilton; Rev. T. L. Fowler, West Lorne, and J. W. Kilgour, Guelph, and the argu-

ments put forth so convinced even the committee themselves, that they were foremost in replacing the names.

The ladies of the O. C. W. B. M. elected the following officers before finally adjourning: President, Mrs. S. M. Brown, Wiarion; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. George Munro, Hamilton; Mrs. W. B. Malcolm, Toronto; Mrs. D. Oliphant, London; and Mrs. E. McClurg, Ivan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. V. Rioch, Hamilton; Recording Secretary, Miss M. A. Sinclair, Poplar Hill; Treasurer, Miss Jennie Fleming; Kilsyth.

On Saturday evening, Mrs. C. L. Smith, a returned Japanese missionary, gave a very interesting statement of the work in that country. Rev. F. M. Rains, Cincinnati, O., Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, supplemented Mrs. Smith's remarks by a vigorous appeal, which was especially directed to the children.

Service was held in the church on Sunday morning, when Rev. J. H. Hardin, Cincinnati, O., and Secretary of the United States Home Mission Board, delivered an interesting and instructive discourse. In the afternoon, Rev. F. M. Rains addressed a large audience in the Agricultural Hall, in Queen's Park. His theme was missionary work, and his remarks were based on Paul's missionary catechism, as recorded in a portion of Romans, chapter x.

Paul's missionary catechism was evangelical, the preacher said. There was no difference between men in the sight of God. There was only one test with God—"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." This was the only test. God loved the lowliest man in the world as well as the greatest. It was no mere accident that people to-day had all the privileges of the gospel. It was the results of the efforts of the noble men who carried the gospel to their forefathers. It was a mistaken idea that God had special love for the English-speaking and other civilized races, and none for the natives of China, India or the isles of the sea. It was the supreme object of the church to send the Gospel to the heathen. Midnight darkness was resting on more than half of the world to-day, and it was their duty and God's command to march on to these lands of darkness and send the life-light to them.

The address was a vigorous appeal for the support of missions, and made a lasting impression.

Rev. J. H. Hardin preached again in the evening.

At the close of the morning service, the Lord's Supper was administered by Revs. T. L. Fowler and George Munro.



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Three of the city churches, the Centennial, Grosvenor Street Baptist and the Hamilton Road Methodist, extended invitations to the Disciples to occupy their pulpits. Rev. Mr. Lediard, Owen Sound, preached at the Hamilton Road in the morning, and Rev. P. Baker, of Everton, in the evening. Rev. Mr. Sinclair, Ivan, preached in the Grosvenor Street Church in the morning, and Rev. Mr. Lhamon in the evening. The latter preached at the Centennial in the morning.

THE WIND-UP.

The Disciples of Christ concluded their annual meeting in the Elizabeth Street Christian Church at noon today. The principal business of the morning was the adoption of the report of the committee on resolutions. In the report, gratitude was first expressed to Almighty God for loving kindnesses. Sympathy was extended to the president, Mr. Hugh Black, Rockwood, in his bereavement. Deep sorrow and sympathy were expressed with Miss Bella Sinclair, Blenheim, a member of the Educational Committee, in her

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long and continued illness. It was resolved to receive the hearty Christian greetings of Brothers Rains and Hardin, of Cincinnati, and to send by them fraternal love and sympathy to the brethren in the States. The brethren and sisters of the Elizabeth Street Church were thanked for the kindnesses and consideration shown the delegates, and thanks were also extended to those churches that had thrown open their doors to the Disciples.

"Resolved, while not going back to the law of Moses for authority therefor, nor regarding it as the Jewish Sabbath day, nevertheless we regard the first day of the week as a day that should, as far as possible, be set apart for religious exercises, and made, as it really is, the Lord's Day."

Further, the excellent work of THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST AND CANADIAN EVANGELIST was appreciated, and the editorial work of Bro. Munro, Hamilton, commended. The press were thanked for excellent reports, and the faithful work of the Board of Managers and officers also mentioned.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution touching the Manitoba school case was also adopted:

"Resolved, that we deprecate the interference, or attempted interference, on the part of the Federal Government with provincial legislation upon public school questions, especially as regards pending questions in Manitoba."

Brothers Rains and Hardin, Cincinnati, spoke in favor of the affiliation of the Ontario Co-operation with the G. C. M. C. (the sister body in the States). The question was vigorously debated, and as it was found that such action would be unconstitutional, a resolution extending sympathy and fellowship was adopted instead.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on the Tuesday before the first Sunday in June, 1896, in the Cecil Street Church, Toronto.—*London Advertiser*, June 3

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Cincinnati—F. M. Rains, J. H. Harding.
Clearville—Miss A. Ferguson.
Collingwood—Colin Sinclair.
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Des Moines—Daniel Stewart.
Erin—Samuel E. McKee.
Everton—P. Baker, Jno. Black, Jno. McKinnon, Joseph Hindley.
Galt—Russell Wells.
Guelph—J. W. Kilgour, Robt. McMullan.
Glencoe—Miss T. MacVicar.
Georgetown—Jno. D. Stephens.
Glencairn—M. N. Stephens, Miss Stephens.
Hillsburgh—R. W. Ballah, Jos. Thomson, Mal. McKinnon, Herbert L. McKinnon, Allan Robertson.
Harwich—R. W. Bulgin, Miss McKinlay, M. McKinlay, Miss MacVicar.
Hamilton—G. Munro, Mrs. G. Munro, R. N. Wheeler, Miss L. V. Ritch.
Kilsyth—Miss J. Fleming.
Komoka—Mrs. D. McIntyre.
Lobo—Mrs. McClurg, Miss McClurg, P. McKellar, P. Mitchell, Miss Gray, Neil Gray, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. McKellar.
London—Fergus McDonald, C. O. Stapleton, Mrs. Oliphant, Miss L. Pitcher, W. H. Wooldridge.
Owen Sound—Jas. Lediard.
Poplar Hill—Arch. Sinclair.
St. Thomas—Jno. Campbell, W. D. Cunningham, W. W. Coulter, Wm. Fowler, Mr. D. Brown, Mrs. Price, Mrs. W. W. Coulter, R. N. Price.
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Winger—Mrs. W. Angle.
West Lorne—T. L. Fowler, Mrs. T. L. Fowler, Miss B. McKillop, Mrs. D. Ash, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Lemon.
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President's Address.

By the goodness of God we have been permitted to meet again in annual convention to review the work the Lord has done through us during the year that is closing, and to advise and discuss ways and means whereby the Lord's work may be prosecuted with greater diligence and energy in the year before us. While we unite in praising God, from whom all blessings in the past have come, let us also unite our prayers and labors that greater things may yet be done.

It is a sore disappointment to us all that we do not have the helpful presence and the wise counsel of our President with us on this occasion. While he grieves the untimely death of a dear son, he does not grieve alone. Our hearts go out in sympathy with him in his affliction, and in hope and trust we point him to the Father who doeth all things well.

It is certainly a source of pleasure to all the Disciples of Christ in Ontario that we have such a splendid church here, in the city of London. Only a few years ago, the work was started here, now it is one of the most progressive and prosperous churches in the province. Only once or twice before, has it been our privilege to hold our convention in one of our mission churches.

While we rejoice that such splendid work is being done here, let us not forget that there are many other places where equally good work could be done had we the men and means to establish and continue it. It is sad to think that so many places are appealing for aid to establish the cause of the Master, and the Board is powerless to help. So much may be lost by delay. A few dollars expended now in needy places may mean as much as hundreds after awhile.

During the year, the Board has been sorely pressed for means. Times have been hard, and our people have felt the effects of the depression, but I am glad to say that there are evidences that the hard times are passing away and that we are on the eve of better times. If the Lord in mercy prospers us, we must in duty see that His work is carried on. Taking all in all, the year has been a prosperous one to us, for which we give God the praise. At all the points which are being assisted by your offerings, satisfactory work is being done. God's word, with all its goodness and its power, is being presented to the people and many

are being brought to the Saviour. The Christ is being lifted up. The light is shining brighter. The Lord has blessed our every effort. More strength on the human side is being developed, all the agencies of the church are at work. The O. C. W. B. M., the Sunday-school, the Christian Endeavor, the Mission bands are all in line for the work that is still ahead.

Our young men are preparing for the ministry, our young women are consecrating themselves for work on both home and foreign fields.

Our Bible School, for which we made provision a year ago, has been established, and has entered, we hope, upon a long career of usefulness.

The Master wants us to succeed. May we be more than willing to try.

As we shall carefully and prayerfully deliberate upon the wisest methods of work, may peace and harmony prevail, and may we be guided by the Spirit of the Master whose work we have met to do.

JOHN CAMPBELL,
Vice Pres.

Report of the Board of Managers of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario

The work of the missionary year 1894-95 is now a matter of record. The transactions of the Board and the progress of the work have been faithfully reported through the columns of the DISCIPLE. For this reason the annual report will be brief and general.

The little interest taken in Home Missions and the consequent uncertainty of the revenue have always occasioned much anxiety upon the part of the managers.

While the past year has been no exception in this respect, it has, for other reasons, been a very happy one. In the essential features it has, we believe, been the most successful year in the history of our work.

The following are brief reports from the churches receiving aid from the Co-operation:

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE.

In compliance with your request for an account of the work done here during the past year, I send the following: There have been twelve additions by baptism during the year. A few have made a confession of Christ, but objected to being immersed, although they still attend our services. A few others have been immersed but have not taken membership with us. Our audiences are fairly large, and our work has interested many who were altogether indifferent to spiritual matters formerly. We sincerely hope to see

many more who are just now deeply interested in the subject of their soul's salvation, drawn into the fold. One very encouraging feature of our work here is the continued coming in of the young—some in quite tender years. These are all S. S. scholars. May our Heavenly Father grant us grace to win many more of the boys and girls, that they may start right in life. Bro. W. C. McDougall, who has labored among us during the past year so faithfully, is beloved by all. He is a model worker. While being only partially supported, he is conducting mission services at two outlying points with marked success. I suppose that a scripturally qualified preacher, according to Bro. Smither's standard, would require from \$1800 to \$2000 per year for such active work. I need hardly say that Bro. McD. accepts less just now, but will undoubtedly receive that which is far better—the Master's "well done."

Yours in Christ's service,
J. T. JAMES.

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All new subscribers will receive a copy of the "Pioneer Preachers" free.

We learn that the body of George Black was found, Sunday, June 9th, and that the funeral took place at Everton, June 11th.

A number of brethren at the Convention agreed to become responsible for one new subscriber to the DISCIPLE. Are there not a hundred Disciples in the Province who will do likewise?

We have filled the paper with Annual Meeting matter, and still have much copy on hand—reports of all kinds, etc., and general notes. Our friends must wait in patience for the July 1st number.

We shall not be able fully to report the Convention in one paper. Possibly we may in two, though very likely for a couple of months we shall be publishing papers read and requested for publication by the Convention.

The Disciples have made the experiment of holding a convention in London, and have not been disappointed. It is no small matter for encouragement that where the Disciples had no name four years ago, there is now a church that has successfully entertained our Annual Meeting.

The new mode of entertaining the Convention may be pronounced an unqualified success. We heard many words of approval and none otherwise. Lodging and breakfast were provided free by the church, assisted by some of their friends. A caterer furnished a good dinner for twenty cents and a good supper for fifteen cents. The meals were too good for the money. Some delegates were saying the caterer would lose money.

The President of the Christian Church of Canada sent a letter to the Disciples inviting them to send a delegation to their Convention, to be held at Altona, June 12th, with a view to a conference to consider the possibility of the union of the two bodies. Of course a delegation (Bros. Lediard and Lhamon) was appointed. It is very much to be desired that a basis, satisfactory to both parties and in harmony with the New Testament, might be found.

Delegates who had never visited London before were greatly pleased with the Forest City. They seemed surprised to find so fine and so well-kept a city. We were quite taken aback when the Londoners claimed to have better water than Hamilton. In fact, they said they had the best water in the world—at least, that there is not and could not be better water in the world. But London is, as yet, unblessed with the electric cars. The tinkle of the bells and the clatter of the horses' feet still are heard in London.

The Disciples were never so well treated by a paper of the place where they held a convention as by the London Advertiser at this meeting. The City Editor of that paper, who has risen step by step to his present responsible position, and who, we predict, will rise still higher in his profession, was frequently at the sessions of the Convention, and reported for himself. That will explain to our people who read the liberal extracts we make from the Advertiser, why the reports have a different flavor, so to speak, to what they have ever had before. The account of some of the discussions will be found spicy. An experienced newspaper man can "size up" a meeting and a discussion briefly and shrewdly. Elsewhere we shall point out one or two misconceptions in the Advertiser's reports. In this place we express the appreciation of our people of the liberal and kindly treatment accorded us by the London Advertiser.

The Advertiser is mistaken in saying that the vote on the Education Committee's report was made unanimous. It was a natural mistake, for "the leader of the opposition" did propose to make the vote unanimous, but in a moment after withdrew the motion. It may be noted here that the amendment did not disapprove of the Bible School or the principal, but appeared to fear a lack of funds to carry on the school. So that the real divergence of opinion was not so great. All should now exert themselves to provide the funds and

make the School a success. And indeed, on Monday morning, those favoring the amendment on Saturday, introduced a resolution urging the Educational Committee to be active in collecting funds for the School. Bro. T. L. Fowler should have the hearty support of all friends of the Co-operation.

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ALFRED C. GROVE, Clerk. Richmond St. Christian Church, Cincinnati, O.

Co-operation Notes.

Contributions.

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Church News.

Items of Church News should be pointed and brief. What can be clearly written on a post card will be usually ample. To ensure prompt insertion all items for this department should be in the editor's hands at least five (5) days before the date of publication.

HARWICH.—The first annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Harwich township was held in Sister McCully's Maple Grove, Creek Road, on Lord's day, June 9th. Bro. Geo. Fowler, the energetic and successful pastor of the London congregation, was the speaker of the occasion. He was greeted by very large audiences, and his presentation of the old, old story, was highly appreciated by all the brethren. Two were added from the secis by statement. R. BULGIN.

HAMILTON.—The brethren will be glad to know that Bro. A. Anderson was able to preach a good sermon, Lord's day morning, June 2nd.

Children's Work.

Mrs. Jas. Lediard, Supt., Owen Sound, Ont. to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

The following sums have been received from May 1st, 1895, to June 1st, 1895:

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JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer.

Kilsyth, June 10th, 1895.

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Report of Board of Managers.*(Continued from page 5.)*

TORONTO.

During the year there have been 281 services held in the church, including the regular preaching services, protracted meeting services, Sunday-school, Endeavor, and prayer-meeting services. This does not include Ladies' Aid, Auxiliary Missionary meetings and a few cottage prayer-meetings.

There have been 33 baptisms, 26 of those baptized have taken membership; some are yet to be received. 33 have been received by letter or commendation, making a total of 59 additions. 13 have been dismissed by letter, leaving a net gain of 46.

There has been a normal growth in every department of our work. The Sunday-school and Endeavor societies will be reported by their representatives at the London meeting. The unity and good fellowship of the church have been a great delight to us all. Nothing has occurred to mar our peace.

I have not kept a record of my calls for the entire year, but upon the basis of the record of the last six months, I estimate them at 650.

Besides help given in a number of instances to our own poor, we sent 105 men to the Salvation Army Shelter for lodgings.

Our means are limited; we are crippled by indebtedness; but we ardently pray for a growing and beneficent work.

W. J. LHAMON.

CECIL STREET, TORONTO.

Our weekly collections for the year averaged a little less than \$29.50 per Sunday, but for the last few months have averaged a little over \$30 per Sunday. In order to pay pastor's salary and current expenses for this next year, it will be necessary for us to raise \$2,400. If the weekly collections keep at the present average, we will have from this source \$1,600; and if Sunday receipts for current expenses are the same as last year (\$50), we will have a total of \$1,650 receipts to meet an absolutely necessary expenditure of \$2,400, leaving us short of funds to the extent of \$750. To help meet this shortage of \$750, we ask the Board to grant us at least the same allowance as last year (\$400), as without this assistance it will be almost impossible for us to get along, for we are now doing our utmost to meet our financial obligations. I might say that in addition to meeting our current expenses, we are expected to pay off \$1000 yearly on our first mortgage debt. Last year we were unable to do anything in this direction, but are making a big effort to pay of \$1,000 on the 20th June next, so that with one thing and another it is a constant struggle to meet our financial obligations. We have every confi-

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dence in the future, as we feel sure that with better times, through God's blessing, we can gradually wipe off our debt, and then instead of being helped we will help others. We have paid off over \$4,000 of our debt since 1891, besides paying up all interest and current expenses. Our debt at present is: First mortgage, \$10,000; second mortgage, \$3,500. Total, \$13,500.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Treas.

GEORGETOWN.

We have not made any great advance in Georgetown during the past year, as the work was rather discouraging when the writer took charge of the work. The prospects at present are more encouraging. Some of the prospects for encouragement are the following:

1st. The increasing harmony that is being manifested among the members that hitherto did not exist.

2nd. Our young people are taking a greater interest in Bible study and the work of the church in general. The Y. P. S. C. E. and Sunday-schools and Ladies' Aid are all doing good work.

Our needs are great, as we have a heavy church debt, and the members are but few who can do much to defray it. We still need help, and as this is a new field and affords many opportunities for sowing the good seed, we ask for the help of the brethren in Ontario to the amount of one hundred dollars.

J. D. STEPHENS, Minister.

LONDON.

In September last, Bro. T. L. Fowler, who was appointed principal of the Bible school established in Toronto by our brethren, tendered his resignation as pastor of the church, to the deep regret of the members and others. At the suggestion of the Ontario Board, Bro. George Fowler, formerly of Guelph, was selected as his brother's successor. He has followed the line laid down by his predecessor, viz:—incessant house to house work, almost every day in the week, and the church has grown rapidly, as the following figures will show: Net membership, 1st June, 1894, 122; increase, 60; decrease, 17; nett membership at date, 165. Since the 1st January last, 46 have been added by baptism and three otherwise added. In addition to these, two have made the good confession, but have not yet been baptized. For some months past, cottage prayer-meetings have been held at the home of Bro. and Sister Hill. Similar meetings have also been held at the residence of Sister Hunt. By this means numbers have been added to the church. Since last report, we have reduced our debt by \$200, besides paying interest on mortgage—\$144. This leaves our indebtedness \$2,200 principal with accrued interest from 6th March last. Taking into consideration the continued depression in business circles, and the fact that the American Board has discontinued their grant, these

results may be regarded with satisfaction. The additions to the church have been from among those possessing little or no means. The increase in financial strength has, therefore, not been commensurate with the growth in numbers. The attendance at our Sunday-school has increased about forty per cent., and a number of the scholars have obeyed the gospel. The other departments of the church are in good working order. The truth has been boldly and faithfully proclaimed by Bro. Fowler. Recently, our house of worship has been crowded every Lord's day evening. Sometimes, numbers could not find seats and were obliged to go elsewhere.

It is evident that the presentation of our plea is making a deep impression on our religious neighbors. Many are heard to express their dissatisfaction with denominationalism. Indications point to a large ingathering during the coming year.

F. MACDONALD, Clerk.

May 28th, 1895.

MANITOULIN ISLAND.

The following are extracts from Bro. Lister's report:

I left for Manitoulin Island in October, and spent, I think, five Lord's days there. I had not time, on account of starting late in the season, to visit several places where work had been done two to four years ago.

I spent two weeks in Mills Township, occupying an Orange hall. One baptism, and a church started with some seven or eight members. They will meet every Lord's day.

I met with the church of Ice Lake, about nine miles from Gore Bay. Two weeks were spent here, but there were no baptisms.

More than a week was spent in the Township of Gordon at a point some five miles from Gore Bay. There were two Disciples and one more added by confession and baptism, a noble and zealous worker.

There are some five or six Disciples in and adjacent to Gore Bay. It is the best village on the island.

There are three other places where churches have been started, but, for reasons not far to seek, have ceased to meet. I might add, the brethren have written to me several times this year. They would very much like to have some one working on the island this coming summer, indeed, they think they could do something to keep a man all the time.

C. J. LISTER.

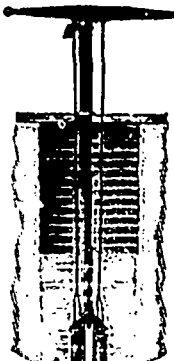
OWEN SOUND.

In making our annual report to Board of Co-operation, we do so with thanksgiving to God and to the brethren: to God, for His blessing on our work, and to the brethren for their help.

This has been the most successful year in our history, the number of additions larger, the regular services better attended. Our Sunday-school has greatly increased, and a number

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of the scholars added to the church. New families have been brought into church relationship with us, and the financial side of the work kept up in a year of general depression. Last year we reported a net membership of 75. We are able to report 95 this year. We have already sent a detailed report to the Board of our work, so need not do so here. Bro. Lediard is still with us. He is faithful and beloved by the congregation. His influence in the town is also increasing.

C. A. FLEMING,
Secretary.

COLLINGWOOD.

Dear Brethren: A call for a report from the church reminds us of how swiftly the years are passing. As a church we have great reason for thankfulness to the Lord. We have passed another year free from all disaster and perfect harmony has prevailed in the church family. As to progressive work, there has been a visible improvement in all departments of church work. The attendance at the Lord's day service, especially in the evening, is much improved. Since our last report, as a result we are getting our plea more fully before the public, and generally, when heard, it is admitted to be correct. If it meets with opposition, it is from those who do not come to hear. Some who have come, heard and accepted the truth, say: "The New Testament to us is a new book, so plain and full of comfort." We are working up a mission point, some seven miles from the town, where the prospects are becoming daily more hopeful. We have no doubt but a good work will be done here in time, which will prove a source of strength to the church in the town.

Prayer Meetings.—The weekly prayer meetings of the church are well attended and full of interest.

Sunday-school.—The Sunday-school, under the charge of Bro. J. D. Stephens, is progressing favorably, and is building up material for the future church. The church has already received recruits from this source, and I am confident that as a people we do not attach the importance to this feature of church work that it demands.

Y. P. S. C. E.—This society has developed during the past year beyond our most sanguine expectation, and is becoming a power for good in the church. It is the best means we have found for developing church talent.

We are profoundly thankful to the Board for its support in the past, and regret that we are compelled to ask it to stand by us this year still. From present prospects we believe that, after this year, with the blessing of the Lord, we will be able to carry on the work without burdening the Board, as in the past.

All of which we respectfully submit.
A. M. FRAME,
Secretary.

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HAMILTON.

In addition to the information given in the blank form sent by the Cor. Sec., the church in Hamilton begs to present the following statement:

We regret not to be able to report a larger number of additions and a smaller number of losses during the year. It is disappointing to us, and we know it must be to the Co-operation. We have always been hoping for better times, financially and spiritually, and it has been our eager desire to make such progress that we might not require to ask any further help from the Co-operation, but might be in a position to lend a helping hand to establish the cause in other places which have been calling for aid and deserve it.

We think we have some encouraging features to report. We have on the whole had a better hearing from the people of the city than in former years, and it is believed that there is a better understanding of our position than a year ago. The location of our meeting-house and the nature of our work are, we are assured, becoming better known.

Our preacher has recently made arrangements whereby he will not be so burdened with the editing and publication of the DISCIPLE as formerly, and it is reasonable to hope that a more constant and systematic attention to the pastoral work will bear speedy fruit.

Our Sunday-school is in a healthy condition, and is approaching a stage when we may expect conversions from it.

We have made an attempt to enlarge our influence in the city by starting a Sunday afternoon meeting in a hall in the east end of the city. We have only held two meetings as yet, and can not judge with certainty as to the numbers who may come to hear us; but we are not without hope that we have entered upon an enterprise which may be of service to the cause of Christ.

The manner in which the members of the church have contributed to the support of the church and to missions is really remarkable, when it is remembered that the dull times have been not only protracted but severe. When people have had little or no work for months, they can not pay their own current expenses, to say nothing of giving to the support of the Gospel. As we look over the financial statement for the year, we wonder how the people have raised so much money. Nothing but devotion to a good cause can account for it.

We thank the Co-operation for the aid given to us so far. We would like to be able to say that we do not need any further help, but that we cannot truthfully say. We therefore ask the Co-operation to give our case favorable consideration, and to do the best it can for the church in Hamilton during the coming year.

R. N. WHEELER, Sec.

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Woman's Work.

Eighth Annual Report of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Another year has passed, and we are again assembled in convention. Looking back over "all the way our God has brought us," can we not see how full of mercy and loving kindness it has been? And shall we not unitedly and with earnest heart praise and bless His Holy Name?

We are glad to report the increasing interest manifested by the sisters of the Maritime provinces who co-operate with us in the foreign department of the work. In the increased expenses of this work they are planning to take a large share.

To them we would tender our heartfelt thanks, also to the children of the Mission Bands who have so generously contributed to the work. We would not forget isolated ones and individuals who, by their prayers, sympathy and gifts, have kept in touch with the work.

At last convention, it was decided to affiliate with the Co-operation for Home work. During the year, \$600 has been paid into their treasury, of which sum \$300 was appropriated by them to the Bible school recently opened in Toronto, the remainder went to help needy churches.

In regard to the auxiliaries there are many encouraging features. A number report more interesting meetings than ever before. In several the membership has increased, and one new auxiliary has been formed.

O. C. W. B. M. Day was more generally observed than in former years, the following churches having contributed: Blenheim, Eowmanville, Collingwood, Erin Centre, Erin Village, Hamilton, Kilsyth, Nassagaweya, Owen Sound, Stayner, St. Thomas, Toronto, Walkerton, West Lorne. A number of open meetings were held, giving an opportunity to the churches of better understanding our work.

We regret to report the dropping out of the ranks of one auxiliary. The inability of the leader to attend the meetings has caused the others to disband. While sympathizing with them, we cannot but feel that a greater willingness to be used in the Master's service would have made it possible for another to fill the place. In some auxiliaries the attendance at the monthly meetings is small, and, while this is often unavoidable on account of distance, we are sorry to say that in some cases no better reason can be given than lack of interest. We feel that we need the help of every woman in the church. We have undertaken a work

both at home and abroad. Surely you will not allow it to fail. If every one, realizing that it is the gracious will of our Redeemer that each disciple of His should have a part in winning the world to Him, would go forward doing "what she could," what a change there would be!

May it not be because of the littleness of our faith that there are among us many unawakened to their responsibility and opportunities?

The report of the Maritime Provinces is as follows:

TO THE ONTARIO C. W. B. M.

DEAR SISTERS: Although we cannot report any very rapid strides that we have made during the past year, yet we can tell of a steadily growing interest in foreign missions, and a larger number of churches contributing to this cause than ever before.

We have one new auxiliary, and one Young People's band doing the same work as an auxiliary.

We now have ten societies, in the following churches: In N. S., Halifax, Milton, Cornwallis, Westport, Southville and Kempt; in N. B., St John and Lord's Cove; in P. E. I., Tignish and East Point.

Several of our churches have not, as yet, organized but show their interest in the work by taking up collections for it. Among these are the following churches and places: In N. S., Shubenacadie, Maitland, Summerville and Lakeville; in N. B., Leonardville, Le Tete, Portland, S. S. and French Village; in P. E. I., New Glasgow, East Point, Montague, Tryon, Eldon, Rildon, Kildare, Charlottetown and Summerside.

At our annual meeting, in September last, a resolution was passed expressing confidence in our missionary, Sister Rioch, and our appreciation of her very earnest and faithful labors; also a resolution that our Christian meetings be sent to the sisters of the Ontario C. W. B. M., expressing to them the great pleasure and profit we find in laboring together with them in this grand work that has been undertaken, and praying that the Lord will continue to bless all our united efforts for the spread of His cause and the salvation of souls.

Trusting that your annual gathering may be one of great blessing to each of you,

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Maritime C. W. B. M.,

MRS. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary.

The amount paid in to our treasury from the sisters of the Maritime Provinces during the year was \$402.

REPORT FROM JAPAN.

2 Kubomachi Otsuka,
Koishikawa Ku, Tokio, Japan,
April 18, 1895.

TO THE ONTARIO AND MARITIME PROVINCES, C. W. B. M.

Dear Sisters: The year has rolled on its golden days till we all are again making preparation for the annual convention. What a happy, joyful year it

has been! In it I have realized more than ever before the joy of being a fellow-worker with you all in the vineyard of our Master, and have learned more of the restfulness there is in putting my whole trust in my Saviour. Truly He has blessed me above all that I could have asked or thought.

Dear sisters, may you have a real, spiritual feast in this your eighth convention. May God's richest blessings be with you in all your efforts for Christ and His church.

The account of my work dating from last year's report to the end of March of the year will not differ materially from last year.

The school on Matsugawa Cho is still a source of great pleasure. The attendance has increased to fifty. There are others who wish to come, but there is really only room for forty.

The Sunday-school has from sixty-seven to seventy in attendance. Since last Christmas I found it absolutely necessary to divide it into classes. O Gin San and O Kura San, whose acquaintance you have already made, are two of the teachers, and right well they do their work.

The only disadvantage in having classes is that it requires more room, and some Sundays, when more than the usual number come, it is really perplexing to know what to do with the scholars. However, I have hopes that some day not very far distant, I may be able to put up a little building that will accommodate all who wish to come. This school is a little more than two years old, and we are beginning to see rich fruits from it. In visiting the parents of the children we found many instances where the children had talked to their parents of Jesus. There were some who wished to know more and came when possible to our meetings; others who found it impossible to attend we visited as often as possible. Am convinced more than ever that the way to reach the people here is through the children.

The woman's meeting has been well attended all year, from six to eight women, besides children, being present at every meeting. We have reaped two souls for the Kingdom from this meeting, and there are others who wish to be Christians but their husbands will not allow them. Still the seed has been sown and God will take care of it.

The school at Yarai cho is the one you remember we found it necessary to move. The new location has not proved satisfactory. The attendance is poor, both in the day and the Sunday schools. The night meeting was closed, as no one came.

Tauamachi school has always been a little model. Here, too, the accommodation is insufficient. The night meeting is encouraging. Have had some inquirers. A woman's meeting, held once a week, was started the beginning of last month. The attendance so far has been very hopeful. Miss Oldham purposes, with funds received from home churches and from her own private means, to build a school and combine Jarai cho and Tana machi schools. The lot has already been secured, and we hope

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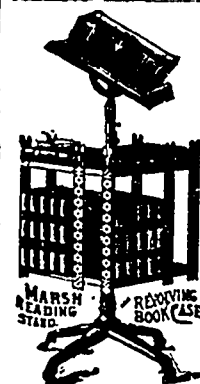
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soon to see building operations begun. Last February the Sunday morning meeting was transferred from our home to the new chapel in Koishi Kawa Ku.

The Sunday school at our home has cost, I think, more labor than any meeting we have; yet for the past year it was so well attended that one felt quite repaid for any trouble, when, just three Sundays before we moved, only one little girl came, who told us the rest would not come. We blamed the priests again, and started to get up another, and had managed to get five children to come when we were obliged to move to another part of the city.

The Bible-lass on Tuesdays was well attended till after Christmas.

A woman's meeting on Tuesday afternoons was started in our home in February. The attendance was rather fluctuating to be satisfactory.

All the year we have had quite a number of inquirers; one of these was persuaded to accept Christ as his Saviour. Also an English pupil of Miss Oldham's, who always attended our meetings regularly, besides being taught by Miss Oldham herself, has become a Christian.

We have done a considerable amount of visiting among the people; sometimes accompanied by our helpers, sometimes alone. There are some places where we are always welcomed, others where, after the first time, we are shown plainly they do not wish us to call, others again who do not welcome us even the first time. Then in order to get our passports we must teach English, so we have had our usual share of this to do.

As much time as possible has been given to the study of the language.

The girls in the Home have been under Miss Wirck's care during the past year. Of my own particular girls O Tomi San and O Sato San became Christians, as also Miss Oldham's little girl. Besides these we have seen five buried with their Saviour in baptism from our U-higome work. There are others from our schools and meetings who wish to accept Christ, but cannot on account of fathers or husbands.

This is the last report I can have the pleasure of giving in connection with Miss Oldham. We have lived together very happily at Enoki Machi for two years; and it was with sad hearts we packed up first her things and sent them to her new home and then, about ten days later, my belongings were taken over to a large, dirty, old, rambling house in Koishi Kawa Ku, which the mission has rented for the Girls' Home and Training School for Bible women. With the aid of carpenter, paper-hanger, etc., we have made the place quite respectable.

On the first of April I was called upon to welcome the girls again to my heart and home, and happy I was to do so, for I had learned to love them very dearly when they were with us before. Henceforth my work is the entire care of these girls. Besides this, the Training School for Bible women has been put under my care.

The mission here, after long and K. D. C. for heartburn and sour stomach.

careful deliberation, decided to take no more girls into the home.

We have so felt our need of Bible-women, that the training school has out of sheer necessity been started. Have had four applications already—two who will support themselves—the other two are willing to do anything in the way of manual labor in order to get the training necessary for the work. Oh, for an industrial school, that this might be possible! And it is possible if the friends at home will take hold and help. One Methodist mission school here has pupils who support themselves by embroidery, hem-stitching, knitting, etc. The articles are sent to America to be sold. They find the demand greater than the supply.

It is very much better to let the Japanese work for their own support instead of just giving it to them. They make better and stronger Christians, and therefore better helpers. Of course if an industrial school is started it will take some time before it can possibly pay for itself. Teachers have to be employed, pupils taught, and after this it would take some time before the work would be ready for the market. Then there is the expense of keeping the pupils in food and clothing during this time. In the meantime, what must I do with those who are ready to work, yet there is no work for them, and we need helpers so much. I have thought much of the great and responsible work which God has seen fit to place in my hands, and tremble upon entering it. I have not accepted it in my own strength, but on His, feeling that He who has given me such a work will with the same give strength to perform it. But how near I must always be to Him to get that strength! Pray for me, dear sisters, that I may never take one step alone. I have felt strengthened, knowing that I had your prayers in the past. Do not fail in this my hour of greatest need.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for your many kindnesses during the year. So many have written helpful, encouraging letters. I must close, wishing you every blessing in your convention. Though not there in person, will be in spirit, and my prayers shall mingle with yours.

"Though sundered far by faith we meet
Around one common mercy-seat."

Lovingly your sister,
MARY M. RIOC.

Portage la Prairie contributed \$7 to the work.

Blenheim—Two sisters contributed to the work.

Glencairn—Heartily in sympathy. Contributed, although not an auxiliary.

Isolated ones in Almonte, Belwood, Burgoyne, Cherry Valley, Iona and Orangeville contribute to our treasury.

The following Sunday-schools remembered the Japan work. Galt, Kilsyth, Portage la Prairie and Cecil St., Toronto.

We cannot close without thanking all who, by faithful, loving service, have aided in the work. Their reward the Master will not overlook. We

trust that the glance we have taken at the things that are behind has not been without its benefits; but we may not linger with the past—its opportunities are forever beyond our grasp. Let us then go forward, increasing our efforts for the extension of the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

L. V. RIOCH,
Cor. Sec.

Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions.

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JENNIE FLEMING,
Treasurer.

Kilsyth, June 10, 1895.

Letter from Sister C. L. Smith.

LONDON, Ont., June 4th, 1895.

DEAR SISTERS OF ONTARIO: Through your kindness, it has been my privilege to attend the June meeting, just closed in London. Having thus met and learned to love a small representation of your sisterhood, I desire to send greetings to the many just as consecrated and lovely who could not be in convention.

Your work has interested me much, and I go back feeling that some of us on "the other side" must look to our laurels. I felt sorry your initials could not have been preserved the same with those of our organization, but as there are some advantages in the new name, we must forego sentimental attachments.

I wish it were in my power to make you understand how assiduously and faithfully your representatives labored on this constitution. For hours together, your committee toiled, writing and re-writing, conferring as to legal points and technicalities that must of necessity enter into such a document. Then their productions were brought before

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the whole body assembled to be read and re-read and read again. Now it was ready for discussion. Each article was taken up and carefully considered. Untiringly your devoted women sat in these deliberations, denying themselves the privilege of the Co-operation sessions, and scarce taking time so much as to eat or to sleep. When the last article, the last section and the last amendment, had been discussed and adopted, they still felt that their work was imperfect in some details. The most efficient and conscientious workers find it most difficult to satisfy themselves, for their ideals are highest. If you, my sisters, possessed of the same high ideals, detect some imperfections in the finished work, you will remember the prayers, the labors, the weariness with which it was accomplished, and say "It is good." The defects, if such there really be, will remedy themselves with time and experience. If all will labor as hard to carry out the best intents of the constitution as these sisters have done to frame it, a marvelous era is before you.

The discussion as to the apportionment of funds for home and foreign work seemed complicated by the fact that some auxiliaries send in their contributions labeled "For home work only," while not a few ticket and check their funds straight through to the "foreign" field. Now the field is the world, and I would urge upon all auxiliaries the advantage of leaving your officers free to carry out the instructions and resolutions of the conventions, in whose decisions you will always be entitled to a voice. Decide in convention assembled what will be the best plan of work for the year, and what amount or per cent. of funds shall be appropriated to this or that special point. Then turn

your funds into the treasury, trusting your chosen board of officers to distribute according to the wisdom of the annual decisions. If your money and reports are promptly sent in this way to the proper person and place your Board may know for months in advance what to depend upon, and plan systematically for all expenditures. Try it, this year, and if all is not done as you think it should be, send up your well instructed delegate to the next convention to help correct the error. I think all will readily see the helpfulness of such a course.

Your convention wisely planned to enlarge the work in all directions, voting increased sums to Miss Rioch for much needed helpers and facilities for her school and industrial training department, and increased sums, as well, to the development of work in Canada.

Let us so far as possible lay aside the man made article in our creed which speaks of HOME and foreign, or FOREIGN and home.

With loving interest and sympathy in your work for the Master, I append these lines expressive of the same thought as above:

I had a dream the other night,
Just 'tween the darkness and the light.
Methought an angel came to me,
And standing there, so fair to see,
A heavenly halo round his head,
In tones like sweetest music said:
'Your many earnest prayers are heard,
Of this I came to bring you word.
You daily pray: 'Thy will be done
From set of sun to set of sun;
Help us, that we may loyal be,
And sound Thy praise from sea to sea.'
Now, come with me to yonder height.
Then, in the morning's dawning light,
He showed me all the tribes of earth;
Their depths of woe, their want, their worth.

I saw Columbia's loved shores strewn
With cities, fair to look upon,
But undermined with sin and shame.
Striving for naught but wealth and fame.

I heard the Hindu widow's moan;
I heard the Chinese mother's groan.
I saw the universal grief
Of ignorance and unbelief.
I felt the universal woe
Of those who to their idols bow.
I saw the emptiness of life,
With all its struggle, all its strife,
With aught but Heaven for its end,
If filled with aught but Christ's command.

I waited then with bowed head,
Until my angel sweetly said:
'Think you the Father's will is done
In all the circuit of the sun?
Think you 'tis not his loving will
That you His mandate should fulfill?
How shall all nations praise His name,
Except His children go proclaim
The wonders of His love and grace
To every tribe, in every place?
For this great need have you been spent?

To this great end hast gone or sent?
My child, who prays in words alone,
As well might bow to wood and stone.
He who by works his faith doth prove,
Will bring rich blessing from above."
My angel stopped, and, with a sigh
Of pity, waited my reply.
With heavy heart and still bowed head,
"The home field is so great," I said.
"Wouldst have me go beyond the sea
While here at home there's need for me?"

While we have heathen at our doors
Wouldst have us spend for foreign shores?"
"Ah, reads it so, the great command:
'Go preach the Christ in your home land?"

Convert the heathen at your door,
Then go to, what's that? 'foreign shore?"

I never heard our King so say,
And if perchance it reads that way—
But there's the Book you call your creed,
Just find the place and let us read.

'To every creature—All the world—
Must our Lord's banner be unfurled.'
I find not 'Home' and 'Foreign field,'
But every tongue must homage yield.
Your prayers no longer reach the throne,
If thou but sayest, 'Thy will be done,'
Go give yourself, forsake your friends,
Go give your means to Heaven's great ends,

Then let God's call come, when or where,
Lo, He is with you always there."
'Twas but a dream. Some dreams are true,
And reading the old commission thro',
With the heroic life of Paul,
You'll find no flaw in this at all.
We're adding to or taking from
Whene'er we prate of "foreign" and
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I could hobble around on crutches.

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Need Taught by Possession.

BY ANNA D. BRADLEY.

A friend of mine has just had her house re-modelled and enlarged, and is wonderfully well pleased with the change. Yesterday she conducted me all over it, and as I commented upon the new beauty and luxury, she said:

"Now that I have it, it seems I have been needing it all the while; only," she added, laughingly, "I did not know it. My ignorance of all this added space and convenience is all that has been making me contented."

We chatted on pleasantly as we wandered through the beautiful rooms. That evening I read from C. H. Spurgeon, "I verily believe that many people discover their needs only by receiving their supply."

I paused and recalled my experience of the morning when my friend told me she had only been content with her former mode of living because she had not known her need of better things.

Often it is thus in spiritual matters. We do not, we cannot, know the precious comfort of having a Saviour always near to guide and bless, until we have really felt the warm clasp of His helping hand and yielded to Him our every care. I think the gentle Master fore-saw all this, and so He only said, "Believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved."

"Ah, but," says one, casting a stumbling block in his own way "I would believe on Christ if I could feel any need of His help. I am not penitent. My heart is as cold as stone. The thunders of the law do not affright me, neither do the wooings of love have power to melt my spirit."

Ah! what a fearful stumbling block is this, and how many souls have fallen across it, only to sink in deeper darkness than before.

But, praise God, it has never been said: "Whosoever *feels the need of* Christ shall be saved." Nor even, "He whose heart responds to the wooings of His love." It only cries, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish, but shall have everlasting life."

Lately there was the possibility of a smallpox epidemic in our city. The authorities ordered every child in the public schools to be vaccinated. Some few, in the diseased vicinity, felt the need of prevention before they obeyed, many thousands realized no special need, but still obeyed, and all alike received immunity from the disease. Nature had decreed that vaccination should be a safeguard from smallpox. Feeling, desire for protection—no mat-

ter what the motive which prompted one to yield to the order of the city council, counted as nothing. Those who, in time, were properly vaccinated were saved; many, who neglected, fell a victim to the loathsome disease.

"Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life."

Just believe, that is the condition upon which hangs eternal life. We cannot realize our need of Christ until once Christ is ours. A thousand times more do I realize my need of a Saviour to-day than I did when I first resolved to trust His saving power, and every day is the knowledge pressed more keenly home to my hungry, dependent heart, "He that BELIEVETH is not condemned." Belief will not only bring us into communion with Christ, but the heart, now so hard, will melt at the sight of love so divine; and the terrors of the law will seem more frightful when we, looking backward, are enabled to realize our escape. Indeed, there is often no way by which we can realize our need save by receiving our supply. The heathen cannot know his need of a higher social, mental or spiritual life; but when these are pressed upon him, and he begins to feel their influence, then does he commence to realize something of his need.

A few years ago an agent came to my house with an article for domestic use, of which I had never even heard. Of course, I had felt no need of it; how could I? But when he showed it to me, and explained its use, I saw it was the very thing which I had long been needing, but I did not know it. In truth, "it filled a long felt want" of which I had been densely ignorant. When I became accustomed to its use I was wont to wonder how I had so long managed without it; and every day I feel more and more the need of what, once, I knew nothing at all.

"WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH!"

I wish I could sound out those words so clearly that never again would a soul fear to trust—just as it is—a Saviour's wondrous love. Where faith leads, all other gifts will follow. Repentance, love, a sense of need, knowledge of pardon—everything—is his wish, whether in sunlight or in shadow, will boldly, or even tremblingly, say—"I believe on Jesus as my only and all-sufficient Saviour, and I trust the promise that, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life!"

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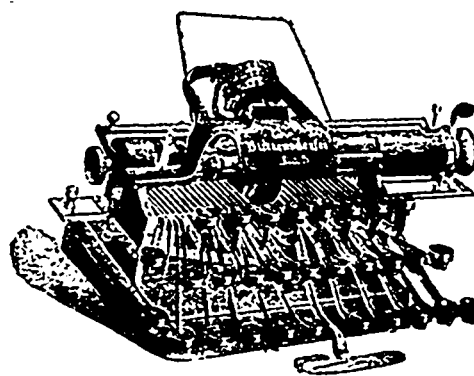
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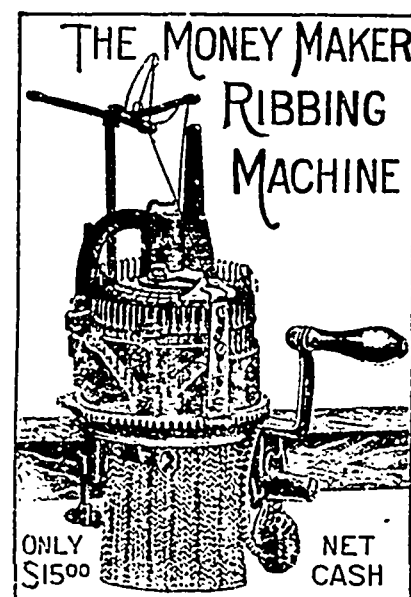
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