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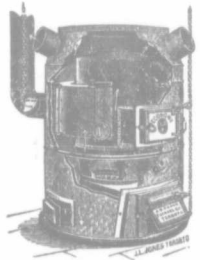
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PREFACE.

THE "Year Book" for '97-'98 has not appeared as early as the Compiler anticipated, owing to the late meeting of some of the Associations, and the difficulty of obtaining copy essential to its completion. Foot notes, in explanation of failure to receive new matter, are not pleasant to the reader, and the writer sincerely regrets that notwithstanding promises and repeated correspondence some returns must appear as last year or not at all.

The names of Associational Secretaries of Boards are omitted, as they could not be ascertained until too late for publication. Those desiring to know them will require to apply to the heads of the different departments.

While the records of the past year may not total as largely in some respects as in other years, we trust that the hopeful, prayerful, confident spirit of the last Annual Convention will enable us to write of larger things in the future.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, guard the hearts and the thoughts of His servants in Christ Jesus.

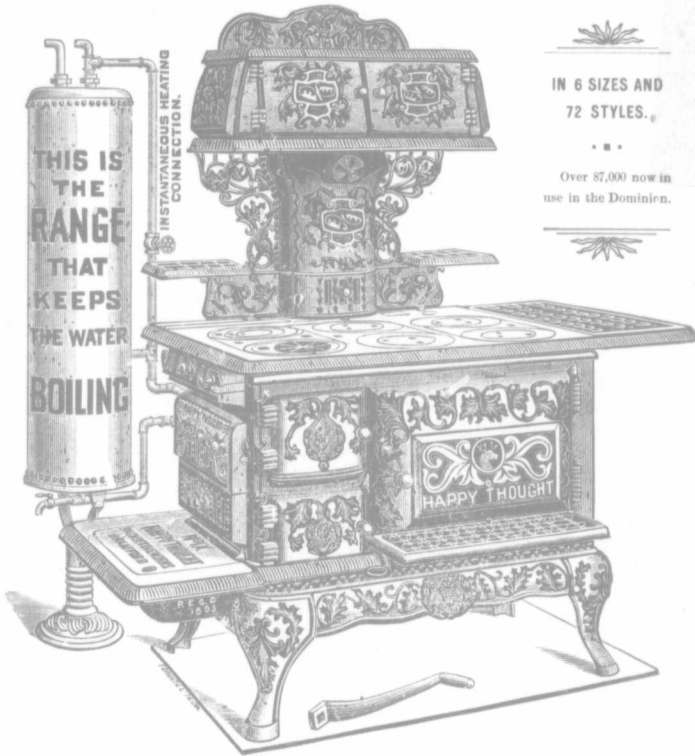
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC FOR 1897.

LONDON, ONT., May 25th, 1897.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, under the new charter, was held in the Talbot Street Baptist Church, London, beginning May 25th, at 8 p.m., President Johnson in the chair.

After devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. W. J. McKay, B.A., B.D., of Stratford, the President delivered the annual address. Subject, "The Problem of Increasing Unbelief."

Dr. Cooper, of Richmond, Virginia, being present, was called to the platform, and conveyed the greetings of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Convention was then called upon to elect the Officers and Committees, with the following result:

OFFICERS.

President, Rev. Ira Smith; 1st Vice-President, Rev. J. L. Gilmour, 2nd Vice-President, D. Bentley, Esq.; Sec.-Treas., D. M. Mihell.

COMMITTEES.

E *Enrollment*—Brethren G. B. Davis, J. H. Sowerby and R. W. Sawtell.

A *Arrangements*—Brethren T. S. Johnson, W. M. Walker, W. J. McKay and T. W. Charlesworth.

R *Resolutions*—Brethren D. Hutchinson, E. W. Dadson, D. Spencer, W. M. Corkery, D. Dack and B. D. Thomas.

Obituaries—Brethren D. Hutchinson, George Richardson, W. H. Cline and James Grant.

Scrutineers—Brethren Joshua Roberts, J. R. Webb, C. C. McLaurin, C. H. Emerson, and G. B. Davis.

Auditors—Dr. F. J. Patten and F. K. Bell, Esq., St. George.

The Convention then adjourned with prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. Cooper, of Richmond, Va.

WEDNESDAY, May 26th, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

After devotional exercises conducted by Bro. C. H. Kimball, who spoke to the subject, "Jesus Christ as a Man of Prayer," the Convention was called to order by the President, Ira Smith, for the transaction of business.

Before the beginning of the business of the session, the President introduced Mayor Little, who addressed the assembled delegates in a short speech full of humor and point, also welcoming the Convention to the city in behalf of himself and his colleagues.

The minutes of the previous session were then read and adopted, after which the Chairman of the Committee of

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Arrangements reported, recommending the acceptance of the programme as printed.

Supt. McEwen requested that the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board be read in the afternoon, which request was granted.

The report of the Church Edifice Board was presented by the Secretary, Bro. P. C. Parker. After some discussion its adoption was moved by Bro. B. D. Thomas, and seconded by Bro. James Grant.

On motion the following were elected to fill vacancies on the Board: Brethren E. Hooper, Ira Smith and C. H. Kimball.

On motion the Committee of Arrangements was appointed a Committee on Pulpit Supply.

The report of the Committee on "State of the Religion in the Churches" was presented by Bro. C. Goodspeed, Chairman of the Committee.

It was moved and seconded that the report be received (at a later stage of the proceedings it was adopted). After considerable discussion, the time for adjournment having arrived, Bro. C. H. Kimball moved that the Committee on Arrangements provide time for further discussion.

Adjourned with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, May 26th, 1897.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Second Vice-President D. Bentley in the chair. After devotional exercises, the Committee of Arrangements reported that the discussion of the report on "State of Religion," be resumed sometime during the afternoon session.

On motion of Bro. Ira Smith, seconded by Bro. J. P. McEwen, a Committee consisting of Brethren D. B. Thomas, O. C. S. Wallace, E. W. Dadson, Ira Smith and C. Goodspeed, was appointed to draft a resolution to be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, in honor of this her jubilee year.

It having been stated by the Secretary, that according to the present rule of the Convention governing the formation of the Executive Committee, the name of the Chancellor of the

University could not be included, it was ordered, on motion of Bro. A. P. McDiarmid, that henceforth the Chancellor of the University be a member of said Committee.

Supt. McEwen then read the Annual Report of the Home Mission Board, and this was followed by the presentation of the Treasurer's Report by Bro. E. T. Fox.

The adoption of the report of the Board was moved by Bro. J. F. Barker and seconded by Bro. J. R. Webb.

The following were elected to fill vacancies on the Board: Bro. Jno. E. Trotter, for one year, to take the place of Bro. L. G. Carter, deceased; Brethren John Stark, Jas. Ryrie, W. T. Graham, to fill the places of those retiring this year.

Rev. W. J. Clark, of the First Presbyterian Church, of the city, being present, was introduced and spoke a few words.

Bro. William Corkery addressed the Convention, speaking to the subject, "Relation of the Churches to Home Mission Work."

Prof. J. H. Farmer was then called upon to give the first of his series of expositions of the Epistle to the Colossians.

Meeting adjourned with benediction.

WEDNESDAY, May 26th, 1897.

EVENING SESSION.

Platform meeting in the interest of Home Missions. Second Vice-President D. Bentley in the chair.

After devotional exercises, addresses were delivered by Bro. W. W. McMaster, subject, "Our Interest in Home Missions and How to Increase It;" and by Bro. V. H. Cowsert, subject, "Home Missions, our Duty to Support Them."

The following resolution was moved by Bro. P. C. Parker, seconded by Bro. C. Goodspeed, and carried:—

Resolved—That this Convention authorize the Executive of the Home Mission Board to ratify the nominations of the Associational Home Mission Chairmen as members of the Home Mission Board.

A collection for Home Missions was lifted, amounting to \$36.00.

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction.

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THURSDAY, May 27th, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The devotional hour was in charge of Bro. H. P. Welton, who spoke to the subject, "Jesus Christ Dealing with Individual Souls."

At 10 o'clock President Smith took the chair, and after devotional exercises called for the reading of the minutes, which on motion were adopted.

Rev. R. Hobbs, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. M. P. Talling, of the Presbyterian Church, being present, were introduced to the Convention, and spoke a few words of kindly greeting.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by Secretary A. P. McDiarmid. Its adoption was moved by Bro. J. P. McEwen, and seconded by Bro. D. Bentley. After some discussion the report was on motion received.

Nominations having been received to fill vacancies on the Foreign Board, after the casting and counting of the ballots, the scrutineers reported the following elected: Brethren J. S. N. Shenstone, A. A. Ayer and R. R. McKay.

Bro. D. Dack then addressed the Convention, subject, "Present Outlook of the World Field."

Session closed with prayer and benediction.

THURSDAY, May 27th, 1897.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Smith in the chair. After devotional exercises, Bro. J. L. Gilmour was introduced as First Vice-President of the Convention.

Communications were read by the Secretary from the Dominion Alliance and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. These, on motion, were placed in the hands of the Committee on Resolutions to frame suitable replies, and to recommend the names of four brethren to represent the Convention at the next meeting of the Alliance.

Bro. McDiarmid then moved the following:—

Resolved—That authority be given to the Executive of the Foreign Mission Board to confirm the appointment of Foreign Mission Secretaries by the Associations, constituting them members of the Board. Carried.

The Convention, on motion, authorized the Secretary to pay the Sexton of the Church \$10 for his services during its sessions.

The First Vice-President, Bro. Gilmour, taking the chair, called for the reading of the paper by Bro. C. Goodspeed, subject, "What do the Scriptures Teach Respecting the Condition of the Heathen?"

This was followed by an address by Bro. W. H. Cline, subject, "What do the Scriptures Teach Respecting the Obligations of Christians to the Unevangelized World?"

Considerable discussion arose *re* a motion passed by the Convention two years ago, confining the appropriations of the Board to the income of the previous year. As a result of this a motion and an amendment were presented. These led to more discussion, and after some time it was, on motion, resolved to adjourn the matter until the close of the evening meeting.

Prof. Farmer then gave his second exposition in Colossians.

Meeting adjourned with benediction.

THURSDAY, May 27th, 1897.

EVENING SESSION.

Platform meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. President Smith conducted the opening exercises, when Bro. S. S. Bates, Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, took charge of the meeting, calling upon the Secretary, Bro. A. P. McDiarmid, who spoke in line with the report read at the morning session.

This was followed with an address by Bro. E. Grigg, subject, "Practical Mission Work in Burmah."

Bro. J. G. Brown, just arrived from Vuyyuru, India, spoke also of his "Personal Experiences in Mission Work in India."

A collection for Foreign Missions was taken, amounting to \$65.91.

The postponed discussion of the afternoon being resumed, after some time had passed a motion to adjourn was carried, and the motions under consideration were laid on the table. The motions referred to are as follows:—

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Moved by Bro. R. Lennie, seconded by Bro. E. Grigg,

(1) That the resolution limiting the Board in expenditure to the amount of the previous year be rescinded, and that the Board be empowered to use their best judgment in providing the means to send out our brethren Craig and Davis, and their families.

Moved by Bro. C. Goodspeed, seconded by Bro. W. H. Porter,

(2) *Resolved*—That this Convention suspend the resolution of 1895, for this year, and empower the Foreign Mission Board to appeal to our Churches for an amount in excess of the income of last year sufficient to return brethren Craig and Davis to their fields and support them during the year.

Meeting adjourned with benediction.

FRIDAY, May 28th, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The devotional hour was in charge of Bro. Thos. Shields, whose subject was, "Jesus Christ in the Ordinary Relationships of Life."

After devotional exercises, with President Smith in the chair, the minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

President Smith then read the following as a suggestion:—

The circumstances of yesterday are sufficient to indicate the need of having an accepted system of parliamentary practice. In my judgment the work of Dr. Bourinot upon that subject would be the best one for us as Canadians to adopt. It is equally apparent that we should draft and adopt some By-laws or Rules of Order, and that a book should be kept by the Secretary in which should be recorded all resolutions which have the force of rules. I would suggest that the Executive Committee be requested to draft such Rules of Order and present them to this Convention as a notice of motion, in order that immediately after the Constitution of the Convention of 1898 these may be adopted by the body and come into immediate operation.

This, on motion of Bro. L. S. Hughson, was referred to the Executive Committee to consider and report at the next annual meeting.

Rev. A. J. Ferguson and Rev. Robt. Johnston, of the Methodist and Presbyterian Church respectively, were introduced.

The time having come for the presentation of the work of Grande Ligne, and there being no formal report prepared, addresses were delivered *re* the same by Brethren W. T.

Graham and A. L. Therrien, the latter answering a number of questions.

The meeting adjourned with benediction.

FRIDAY, May 28th, 1897.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President Smith in the chair.

After devotional exercises, Chancellor Wallace read the Report of the Senate and Board of Governors. The adoption of this report was moved by Chancellor Wallace, seconded by Bro. C. J. Holman.

Principals McCrimmon and Dicklow, being introduced, addressed the Convention in line with the special work in which they are engaged.

The following were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Governors:—Brethren F. Tracy, C. J. Holman, D. Hutchinson, and D. W. Karn.

Bro. E. T. Fox moved the appointment of Brethren W. H. Porter, C. Goodspeed and T. H. Rand to convey the greetings of the Convention to the Maritime brethren.

Prof. J. H. Farmer closed his series of expositions in Colossians, and the thanks of the Convention were tendered him for the same.

Adjourned with benediction.

FRIDAY, May 28th, 1897.

EVENING SESSION.

After the opening exercises, conducted by President Smith, Chancellor Wallace took the chair, presiding over a platform meeting held in the interests of our educational work.

Before calling upon the speakers of the evening the Committee on Memorial to the Queen reported through Bro. D. B. Thomas, Chairman, as follows:—

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty—

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in London, Ontario, May, 1897, desire to send to your Majesty their grateful and affectionate greeting.

Recognizing that your Majesty, distinguished by God's grace as queen, wife, mother and friend, has conferred, by gentle queenly dignity and gracious Christian fidelity unspeakable blessings upon the great philanthropic and Christian enterprises which have so flourished within the Empire during your Majesty's long and happy reign, and especially upon the homes of the people high and low, rich and poor alike, we feel that we would be wanting in fidelity to your Majesty's person and in gratitude to Almighty God, if we did not at this time join with your Majesty's loyal and loving subjects in all parts of the Empire in giving expression to the sentiments of appreciation, thanksgiving and devotion which we cherish.

Praying that the peace of Him whom we worship as king of kings and lord of lords, may abide forever with our gracious and beloved Queen.

We beg to subscribe ourselves,

In behalf of the Convention,

Your Majesty's grateful and dutiful subjects,

D. M. MIHELL,

Secretary

IRA SMITH,

President.

Its adoption was moved by Bro. Jas. Grant, and seconded by Bro. C. A. Eaton. This was adopted by a standing vote and the singing of a verse of "God Save the Queen."

The Committee of Arrangements reported that the adjourned discussion of the policy governing the action of the Foreign Mission Board would be resumed on Monday, at 11 o'clock.

Two addresses were then delivered, the first by Bro. R. R. McKay, subject, "The Purpose of Our Educational Institutions and What We Owe to Them;" the second, by Rev. Thos. J. Villers, of Syracuse, N. Y., subject, "Martin Brewer Anderson."

At the close of these addresses, the Committee on Resolutions, through the Chairman, Bro. D. Hutchinson, presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:—

Moved by Bro. D. Hutchinson, seconded by Bro. P. C. Parker,

Whereas we as a Baptist people in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, have been highly privileged in possessing in the providence of God exceptional facilities for the work of Christian education, and

Whereas a most gratifying measure of success has rested upon each department now under our control.

Resolved, that we continue to use every means at our disposal to supply Woodstock College, Moulton Ladies' College, and McMaster University, with students to fill our halls, and that we shall not cease to pray for their extended usefulness and success.

This motion having been adopted, the meeting adjourned with benediction.

SATURDAY, May 29th, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The services of the devotional hour were conducted by Bro. L. McKinnon, his subject being "Jesus Christ the Prophet."

President Smith in the chair. The minutes were read and approved.

Some time was given to the introduction of Bro. Stevens, of Niagara Falls, late of Little Rock, Arkansas; of Bro. C. Roberts, of Petrolia, late of England, and of Bro. A. T. Dykeman, of Peterboro, late of Nova Scotia.

The report on Manitoba and North-West Missions was read by Bro. G. B. Davis, with supplementary statements by Bro. Alex. Grant.

Bro. G. B. Davis moved the adoption of the report, Bro. C. A. Eaton seconding.

The discussion of the above report not being finished when the hour for adjournment arrived, it was on motion decided to hold an afternoon session, to begin at 2.30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned with benediction.

SATURDAY, May 29th, 1897.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After devotional exercises the discussion of the Manitoba, North-west and British Columbia work was resumed.

Bro. Ira Smith moved that the Convention resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the question before the body, with Second Vice-President D. Bentley in the chair.

After considerable discussion, three resolutions dealing with the matter were finally referred to a Committee consisting of Brethren J. P. McEwen, A. Grant, D. Spencer, D. Bentley, A. Murdoch, C. Goodspeed, C. A. Eaton and W. H. Cline. This Committee was instructed to take these resolutions, and the whole question before the house, into consideration and report to the Convention Monday, at 11 o'clock.

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The Committee then rose and resolved itself into the Convention, with President Smith in the chair.

On motion the Committee on Manitoba, &c., of last year were reappointed, with Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Wells, of the Ontario Indian Committee, as members of the same.

The Manitoba report was then adopted, and the meeting adjourned with benediction.

LORD'S DAY, May 30th, 1897.

MORNING SERVICE.

11 a.m.—Foreign Mission Sermon. Preacher—Rev. W. W. Weeks, Walmer Road Baptist Church, Toronto. Text—John xx., 19, 20 and 21.

AFTERNOON SERVICE.

3 p.m.—Educational Sermon. Preacher—Rev. W. E. Norton, Owen Sound. Text—II. Cor. iv., 5.

EVENING SERVICE.

7 p.m.—Home Mission Sermon. Preacher—Rev. C. A. Eaton, M.A., Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto. Text—John i., 4.

MONDAY, May 31st, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

The devotional hour was in charge of Bro. Wm. Prosser, speaking to the subject, "Jesus Christ the Priest."

With President Smith in the chair, the business of the Convention was resumed. After devotional exercises the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Publication Board was read by Bro. G. R. Roberts.

The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. P. K. Day-foot, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Cline. The report being adopted, the following were elected to fill vacancies on the Board: Brethren W. K. McNaught, D. Spencer and E. W. Dadson.

Reference being made to the sermons of Sunday, it was, on motion, decided that the brethren who preached in behalf of the

various objects, be requested to send their sermons for publication in the "Canadian Baptist."

Notice of Motion of Bro. L. S. Hughson, *re* Board of Estimates—

Notice is hereby given that at the next Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, a motion will be made with the intent of establishing a "Board of Estimates." This Board shall consist of two representatives of each Board operating under the Charter of this Convention, and one representative of each Board or Society, connected with our churches, applying to this Convention for recognition and recognized by it, together with representatives appointed by the Convention at large. To this Board the proposed estimates of each Board or Society, soliciting funds from the constituency of this Convention, shall be presented for consideration at least _____ days before the Annual Meeting of Convention. In considering the estimates of each Board, the Board of Estimates shall base their calculations upon the receipts of the closing year, together with a just and wise discernment of future probabilities of increase or decrease. Special exigencies shall likewise be taken into consideration. This Board shall meet the day immediately preceding the first day of each Annual Meeting of Convention. The rule of the Convention, restricting the estimates of each Board to the income of the closing year, is hereby cancelled as a rule, and established as a recommendation.

The discussion of the policy that must govern the Foreign Mission Board in their appropriations was resumed. After a statement by the Chairman of the Board, the discussion was confined to the matter of taking up Mission work in Bolivia, South America, with the result that the following resolution was moved by Bro. J. H. Farmer, and seconded by Bro. J. B. Kennedy:—

Resolved—That in view of the seeming leading of God, this Convention encourage the Foreign Mission Board to open a new mission in Bolivia, when special subscriptions are provided, covering a period of three years, to meet the estimated expenses." Carried.

The Convention in prayer commended the undertaking to God, asking His blessing on the same.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the work in Manitoba and British Columbia, reported as follows:—

The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, in session at London, Ont., to the Baptist Home Mission Board of the United States:

DEAR BRETHREN.—We have received a telegram from British Columbia informing us that you have thought it advisable to withdraw further aid to the Baptist Home Mission work there. We wish to convey to you our grateful acknowledgment for the broad-minded and generous way in which you have given help to the work there, and are still assisting a department of the work in Manitoba and the North-West. Permit us also to present to you a few facts, in the hope that

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when you are fully informed, you may see your way clear to continue to aid our brethren on the Pacific Coast.

We have a constituency in Ontario and Quebec of less than 40,000 resident church members. Nearly half our churches have not reached self support, still requiring the fostering care of our own Home Mission Board. Upon this small constituency, thus constituted, there rests the full responsibility for a Home Mission work, which, with the most rigid economy, requires an expenditure of over \$120,000 per annum. We have also a Foreign Mission work which needs over \$30,000 a year to support what we have already undertaken. In both these great departments of work there is imperative demand for expansion, involving increased outlay. In addition to this there are our Ministerial Education, our Superannuated Ministers, and our Church Edifice works to maintain and enlarge.

We have also upon us chief responsibility for the maintenance and enlargement of the work in Manitoba and the North-West, where it is all important that we lay hold of the budding promise of its spring-time of opportunity, and which must make larger demands as immigration pours in its various nationalities. The chief responsibility is also ours with the Grande Ligne work among the 2,000,000 French Catholics of the Dominion.

Under these circumstances, hindered as we are in our comparative weakness by such various forms of work which have almost unlimited possibilities of enlargement, and demanding an ever increasing expenditure, we are sure you will not think we wish to shirk our legitimate responsibility, if we shrink from assuming, as an additional burden, the work which you propose to lay down. We only fear we shall be altogether unable to provide the funds necessary to push the work in British Columbia as this its day of supreme opportunity demands. Permit us, therefore, to urge you very earnestly to reconsider the action taken in the light of these facts, to see whether you may not consistently, with all the claims made upon you in the support of your great work in your own land, continue to hold out a helping hand to the weak Province which owes so much to you for past aid, or at least until such time as shall give us opportunity to adjust ourselves to this additional claim upon our resources.

Signed on behalf of the Convention,

D. M. MIHELL, *Secretary.*

The report to be forwarded as correspondence to the American Baptist Home Mission Board.

The following resolution was also presented, the adoption of the report and of the resolution being moved by Bro. C. Goodspeed, and seconded by Bro. D. Spencer:—

That whereas the brethren in British Columbia appeal to this Convention for aid in their missionary work, on account of the financial inability of our United States brethren to assist them further, be it resolved, that in the event of this decision being final, the Ontario Committee for Manitoba and the North-West be instructed to conduct correspondence with the British Columbian brethren respecting the work, and if, after careful enquiry, it be found necessary to give consideration to their request, a proportionate amount shall be added to the estimate for the North-West, to be presented to our churches

along with, and as a part of, the one appeal by the same agent, and under the direction of the Ontario Committee.

In reference to the proposal to take steps to organize a Dominion Convention, your Committee think the time has not yet come when it can be made practicable. It might be well for the people to take the thought into their consideration so as to be prepared to take intelligent action in the future.

On motion Brethren C. A. Eaton and J. H. Farmer were added to the Manitoba Committee.

On motion the morning session of Tuesday was fixed to begin at 9 a.m., with the resumption of business at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Meeting adjourned with prayer.

MONDAY, May 31st, 1897.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Second Vice-President D. Bentley in the chair.

After devotional exercises, the work of Sunday Schools was introduced by the reading of the Annual Report by Bro. R. D. Warren, Chairman of the Sunday School Committee.

The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. G. T. Webb, and seconded by Bro. T. J. Bennett.

An address was then delivered by Bro. F. Tracy, subject, "Bible History and Bible Theology and Their Importance to Our Scholars."

A paper was read by Bro. W. J. McKay, subject, "The Problem of Sunday School Literature."

After some discussion it was moved and carried that item No. 4 be struck out of the report.

The following were elected to serve as Sunday School Committee:—Brethren R. D. Warren, G. T. Webb, J. L. Gilmour, F. Tracy, A. Stewart, G. R. Roberts, T. A. Menhennick, and W. J. McKay.

The question of expenses of the Sunday School Committee being introduced, the Secretary-Treasurer was, on motion, instructed to pay the same. Amount, \$10.00.

The question of Convention expenses and publication of Year Book being introduced, it was deferred as the first order of business Tuesday morning.

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Bro. J. L. Gilmour then gave his first exposition of the Epistle to the Galatians.

Adjourned with prayer and benediction.

MONDAY, May 31st, 1897.

EVENING SESSION.

After opening exercises conducted by President Smith, the Chairman of the Manitoba Committee, Bro. D. Spencer, took the chair, introducing first Bro. E. W. Dadson, who spoke to the subject, "Grande Ligne." This was followed by an address by Mrs. Owen, representing the Indian Committee, presenting some facts and motives *re* the Indian work in the North-West. Bro. J. H. Farmer spoke to the subject, "North-West Missions."

On the suggestion of President Smith, Bro. Reekie, the prospective Missionary to Bolivia, was called to the platform that he might be seen and heard.

Bro. Alex. Grant, as a representative of the Manitoba and North-West, addressed the Convention *re* mission work in the West.

A collection was taken, to be equally divided between Manitoba and Grande Ligne, amounting to \$39.12.

Adjourned with prayer.

TUESDAY, June 1st, 1897.

MORNING SESSION.

Bro. W. Hartley led in the devotional exercises, presenting the subject, "Jesus Christ the King."

At 9.30 President Smith took the chair, and calling for the minutes. The same were read and approved.

The first order of business was the expenses of the Convention, publication of Year Book, etc. After some discussion the following motion was carried:—

Moved by Bro. J. P. McEwen, seconded by Bro. W. J. McKay,

That the Secretary order 4,000 copies of the Year Book and distribute to the churches that have paid their assessment for Convention purposes, and fill the orders of the churches that have agreed to pay

10 cents per copy, and offer the balance for sale through the "Baptist" at 10 cents per copy. The balance that remains on his hands to be distributed as in his judgment may seem best among the churches that have not been supplied.

The report of the Ministerial Superannuation Board was read by Bro. W. H. Cline, the Treasurer's report being presented by Bro. C. H. Raymond.

The adoption of the report was moved by Bro. W. H. Porter, and seconded by Bro. Frank Sanderson.

After considerable discussion the report was adopted, and on recommendation of the Board a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the whole matter of the Ministerial Superannuation Board, and report at the next Annual Meeting of the Convention. The Committee to consist of Brethren F. Sanderson, W. H. Cline, John Stark, S. A. Dyke, J. Dempsey, C. Raymond and Jas. Coutts.

The following were elected to fill vacancies on the Board: Brethren E. W. Dadson, John Firstbrook and Thos. White.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through the Chairman, Bro. D. Hutchinson:—

(1) Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 20th.

A communication having been presented from the Governor-General, the Secretary was instructed to suitably acknowledge the same, and also recommend to the churches that they comply with the request it contains, said request being the holding of a Thanksgiving Service Sunday, June 20th, in connection with the Diamond Jubilee

(2) Home Missions.

Whereas the Home Mission Society of Ontario and Quebec has been used in the Providence of God in the planting and nurturing of about 250 out of the 430 Baptist churches in these two Provinces; and in view of the fact that there are towns, villages and counties in the older settled portions of these Provinces, also new districts opening up for settlement, such as the Rainy River, Temiscamanque and Mattavia districts;

Resolved, that this Convention pledges itself to maintain and prosecute to the utmost extent of its ability our Home Missionary work, believing that in so doing we are carrying out the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, who said: "Go make disciples of all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Carried.

(3) Foreign Missions.

Rejoicing in the grace of God, which is come unto us in Jesus Christ, who died for us, and finding therein the only hope of salvation for men who, without distinction, are by nature under the just condemnation of God, and believing that we are stewards entrusted with the gospel, by which God's love and saving power are made known,

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(4) "Canadian Baptist" and Book Room.

Resolved, That we gratefully record our appreciation of the services rendered to our church and home life by the "Canadian Baptist" and Book Room, and would earnestly urge that a yet deeper interest be taken in both of these departments of our publication work, in order that their usefulness may reach out to every corner of our land. Carried.

(5) Temperance.

Moved by Rev. D. Hutchinson, seconded by Rev. T. S. Johnson,

Whereas, we, as a denomination, have always expressed ourselves as strongly in favor of a prohibition liquor law, and whereas it is now possible that some monetary or other consideration may be attached to the coming plebiscite;

Be it resolved, That we earnestly urge upon all the members of our churches the importance of supporting the vote for prohibition in the face of whatever conditions may be attached. Carried.

In connection with this resolution, Mrs. M. R. Thornley, President of the Provincial W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Jennie McArthur, Treasurer of the same, were introduced, and spoke a few words to the body.

The resolution *re* Temperance was referred back to the Committee for amendment.

(6) Resolution *re* sermons in November.

Whereas, the last Sunday in November has been adopted as Temperance Day in England and the United States, and whereas an effort is being made to secure united action throughout the world to make this day tell in the interests of temperance, therefore,

Resolved, That we suggest to the pastors of our churches the advisability of preaching a sermon on this day bearing directly on the liquor traffic. Carried.

(7) By request of the Dominion Alliance the following were appointed to represent the body at its sessions in Toronto:

Resolved, That Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Toronto, Rev. Ira Smith, of London, Mr. D. Bentley, of Montreal, and T. D. Craig, M.P., of Port Hope, be appointed members of the Committee of the Dominion Alliance, to take part in the meeting to be held in Toronto on July 14, in accordance with the request named above. Carried.

(8) Legislation *re* Kinetoscope.

LONDON, June 1st, 1897.

To the Hon. Sir Oliver Mowat, Ottawa, Ont.:

DEAR SIR,—The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, acting on information received to the effect that you are bringing forward amendments to the Criminal Code dealing with the Kinetoscope exhibitions of prize fights, etc., has instructed me to forward to you the following petition, which was unanimously and heartily endorsed at its recent sessions in London.

PETITION RE THE KINETOSCOPE.

To the Honorable the Parliament of Canada:

May it please your honorable body: The petition of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" and the undersigned residents of

Whereas, The sentiment and laws of this land would make public pugilistic encounters impossible, and would arrest and punish the vendor of impure literature or immoral pictures; and

Whereas, By means of the Kinetoscope, or kindred device, a living moving representation of the recent Nevada prize fight has been produced, and other debasing pictures, such as immoral dances, etc., are exhibited.

Therefore Your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body to enact a law that shall prohibit any person, persons, or corporation, from exhibiting such pictures within the Dominion of Canada. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of the Convention,

REV. IRA SMITH, *President.*REV. D. M. MHELL, M.A., B.Th., *Secretary.*

OBITUARIES.

Moved by Bro. J. P. McEwen, seconded by ———

The name of L. G. Carter stands prominently identified with the industrial and religious activities of the Niagara peninsula for the past quarter of a century. For many years he was a trusted deacon and leader of the Port Colborne Church. More recently he filled a large place in our denominational work and councils. He was the originator, and only Chairman of the Niagara Association Church Extension Committee, a member of the local and general Home Mission Boards, and a generous supporter of every movement whose aim was the glory of Christ in the salvation of men. He was emphatically a good and true man, unassuming, gentle, sympathetic and peace-loving; but inflexible of purpose when opinion ripened into definite conviction. He was a brother much beloved. His praise is in all the churches and we wish to place on record our appreciation of his worth and work, and to assure our sister Carter who so happily and sympathetically co-operated with her late husband in all his plans and movements, that our earnest desire and prayer to God are that the peace of Christ may rule in her heart, and that she may never fail to enjoy the blessed companionship of the Lord Jesus, whom she and her husband delighted to honor and serve.

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Rev Adam Burwash—This loving and lovable servant of God, struck down by death in the vigor of his manhood, was well known for his excellent character and his good deeds throughout our whole Baptist brotherhood Born and brought up on the shores of the Ottawa river, near the boundaries of Ontario and Quebec, on the Ontario side, he became early acquainted with both the English and French nationalities and languages Born of Christian parents, he, early in his life, became savingly acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he deeply loved and faithfully served throughout his too short life. A graduate of Toronto University, having also had a good training in theology, and having had the advantages offered at Grande Ligne Institute for the study of the French language, our dear brother brought to his God-appointed work a cultivated and well-stored mind. Naturally of a devout and confident disposition, of a mild and even temper, he became, under the skillful, fashioning hand of Grace, a man noted for his piety, his faith, and his Christian character in general. His pastorates in Sawyerville, P. Q., Dominionville, Ont., and Sherbrooke, P. Q., revealed in him a forcible speaker, a faithful pastor, and a man deeply interested in all departments of Christian work. His early associations with French people, and his knowledge of their language, together with his deep convictions as to the pernicious character of Romish errors, led him to believe that God called him to engage in French evangelization. A door was opened which he heartily entered. In Maskinonge, Kamouraska, Sorel and Quebec he did excellent work. Circumstances were exceptionally favorable, and, with the help of Grande Ligne Mission laborers, one of whom he had himself become, he was permitted to do a work which will send down his name to posterity in Quebec. The whole denomination, and a large circle of friends outside of the denomination, deeply feel his loss. But we do not forget that our loss is his gain. He has heard the thrilling, "Well done," and he now serves his Saviour and Master in a higher sphere.

Moved by Prof. J. H. Farmer, seconded by Rev. M. P.
Campbell,

Joseph I. Bates was born in Banbridge, Ireland, in 1848. Two years later the family removed to the State of Iowa, and there Mr. Bates spent his youth and received his early education. When sixteen years of age the family came to Canada, and in 1867 Rev. John Bates, father of our deceased brother, was called to the pastorate of the Woodstock Baptist Church. Here our brother began his attendance at the "Canadian Literary Institute," as the college was then called. From there he matriculated into the Toronto University, and after graduation took a post graduate course at Ann Arbor University, receiving the degree of Ph. M. From that time until his death he was engaged in teaching in Woodstock College, with the exception of 1889-90, which he spent in England, pursuing special studies, and observing educational methods in University College, London, and Owen's College, Manchester. On the death of Principal Huston in January, 1892, Mr. Bates was called to the Principalship of the college, and its success during his four years of office abundantly displays the ability and wisdom of his management.

The outstanding thing about him was the beauty of his personal character; his beautiful, natural disposition was made more beautiful

by grace. A spirit of kindness pervaded his life, and only gracious words fell from his lips. Refinement of feeling, gentleness of manner, and unflinching courtesy seemed instinctive with him. He was a pure man, who wore the white flowers of a blameless life. There was a noble candor about him; he never joined hands with duplicity. Sincerity suffused his soul, and bathed him in its light. To all his tasks he brought a scrupulous conscientiousness, and this because Christ was enthroned in his heart, and recognized as King of his life. Over the faults of others he threw the mantle of charity. These gentle graces of character were blent with stronger and more masculine traits. Those who have seen him in times of testing know that just as on the field of sport his wiry frame and stoutness of muscle surprised one; so in that kindly soul there dwell much quiet strength and energy of will, a noble self-control, and a patient heroism. This was manifested again and again in his work as teacher and principal, and in a remarkable degree during his last illness. But he has gone from us. From an earthly paradise his spirit took its flight to the heavenly. The work is left behind for other hands, and yet his works follow him. He has left the band of workers here, to join the band of workers there. While we cannot but mourn his early decease, still we are constrained to thank God that he was so long spared to live and labor among us.

On motion, Bro. Ira Smith was appointed to prepare an obituary on Mrs. J. C. Yule.

Whereas, the Lord of Life has been pleased to call to Himself our venerable and esteemed sister, Mrs. Pamela S. V. Yule, who has for many years held an honorable place in the labors and in the affections of the Baptists of these Provinces,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we place on record (1) Our gratitude to Him for His grace in giving to us a woman so richly gifted as author, poet, and teacher, so exemplary in life, so forceful in the moulding of the character of the young, and so loyal to the Lord who bought her; (2) Our sense of loss occasioned by her removal, and (3) Our joy that after a long, busy and useful life, and years of lonely journeying, she has at length entered into rest.

On motion of Bro. John Dempsey, Bro. D. Bentley was appointed to prepare an obituary on Deacon McArthur.

The following were named as the Obituary Committee for the current year:—Brethren James Grant, W. J. McKay, D. Hutchinson, G. Richardson and W. H. Cline.

On motion the report of the Committee on "State of the Denomination" was adopted, with instructions to publish in the Year Book.

The Committee on "State of the Denomination" of last year was, on motion, reappointed. (See p. 32 for names.)

Bro. J. H. Farmer moved that the Convention suggest to the Foreign Mission Board that it publish in pamphlet form for distribution, the paper read by Bro. C. Goodspeed at Thursday afternoon's session. Carried.

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The Resolution Committee, to whom had been referred back the resolution *re* Temperance, brought in an amended report, as follows:—

Moved by Bro. C. Goodspeed, seconded by Bro. James Grant,

Whereas, the adoption of prohibition does not, in our opinion, necessarily involve direct taxation as the only method of securing a sufficient revenue, and,

Whereas, we do not think it just to attach to the prohibition plebiscite a rider which confuses the issue by bringing forward a revolutionary fiscal policy, which is not made necessary by prohibitory legislation. Therefore,

Resolved, that this Convention, which represents over 200,000 of Her Majesty's loyal subjects, express its strong dissent from the proposal to complicate the important question of prohibition with that of the monetary policy of the country. Carried.

On motion of Bro. D. Hutchinson, seconded by Bro. T. S. Johnson, resolutions of thanks were passed to the Baptists and citizens of London for their kind and generous hospitality; to the railroads, for their reductions in railway fares, and to the press for its excellent reports.

Bro. C. Goodspeed also gave Notice of Motion, as follows:—

I hereby give notice that at the opening of the next Convention I will move that the Constitution of the Convention shall be so changed that each year the retiring President, on taking the chair, shall lead the Convention in appointing a Committee, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers of the Convention, such nominations, however, not to restrict the right of free nominations in addition to those named in their report.

The Convention then adjourned, the next place of meeting being left in the hands of the Executive. It should be mentioned that Bro. James Grant stated that the invitation to Ingersoll might be regarded as a standing invitation.

D. M. MIHELL,

Secretary of Convention.

The Special Report of the Programme Committee was presented and taken up *seriatim*, clauses 1, 2 and 4 reading as follows:—

Clause 1. That the officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary-Treasurer. Clause 2. That such officers shall be elected annually by ballot, after open nomination. Clause 4. That members of all Boards be elected for four years, but so arranged that one-fourth of each Board shall retire annually, were adopted.

In accordance with the provision of Section 7, of the Dominion Act respecting the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, it is hereby resolved that the resolution adopted by the Convention in 1889 regulating the number of members constituting the several Boards be amended, as respects the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, as follows:—

“For the Home Mission Board one representative for each of the Associations within the boundaries of the Convention, who may be nominated by the Association for election by the Convention, the Superintendent of Home Missions and twelve others; for the Foreign Mission Board one representative for each of the Associations within the boundaries of the Convention who may be nominated by the Association for election by the Convention, the General Secretary of Foreign Missions and twelve others.”

STANDING COMMITTEES.

No. 1—A Committee to represent the Convention at meetings of religious bodies and other societies connected with movements in which Baptists generally are interested. Such Committee to consist of the following:—The President and Vice-President of the Convention, the Chairman of the several Boards, the Chancellor of the University, and the editor of the “Canadian Baptist.” This Committee shall report annually to the Convention through the President.

No. 2—*Obituary*—Brethren D. Hutchinson, James Grant, W. J. McKay, G. Richardson, and W. H. Cline.

Committee on the State of Religion in the Denomination for 1897-8—Brethren C. Goodspeed, J. H. Farmer, J. L. Gilmour, J. P. McEwen, P. K. Dayfoot and E. O. White.

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CONVENTION ACCOUNT, 1896-97.

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Carried forward from 1895-96.....	\$273 53
Assessment from Churches.....	320 38
“ Home Mission Board.....	30 80
“ Standard Publishing Co.....	4 40
“ Church Edifice.....	4 40
“ Ministerial Superannuation Board.....	3 30
“ Grande Ligne.....	10 00
“ McMaster University.....	20 00
“ Foreign Missionary Board.....	66 00
“ Advertisements.....	20 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Sexton Olivet Baptist Church.....	\$ 10 00
Secretary's Salary.....	200 00
A. Talbot & Co., printing Year Book..	291 72
Cash in Bank.....	128 47
Dominion Express.....	11 83
Canadian Express.....	18 94
Incidentals, Postage, Printing, etc.....	92 75
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Wentworth St. Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ont.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE DENOMINATION.

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Within the last Convention year the following brethren have been ordained to the Baptist ministry in Ontario and Quebec:—

J. B. Reeve,	.... June 16, 1896	.... Guelph.
R. Scott,	.... July, 1896	.... Barrie.
W. T. Bunt,	.... July 28, 1896	.... Listowel.
W. W. McMaster	.... Aug. 25, 1896	.... Tiverton.
G. I. Burns,	.... Aug. 26, 1896	.... Bentinck.
J. W. Kirkpatrick	.... Sept. 3, 1896	.... Bailieboro
C. J. Cameron,	.... Nov. 10, 1896	.... Vankleek Hill.
W. H. Palmer,	.... Dec. 22, 1896	.... Montreal.
A. B. Reekie,	.... May 13, 1897	.... Toronto.
W. H. Wallace,	.... May 13, 1897	.... Toronto.
C. E. Burrell,	.... May 13, 1897	.... Westport.
O. G. Langford,	.... May 17, 1897	.... Georgetown.

Of these twelve, four are full graduates in arts and theology of McMaster; four have taken the full English course in theology, and one is still an undergraduate in arts. Our people may well be glad to receive valuable accessions of consecrated and God-called men from any land and of any measure of mental training. At the same time, is it not reason for special thanksgiving that our College and University each year are more and more largely realizing one of the chief purposes had in founding them—to provide for our churches a full supply of pastors with a more adequate training to meet the needs of the time? The large number of students for the ministry now in the undergraduate courses of our institutions, and the more earnest purpose of all who have the ministry in view to secure the fullest mental furnishing for their great work, make it evident that they are to be the chief factors in shaping the life of our churches through the pastors who go forth from their halls. The churches may well exercise the most watchful care that our institutions be full of hallowed impulse and spiritual power as well equipped mentally. Let it never be true of them that they fill the minds of the students with knowledge while

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Through removal to the United States and retirement from active work, our staff of pastors remains about the same.

Churches have been organized at Dunbar, Moe's River, Caledonia and Orchardville.

Some facts as to the length of pastorates in our body are interesting and suggestive.

Of the say 164 pastors who were settled over churches before the Year Book was compiled last year, 66 have been with their churches less than two years, 98 less than three years, 123 less than four, 135 less than five, and only 21 more than five years. The five longest pastorates are Rev. Geo. Mason, over 20 years; Dr. B. D. Thomas, over 14; Rev. S. S. Bates and Rev. D. Hutchinson, over 11; and Rev. W. Holbein, over 10.

Of our say 200 pastors who were over churches at the beginning of the year, 36 have resigned during the twelve months, or over one in six. The average length of these 36 pastorates was about three years and four months. Leaving out the three longest pastorates of over eight years each, the average length of the remaining 33 was only about two years and six months. Eleven of the 36 were less than two years.

Accepting these thirty-six as average pastorates of our ministers, we cannot but believe that the great majority of our settlements are far too short. No true man can get his fullest place in the esteem and confidence of his people and exert his best power to edify and mould them to the highest ideals in so short a period. No church can be deeply impressed with the life and preaching of pastors if they are succeeding each other every one or two years, each with his own peculiarities of teaching and leadership which thus demand continual re-adjustments. Our young men especially ought to guard themselves against a restlessness, often a want of courage, which leads to frequent changes. It is long pastorates which require the diligence and study which make strong men as well as strong churches, all else being equal. We fear, also, that some of our churches are to blame for the short settlements of their pastors. If pastors and churches could but make the best of each other, believing that the relationship has been of divine ordering, and be mutually patient and considerate until they have become adjusted to each other, we cannot but believe that the work of the Lord in our churches would be much advanced.

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Your Committee sent nine questions to all our pastors. About half kindly sent answers. From these responses, from over one hundred of them, affording, we presume, a fair general average for all our churches, we gather the following results :

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In all our churches, therefore, there is only a proportion of seven men to thirteen women members, or a little more than one-half as many.

In general, it may be said, that the relative proportion of men to women is greater in the country churches than in those in cities.

It was also found that of those who are regular attendants at prayer meetings :

About one-third of the churches report one-fifth to be males.

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About one-sixth of the churches report one-half to be males.

In two churches of the 91 reporting three-quarters are males.

The general average of males in regular attendance upon prayer meetings is a fraction less than one-third.

It thus appears that while the women constitute nearly two-thirds of our total church membership they also furnish a little over two-thirds of regular attendants at the devotional services of our churches. We must remember, however, that the male members generally have their evenings free, while very many of the sisters are engaged in home duties. It would appear, therefore, that the women in our churches take a deeper interest in these services than the men.

We make no suggestions, but merely state the facts. They should stir serious thought.

From replies to another question we find more than one-third of our churches report only one-quarter of their members

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engaged in church work; one-seventh report only one-third of their members engaged in church work; two-ninths report only one-half of their members engaged in church work; two-ninths report only three-quarters of their members engaged in church work.

Only two in every five of our church members, on a general average, are active in any form of Christian work. How to quicken the great inert mass of inactive members, how to develop all this reserve of unused power, are questions of well nigh supreme importance. No pastor who does not realize their importance, and who is not seeking to do something to solve them, is sufficiently alive to the responsibilities of his calling.

On the serious matter of family worship it is found that: In about one-seventh of our churches it is maintained in one-quarter of the families.

In about one-fifth of our churches it is maintained in one-third of the families.

In about one-third of our churches it is maintained in one-half of the families.

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It is therefore maintained in over one-half our families.

Over one-third of the pastors were unable to state the proportion of families enjoying this blessed privilege. There is need of our pastors urging the importance of this duty and privilege from the pulpit, as well as interesting themselves in discovering how widely it is maintained. Much may be done by counsel to heads of families as they are brought to Christ, and to those who are beginning homes of their own.

The most of our churches have adopted the weekly envelope system to raise funds for church purposes. This is both scriptural and in harmony with the best business principles.

More than half our churches take up quarterly collections for denominational purposes; less than one in ten have monthly contributions; more than a third take up annual, special or occasional collections. There is evidently much progress to be made before we may expect the largest giving from all our churches to our great enterprises. If our churches should only be as careful in their plans to secure funds for these as they are for the home expenses, a great step in advance would be made.

Why should not some plan be adopted for raising funds for denominational enterprises by which our people shall be encouraged to give largely by giving in littles and often every week?

On the question of the proportion of church members who are regular contributors to church and denominational objects, we find that one-half are regular contributors in one-quarter of the churches; three-quarters are regular contributors in more than half of the churches; all wage-earners are regular contributors in more than one-sixth of the churches. In all, about 73% of our members contribute regularly. This is a fair showing.

Knowing how important to the unity and cohesion of our body, as well as to the best interests of our families is a denominational paper, your Committee asked the pastors the number of copies taken in their churches. Their replies inform us that in churches reporting about 10,000 members about 1,000 copies of the "Baptist" are taken. Vankleek Hill is the banner church of the 80 reporting, 32 copies being taken in a membership of 75. Ten other churches take a copy to each five or less of the members. On the other hand, three churches of 124, 151 and 120 members take respectively 2, 5 and 8 copies. The churches in which the paper has the largest circulation are not of the wealthier class. Over one-quarter of the pastors to whom enquiries were addressed were unable to furnish information. Our denominational paper is the chief medium through which our people can become informed of the work and welfare of their sister churches and of the body generally. It is the chief bond of interest and sympathy and unity among our people. It is of great importance that it be kept furnished and conditioned to serve this and its other purposes. It is not too much to hope that one quarter as many copies as there are members be circulated. This would not be a copy to each family. This means that the "Baptist" should have two times and a-half as many subscribers as are now upon its lists. It will pay our pastors and earnest workers to give attention to this matter.

Various means are adopted to assure and maintain interest in missions. We are glad to see that the most of our pastors present their claims from their pulpits. The visits of the General Agents are very helpful. The churches are well supplied with societies for children, the young, and the ladies. It is to be regretted, however, that a larger proportion do not maintain

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missionary prayer-meetings. Not more than one-third of the churches now hold them. They constitute about the only means by which all classes can be reached with information on this great subject, and their sympathies and united prayers elicited.

Half the pastors responding to the request of your Committee report an improvement in the spiritual condition of their churches; three-quarters of the rest speak very encouragingly, while one-quarter of the whole number do not think there has been any advance. On the whole, the pastors seem to be pressing their work with courage and confidence.

Your Committee have found it very difficult to gather in the statistics from the churches. They have had to depend upon the Clerks of the Associations, and they again upon the Clerks of the churches. Reports have failed to be sent by three Associations, and those from two Associations are not full enough to be of much service. The twelve Associations from which the most complete returns have been received give data sufficient for purposes of comparison.

Statistics have been received from churches having a total membership of 22,581 at the beginning of the year. There have been added to these churches by baptism, 1,238; by letter, 821; experience, 156; restoration, 67; a total of 2,282. These churches have lost by letter, 902; by death, 215; erasure, 521; exclusion, 72; a total of 1,709. Giving a net gain of 573. If these churches have had about the average accessions and losses in membership, when the full returns are in there will be about 2,100 baptisms, and a next gain of about 1,000—about the same as last year.

While there has been no district which has been swept by any great revival, a very large proportion of our churches have had accessions by baptism. The appended tabular statement shows that 146 churches have received additions, while 66 have received none; six have received over 30 by baptism, 14 between 20 and 30, 20 between 10 and 20, and 106 less than 10. There is evidence in this that our churches are depending more and more upon the regular means of grace, and are having a steady growth.

	Churches Reporting 30 and more	Churches Reporting 20 to 30.	Churches Reporting 10 to 20.	Churches Reporting less than 10	Reporting Baptisms.	Reporting No Baptisms
Eastern.....			2	3	5	3
Elgin.....	1		2	7	10	4
Guelph.....	1	1	2	10	14	9
Middlesex and Lambton.....		3	4	18	25	3
Niagara.....				5	5	4
Northern.....		3		9	12	9
Ottawa.....		1	2	8	11	10
Owen Sound.....		1	3	7	11	8
Toronto.....	4	3	1	13	21	2
Walkerton.....		1	2	10	13	3
Whitby and Lindsay.....			1	9	10	9
Woodstock.....		1	1	7	9	2
	6	14	20	106	146	66

Permit us to call attention to two features of these statistics: There was a loss in these churches of 520 by erasure, and only 72 by exclusion. Is honest, straightforward, wholesome discipline becoming unfashionable in our churches? Is indifference to the obligations of church membership so lightly regarded that it is not considered an offence meriting exclusion? Or is there so little of real loving, solicitous, earnest watch care exercised by our churches that multitudes of their members slip away from them without their notice? In this connection notice another fact: Not all the churches report their non-resident members, but there are 1,761 reported from associations aggregating 20,000. It is probable that 10% of the members on the rolls of our churches are non-resident. Does this not show all too low an idea, both of the obligations of church membership on the part of the members, as well as too great indifference to the condition of their members by many of our churches? While we do not wish to overdraw the significance of these facts, they at least call for most serious consideration, for they seem to afford indications as to the quality of our church life and discipline, which may well cause concern.

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RELIGION IN THE DENOMINATION.

The following tabulated statement of the average contributions of the members of our reporting associations this year and last may be interesting:—

AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER.

	FOR CHURCH PURPOSES.		FOR DENOMINATIONAL WORK.		TOTAL.	
	1895-6	1896-7.	1895-6	1896-7	1895-6	1896-7.
Eastern	\$ 9 25	\$10 67	\$ 2 55	\$ 2 97	\$ 11 80	\$ 13 64
Elgin	5 26	4 23	74	67	6 00	4 90
Guelph	8 78	7 44	1 10	1 64	9 88	9 08
Middlesex and Lambton	7 11	10 57	1 17	1 45	8 28	12 02
Niagara	6 80	5 26	70	74	7 50	6 00
Northern	5 79	6 56	37	49	6 16	7 05
Ottawa	8 15	8 66	2 07	2 38	10 22	11 04
Owen Sound	4 60	4 81	83	84	5 43	5 65
Toronto	9 19	8 46	2 94	3 97	12 13	12 43
Walkerton	5 88	5 49	90	1 91	6 78	7 40
Whitby and Lind- say	6 06	5 70	1 88	1 02	7 94	6 72
Woodstock	8 31	6 47	94	70	9 25	7 17
	\$85 18	\$84 32	\$16 19	\$18 78	\$101 37	\$103 10
Average	\$ 7 08	\$ 7 03	\$ 1 35	\$ 1 57	\$ 8 44	\$ 8 60

It will be seen from this statement that the general average of giving has been better than last year in the reporting churches. In view of all the circumstances, this is a cheering feature. It is also to be remarked that the gain over last year has been in the contributions to denominational objects. This is also cheering. At the same time it is to be noticed that the ratio between what is given to the church purposes and the great objects of denomination effort is as 7.03 to 1.57, or less than one-quarter. May we not hope that the contributions to these outside objects will continue to increase in proportion to the church expenses until they shall be equal?

In conclusion, while much remains to be attained, there is solid ground for encouragement. Never was the missionary enthusiasm of our body more general or more steadily sustained. While the type of life in our churches may be less demonstrative than in times past, we are not sure but that it is in a quiet way as devoted as in the times of the fathers. Our people, in the face of financial depression and discouragement, are steadily growing in the grace of giving, which furnishes a

good touch-stone of the sustained power of Christian motives. Our ministers are second to none in loyalty to the tested and tried truth of the ages and in evangelical earnestness. At the same time we are threatened on many sides with tendencies which would wrest from us the fruits of the consecrated labors of the fathers and rob us of our hopes of the future. Our pastors need to set their faces like flint against the man pleasing spirit of the time, which tempts to the use of the pulpit to cater to the popular taste rather than search the heart with convicting truth. They need to encourage the full confidence in the Bible, which would make its teaching and precedent tending upon belief and practice, in opposition to the indifferentism which prevails so widely. Our people should be especially solicitous to deepen the general life of our churches so that we may be protected against the temptations to a low and material life, which beset all to-day. We need to cultivate a love and loyalty to truth, which will make it impossible for lower considerations to wrest our more prosperous people away from its imperative obligation, it matters not how strong be the social drift or how alluring the call of ambition to place and worldly influence. If we but be faithful to the simple gospel truth and the scriptural principles which have been our glory and strength in the past, our future will be as bright as the promises of God.

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CONSTITUTION.

BILL OF THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

*An Act Representing the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec,
[Assented to 20th March, 1889.]*

Whereas, by an Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, in the forty-first year of Her Majesty's reign, "The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec" was incorporated for the purposes and with the powers in the said act set forth: And whereas, by letters patent, dated the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, issued under "The Canada Joint Stock Company's Act, 1877," a joint Stock Company was incorporated by the name of "The Standard Publishing Company, Limited," for the purpose of publishing a newspaper or newspapers, for and in the interests of the Regular Baptist denomination in Canada, publishing books, papers, tracts and other literature, carrying on book rooms for the sale of religious and other books, papers and literature, and disseminating religious literature by means of colporteurs and other agencies; and whereas the said letters patent provided that none of the shares of the capital stock of the said Company should, at any time, be subscribed for by or allotted to or transferred to any person not a member in good standing of some Regular Baptist Church, and that those shares only of the capital stock subscribed for and held by members in good standing of Regular Baptist Churches, upon which there were no calls in arrear, should be entitled each to one vote; and whereas the nominal capital stock of the said Company consists of two thousand shares of fifty dollars each, of which one thousand one hundred and ninety-seven shares have been subscribed and allotted, and eight hundred and three are unallotted; and whereas eight hundred of the said shares have been paid up in full, and the said paid-up shares are held by Malcolm McVicar, LL.D., Humphrey E. Buchan, M.D., and Charles J. Holman, and Daniel E. Thompson, Esquires, as Trustees for the benefit of the following denominational Societies of the Regular Baptists, namely fifteen-fortieths for the said Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec, nine-fortieths for the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Ontario, three-fortieths for the Regular Baptist Missionary Convention East—which two last mentioned bodies have united, so far as it was practicable for a corporated and an uncorporated body to voluntarily unite—three-fortieths for the Manitoba and North-West Convention of Regular Baptists, and ten fortieths for the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Regular Baptist Ministers, and the Widows and Orphans of Regular Baptist Ministers; and three hundred and ninety-seven shares (being the residue of the said subscribed and allotted shares, and upon which only 10 per cent. has been called up or paid) are held by various persons who are desirous that the denomination of Regular Baptists should have the benefit, in the manner herein-

after provided of the amount paid thereon; and whereas it is desired that the work of the various denominational Societies of the Baptist Churches of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec should be under the control of representatives of the said Churches; and whereas the said Societies and the said Standard Publishing Company, and the shareholders thereof, have petitioned for an Act giving them such representatives in Convention assembled, authority to appoint members of corporate Boards for the purpose of carrying on the said work as hereinafter provided: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada enacts as follows:

1. Each Regular Baptist Church within the limits of the said Provinces shall be entitled to send two or more delegates to an Assembly to be called "The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec."

2. Until the said Convention otherwise provides by a resolution, passed by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present, after a year's notice of the proposed change, the delegates shall be elected as follows:

(a) Each Church having a membership of one hundred or under, shall be entitled to send two delegates.

(b) Each Church having a membership of over one hundred, shall be entitled to send an additional delegate for each additional hundred of membership, or fraction of a hundred, provided such fraction of a hundred exceeds fifty.

(c) Each delegate must be a member of a Regular Baptist Church situate within the territorial limits of the Convention, and appointed at a meeting of the Church, and duly certified by the Clerk of the Church as having been so appointed. The Church Clerk shall also certify to the Convention the number of members composing the church of which he is Clerk.

3. The objects of the Convention shall be the promotion and prosecution of such work and enterprises as are deemed in the interests of the denomination, and particularly those specified in section five.

4. The Convention shall have a President and any other officers that it deems necessary. It shall meet annually or oftener, at such times and places as it appoints. The first meeting shall be held at the City of Ottawa on the third Thursday of October next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon. The annual meetings need not be held at absolute intervals of twelve months, and a period not exceeding fifteen months may intervene between two annual meetings.

5. The Convention shall, at its annual meetings, appoint members of Boards for the following purposes:

(a) A Board for the prosecution of mission work within the Dominion of Canada, including the aiding of weak Churches, to be called "The Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention";

(b) A Board for the prosecution of mission work outside of Canada, to be called "The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention";

(c) A Board for the purpose of assisting and supporting aged ministers of the denomination, and the widows and orphans of deceased

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(d) A Board for the purposes hereinbefore set out as the purposes of the Standard Publishing Company, to be called "The Publication Board of the Baptist Convention";

(e) A Board for assisting Churches, by loan or gift, in the acquisition, erection and maintenance of Church edifices, and the acquiring lands as sites therefor, to be called "The Church Edifice Board of the Baptist Convention." The Board, when it deems it expedient, may itself acquire and hold the land, and erect and maintain the buildings.

6. Each of the said Boards, and its successors, shall be a corporate body, and shall be capable of taking by devise, gift or purchase, any real or personal property, lands or tenements, and of alienating the same at pleasure: Provided, however, that the corporation shall, within ten years after the acquisition of any such real estate, sell or otherwise dispose of and alienate so much of such real estate as is not required for the use and occupation or other like purposes of the corporation; and provided also that such devise of real estate shall be subject to the laws respecting devises of real estate to religious corporations in force at the time of such devise in the Province in which such real estate is situated, so far as same apply to the said corporation.

7. Each of the said Boards shall consist of as many members as the Convention from time to time determines. The members of the Board shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meetings of the Convention: Provided that the Manitoba and North-West Convention may appoint a member of the Publication Board aforesaid.

8. The Convention may direct that the members of any Board, or a certain proportion of them, shall hold office for one, two or three years, or otherwise, as is deemed expedient, and may determine how many shall constitute a quorum of any Board, and may define the scope of the work of the several Boards.

9. Each of the said Boards shall appoint such Standing Committees and such officers and employees, whether salaried or not, as it considers expedient, and may pass By-laws for regulating the conduct of its affairs: Provided that the Convention may, by a standing rule, assume the appointment of the officers or employees of the said Board.

10. Each Board shall render to the Convention annually, or oftener if required, a report of its proceedings, for the information and approval of the Convention, and containing such particulars as are required by the Convention.

11. A Board shall not be dissolved by the failure of the Convention in any year to appoint members of such Board, but the persons theretofore appointed shall continue to constitute the Board until their successors are appointed; and in case, for any reason, the annual meeting of the Convention is not held, the person last elected President of the Convention, or any six members of any Board or Boards, may, by public notice, published for at least three weeks in the *Canadian Baptist*, or other denominational publication previously named by the Convention for that purpose, call a meeting of the Convention; and such meeting shall have the same authority as a regular annual meeting.

12. Upon an order of the Governor-in-Council being passed, declaring that it has been shown to his satisfaction that "The Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention" has been appointed, all the rights, property and liabilities of "The Regular Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario and Quebec" shall be and become vested in the said Board, and the said Society shall cease to exist.

13. Upon an order of the Governor-in-Council being passed, declaring that it has been shown to his satisfaction that "The Publication Board of the Baptist Convention" has been appointed, the shares of the said "Standard Publishing Company, Limited," other than the said eight hundred paid-up shares, shall be extinguished, the said letters patent shall cease to have any force or effect, and all the rights, property and liabilities of the said "Standard Publishing Company, Limited," shall be and become vested in the said Publication Board; and the members of such Board shall possess all the powers and authority theretofore possessed by the shareholders of the said Company, under the said letters patent.

14. The capital stock of the said Publication Board shall be forty thousand dollars, being the amount of the said eight hundred shares; and the said stock shall not thereafter be transferable.



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First Vice-Chairman,

JAMES RYRIE.

Second Vice-Chairman,

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E. T. FOX.

Superintendent,

JOHN P. McEWEN.

Secretary,

JAS. B. KENNEDY.

Elective Members,

Retiring in 1901.

J. RYRIE, W. T. GRAHAM, JOHN STARK.

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B. D. THOMAS, D. BENTLEY, H. L. STARK.

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THOS. URQUHART, J. E. TROTTER, C. GOODSPEED.

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST
HOME MISSION BOARD OF ONTARIO
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Give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name. Not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord our God spake concerning us. He hath crowned the year with His goodness, and through His boundless grace and power we are again permitted to present a record of victories won in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The past year has not been marked by wide reaching revivals; the additions to the churches have been under rather than above the average of the past five years; yet steady and gratifying progress has been made. Several churches have become self-supporting; others are asking for reduced appropriations; chapels have been built, churches organized, and we have been permitted to begin work on a number of fields hitherto unoccupied by us. The churches, under a ministry that for years has been growing in power and efficiency, are recognizing more clearly than in the past that the special business of the church of Jesus Christ is to preach the gospel of grace to the perishing. And surely the goodness and the severity of God, the impulses of the Holy Spirit, the command and example of Jesus Christ, the blindness and anguish of a sinning and suffering world, the appalling darkness and doom that must speedily overtake and overwhelm those who love not our Lord Jesus Christ, *ought to beget life* consecrated to the work of rescuing the perishing. Yet we must confess that our service has been unworthy of the grace bestowed on us. We have hindered the forth-putting of God's power; we have prevented seasons of Pentecostal blessing, and to some extent have contributed to the spirit of indifference, and open antagonism to the gospel which all too generally prevails. May the daughter of Zion shake herself from the dust, that the prey may be taken from the mighty and the lawful captive be delivered.

We do not propose, in this report, to pass under review each field separately, and indicate the changes that have taken place during the year. At the Convention held a year ago, the

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Board was asked to state its POLICY; and we think that request should be met in the frankest way possible. We are the servants of the churches. We have nothing to conceal, and shall certainly welcome counsel and help come from what source they may. We can truthfully say that in our policy as well as in our methods we have endeavored to carry out our Lord's instructions. The great commission has been our guide as well as our authority in the prosecution of the work entrusted to us.

THE POLICY OF THE BOARD HAS BEEN:

1. To maintain our hold and press the work on territory already occupied by us.

There are no "mouldering branches" that call for the woodman's axe. There are no churches ministered to by our missionaries, that do not offer ample room for work, and merit the support which they receive from the mission fund. Our fields, so far as we are able to judge, were God-given, and easy abandonment of work begun under such leadership, has had no place either in our policy or in our practice. Moreover, our supply of pastors, as well as of money, has always been limited, so that we have never been tempted to "make places" for importunate suitors, nor to enter lightly into engagements that called for an additional outlay of funds.

True, the expenditure of money on different fields, varies greatly. One speedily develops into self-support; another reaches that much desired goal after a more prolonged struggle; while still another, after a quarter of a century of earnest endeavor and generous sacrifice, finds itself still quite unable to raise the amount needed to meet necessary expenses. We all like to see rapid growth. We are apt to become impatient with churches that call for help for a long period of years, and yet, if we fully acquainted ourselves with the facts, we would find that those churches that have been receiving help for twenty-five years, and need it still, have been, in nine cases out of ten, the peers of the more favored ones in earnest, aggressive, and fruitful labor.

Immigration has helped to bring self-support to the one, and *Emigration* has practically forbidden self-support to the other. A just and economical administration of affairs will necessitate frequent changes in the grouping of the weaker churches and in the appropriations passed in their favor, but abandonment

of any field, whereon God has permitted the soles of our feet to tread, should have no place in our thought, policy or council. Better tillage is all that the most unproductive of our fields needs in order to insure ample returns for the capital invested and the labor performed.

2. *To establish interests in important commercial centres.*

We are sometimes charged with expending money and effort on villages and country fields, while populous commercial centres remain unoccupied. A careful survey of our present position, as well as our past record, will convince any reasonable person that the charge is not supported by facts.

There are eighteen cities in the two Provinces, and in every one of these there are one or more Baptist Churches. There are seventeen in Toronto, six in Hamilton, five in Montreal, four each in London and Brantford, three in St. Catharines, two in Chatham, St. Thomas, Guelph, Peterboro, Kingston, Ottawa and Quebec, and one in Windsor, Stratford, Belleville, Sherbrooke and Sorel. There are ninety-two towns in the Province of Ontario, and in seventy out of the ninety-two, there are Baptist Churches. Of the fifty-eight churches located in cities, twelve are receiving help from the Mission Funds; and of the seventy located in towns, thirty five are receiving assistance from the same source.

We appreciate the importance of planting churches in the centres of population and commerce, and for years have been moving in that direction as rapidly as the means at our command permitted.

3. *To begin work as early as possible in districts which are attracting settlers in large numbers.*

In our eager desire to plant churches in towns and cities, we have not overlooked the claims and needs of our brethren who have settled on farms in those districts that have been more recently opened for settlement. No department of our work has received more careful thought from brethren on the Board than that which stands related to these newer districts, and no problem, with which we have to deal, presents greater difficulties. The vastness of the territory, the proportion of the land denuded of its timber and unsuited for agricultural purposes, the sparseness of the population, the poverty of the people, the long distances that separate the little hamlets and

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settlements from each other, and the conviction that neither the near nor distant future gives promise of large improvement in many respects combine to present a situation that leaves us in almost helpless bewilderment. Have our brethren given consideration to this problem? Take your stand at Port Arthur; follow with your eye the north shore of Lake Superior to the Sault; then follow the north shore of the Sault River and the Georgian Bay to Midland; thence directly east, across country, to Lanark or Perth, and you have a southern base of practically one thousand miles in length. From this base, look northward, and mark the hundreds of townships, and the millions of acres that are embraced within the limits of Algoma, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Muskoka, Haliburton, North Hastings, South Renfrew, Lenox and North Frontenac.

What course shall we pursue? We dare not fold our hands in easy indifference, or plead irresponsibility for our neighbors and countrymen. They cannot, left to themselves, support the pastors which they need and desire.

Our policy in the past has been to locate missionaries in towns and villages, with the understanding that the country tributary to these centres should receive such attention as the strength and time of the missionaries rendered possible. We must frankly confess that the results have not been perfectly satisfactory. We have not touched a tithe of the villages, hamlets and settlements that are scattered over this newer Ontario.

Shall we seek out men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," and encourage them to move into these districts; settle on farms, or work at their trades; the Board giving them such financial help as will make it possible for them to devote a part of their time for preparation to lead in public worship on the Lord's day, visit the sick and neglected, and when opportunity offers engage in evangelistic work?

Has it ceased to be possible "to labor, working with our own hands," and at the same time do efficient work as pastors and evangelists? Can men do to-day in these newer districts what our fathers did fifty years ago in what are now the older parts of the Province?

In some way we must reach such places as Bancroft, Temiscamingue, Dryden, and the Rainy River Valley. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety," and we do most

earnestly ask your assistance as we seek to solve this very perplexing problem.

4. *To be ready to furnish special assistance wherever God is manifestly working.*

The genesis of several of the churches organized within recent years is most interesting. Our general policy has been to bestow special attention on towns and cities. In these, we thought, the men and money at our disposal could be employed to the best advantage. But God has again and again compelled us to turn our attention to some comparatively obscure rural district or neglected village. A Sunday School or Prayer-meeting conducted by some of our people becomes a place of blessing and spiritual quickening. Then are conversions and baptisms, and in due time a church is organized. Or it may be a young man from Woodstock or McMaster, learning that there are a few Baptist families in a place far removed from a Baptist church, volunteers to go at his own charges and minister to them as God may enable him. God blesses his ministry, converts multiply, and a church of one or two scores of members is one of the visible results.

Or yet again, it may be that a brother, like our beloved and highly esteemed Deacon L. G. Carter, who has lately entered into his rest, becomes powerfully impressed with the conviction that he ought to make provision for the spiritual needs of a particular locality, proceeds to erect one or more chapels, and appeals to the Board for the help needed to support a pastor. And so it has come to pass that such places as Belle Ewart, Stroud, Elmvale, Blue Mountain, Monk, Caledonia, Marshville, Perry, Pendleton and Dunbar are receiving help from the mission funds. And who will say that the help sought ought not to have been given?

5. *To guard against a wasteful expenditure of the funds entrusted to us.*

No one will charge the Board with extravagance in connection with our incidental expenses, such as printing, stationery, postage, etc. The general impression is that we could with advantage expend a much larger amount on mission tracts and leaflets for free distribution.

We have also guarded against unnecessary expenditure of mission money, by a careful grouping of the weaker churches. This part of our work has always received our most careful

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consideration. Frequent changes have been made, but always with a view to greater efficiency and economy. We have cheerfully given of your bounty to churches that needed and deserved assistance. We have reduced appropriations as rapidly as the growing strength of the churches permitted, and have urged them to declare for self-support when we thought they were able to get along without our help. We have occasionally been compelled to take the initiative ourselves, and declare a field self-sustaining when we became persuaded that the churches were comfortably depending on the Board to carry them along, rather than putting forth proper effort to help themselves.

6. *To make the income of one year the measure of our appropriation for the next.*

For several years, dating from 1883, the receipts for Home Missions were marked by a steady advance of over \$1,500 per annum. In 1893 our income was over \$4,000 in excess of the receipts of the preceding year, though 1892 had given us \$2,000 more than we had received in 1891. The appropriations of the Board kept pace with the increased receipts, and with the yearly advance which we had come to regard as an assured fact in connection with our work. Suddenly our income fell short of our expectations, and in October, 1894, the treasurer reported a deficit of \$2,800. The time for holding our convention was changed from October to May; the commercial depression became more pronounced, and in May of 1895 the Treasurer reported a deficit of \$5,300. Last year a debt of over \$3,000 was reported; while this year, with diminished receipts, the deficit has been reduced to \$2,600.

We have more than redeemed our pledge given to the Convention two years ago by making the appropriations of one year less than the receipts of the preceding year.

7. *To recommend no minister or student to any field unless thought fitted to do successful work there.*

It ought not to be necessary to make this statement. Common honesty, apart altogether from a proper appreciation of the relation which a church sustains to Jesus Christ, would compel us to guard her interests with jealous care. We frankly acknowledge that a few churches have suffered by accepting as pastors brethren recommended by the Board; but we most emphatically affirm that all such recommendations were made in the full conviction that we were acting in the best interests

of the churches. Our policy has been, and is, to recommend no man to any field, who, in our judgment is not likely to do successful work in the place to which he is recommended.

8. *To employ students, where means are not forthcoming to support regular pastors, where their services are acceptable and successful, and to test the promise of new fields.*

It is a matter of regret that so many of our churches are handicapped in their work through their inability to secure regular pastors of approved ability and experience. Our policy has been to assist the churches to secure *pastors*, rather than to provide temporary relief through student supplies, but the weakness of the churches and the depleted condition of the home mission treasury have compelled both the churches and the Board to make large use of student labor. It must also be borne in mind that the great majority of these students are not *novices*. They have been for years under training at Woodstock and Toronto, and have had large experience both in preaching and pastoral work. Many of them, through the high quality of their work, and their recognized strength as Christian men, have won the confidence and esteem of the churches throughout the two Provinces. This year, thirty-six self-supporting, and twenty-four of the stronger mission churches, called *undergraduates to become their pastors for the summer months, or for an indefinite period*. We should and do thank God for the young men he has given us. Special mention ought also to be made of the fact that for years past our younger brethren have had the honor of being the vanguard in the Baptist Brotherhood. During the past four or five years, such churches as Oil Springs, Weidman, Watford, Uttoxeter, Caledonia, Marshville, Windecker, Oakville, Monck, Belle Ewart and Stroud, Elmvale, Blue Mountain, Providence Bay, Kenilworth, East Toronto and others, have come into existence as the result of student labor.

A word or two as to student remuneration on mission fields. The impression prevails in some quarters that no inconsiderable part of our income finds its way into the pockets of the students; and more mischievous still, there are those who think that *donations* or *loans* are given to the students to enable them to continue their college studies. The facts are that not a single dollar has ever been given in the way of gift, and that the total outlay of mission money, last year, on the fifty students who wrought on mission fields, was considerably *less than three*

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There is no fixed regulation so far as salary is concerned. The maximum allowance is \$30 per month and board; the minimum, free hospitality and railway fare to and from the field.

9. *To encourage brethren who have the gospel ministry in view to secure the very best equipment possible for their responsible work; and to discourage ordination where no proper effort has been put forth to this end.*

As to *equipment*, the judgment and desire of the churches are so well known that discussion is quite unnecessary. Conventions and Associations have repeatedly instructed us to use whatever influence or power we possessed to secure for the churches a godly, consecrated, and well educated ministry; and we have not been indifferent to the instructions given with such unmistakable clearness and emphasis. The Board is fully persuaded that any man who aspires to fill the office of pastor or bishop, and who is not profoundly impressed with the necessity of securing the very best training and equipment possible to qualify him to fill that solemn and responsible position, discounts the intelligence of those whom he would teach and lead, or holds altogether too comfortable an opinion of his own ability.

As regards *ordination*, we believe our policy is in harmony with the pronounced convictions of the overwhelming majority of our people. There are esteemed brethren who think the Board treads on forbidden ground when it undertakes to advise with a church—mission or otherwise—that contemplates calling a council to ordain a brother to the work of the Gospel ministry, inasmuch as the local church, and the brethren who are invited to sit in council with her, is the only body that is competent to decide whether ordination shall or shall not take place. They contend that it is an interference with the independence and liberty of the church, and an assumption of authority on the part of the Board in a matter that is entirely foreign to the duties which it was appointed to superintend and control.

If it be conceded that we have advised with churches, and also with brethren who contemplated ordination, on what ground can we plead justification? Certainly not on the

ground that we have authority to interfere with the liberty and independence of the churches; nor that we are a kind of superior court, clothed with power to ratify or set aside the decisions of ordination councils. *The power to ordain, or to refuse ordination, belongs to the churches. The Board can neither prevent nor compel ordination.*

But if the church that proposes to ordain is a mission church, and must have help from the mission funds, we are compelled to decide whether we can or can not give the assistance needed and desired. If the decision of the Board should be adverse to a grant, would it not be the wise, brotherly and proper course to intimate that decision to the parties immediately concerned *before ordination takes place*, rather than to allow the ordination to proceed and then refuse to help, and thus compel a separation between the church and the lately ordained pastor?

To that extent, and no further, have we interfered with ordinations, and we cannot see how, in justice to all the parties and interests concerned, we could have done less.

10. *To regulate the salaries paid missionaries by the cost of living, etc., on their fields, and to some extent by the income their ability as preachers would enable them to command on self-supporting fields.*

There are neither maximum nor minimum limits to interfere with freedom of action on the part of the missionaries and the Board. Careful consideration is given to each application for help, and assistance is given to the extent deemed possible or desirable. There is no room for doubt that too frequently the salaries paid interfere with the comfort and usefulness of the missionaries, yet we believe they will bear comparison with those paid by self-supporting churches where the conditions are similar.

We trust the foregoing remarks indicate with sufficient fulness and clearness the *policy* of the Board, and our prayer to God is that those who may be entrusted with the oversight of our home mission work may have in large measure imparted to them the spirit of wisdom, and of love, and of a sound mind.

This brief and imperfect outline of the policy of the Board has drawn so largely on the space and time at our command, that we must content ourselves with brief reference to *outstanding events* in connection with the past year's work.

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The Women's Boards, both Western and Eastern, have, as in the past, continued to give us generous financial assistance. They conduct their work with singular skill, prudence and economy. Their enthusiasm never seems to flag, and so far as order and system are concerned it would seem as if improvement were impossible. The fields they have been cultivating present unusual difficulties, and rapid progress could scarcely be expected, yet they are able to report an increase in attendance and membership, a decrease in appropriations in connection with two of their fields, and within the past few days the Western Board has undertaken to assist in supporting the missionary who during this week has raised the Baptist banner in the town of Rat Portage.

Through the infinite kindness of God, we are again permitted to report that life and health have been continued to all our missionaries throughout the year. One honored member of the Board, Deacon L. G. Carter, of Port Colborne, was quite unexpectedly called to his rest and reward. He was a princely man, generous in his gifts, wise in council, tender and gentle as a mother, yet strong in his convictions and possessed of unusual desire to see Christ glorified in the salvation of men. The chapels he built and paid for will perpetuate his name and memory in the Niagara district for generations to come.

Another, of whom mention may well be made, was stricken down in the flower of her youth. The late Miss Nellie Davies was a devoted Christian worker, as well as a liberal contributor to the missionary schemes of the denomination. Before she passed away she made arrangements whereby her gifts, to some extent at least, should be perpetuated. *One thousand dollars* were handed to the Board for *investment*, the interest to be used in home mission work. The home, the church, and the world seem sorely in need of such as those to whom reference has been made, and we would gladly retain them a little longer, but the Lord knows what is best for them and for us, and, though heart and flesh fail, our confidence in the wisdom and love of God our Father enables us to say, "It is well." "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

The past year cannot be regarded as eventful so far as outward evidences of prosperity are concerned, yet chapels have been built at Watford, Monck, Belle Ewart and Stroud; and churches have been organized at Dunbar, Caledonia and Havelock, while Galt, Stouffville and 1st Markham, Aurora and

Bethel, Rodney, Aldboro and West Lorne, have become self-supporting. We have also assurances from Wallaceburg, Louisville and Bethlehem, Victoria Ave., Hamilton, and Tecumseh St., Toronto, that the applications presented at this session of the Board, by them, will be the last.

Over 900 baptisms have been reported. This number is below the average of the past five years, yet we are satisfied that in no year of our history was there more faithful service rendered than in the year which has just closed. There has been faithful tillage of the soil, and the good seed of the Kingdom has been scattered broadcast over the fields cultivated by our brethren, and we are sure that the day of larger reaping is at hand.

The Treasurer's Statement will show a decrease in income as compared with the preceding year. It must be borne in mind, however, that the falling off in receipts is practically accounted for by the *special contributions* received during the former year, in response to the *urgent appeal* issued in October, 1895, for an amount sufficient to wipe out the debt that for three years had been steadily increasing, and had at that time assumed alarming proportions. The decrease in the *regular offerings* from the churches has not been large, and the Sunday Schools have to their credit an amount exceeding that raised during any previous year. Without abandoning any field, we are able to report a substantial reduction in our indebtedness, and our purpose is to continue the same conservative policy until a comfortable surplus shall mark the close of the year's operations. We must not become impatient, nor unduly apprehensive over a debt which *would not exist* were it not for the severe and prolonged commercial depression which has impoverished multitudes of our people, cut in half the incomes of others, and left all, or nearly all, less able to give than they were in more prosperous years.

We must not withdraw our help from churches that have been in the past, and are to-day, centres of life and light and spiritual power; nor can we, without setting God's will and word at defiance, regard with easy unconcern the cry of the poor and the neglected, whom adverse circumstances, or other causes, have forced outside the sphere of our present operations.

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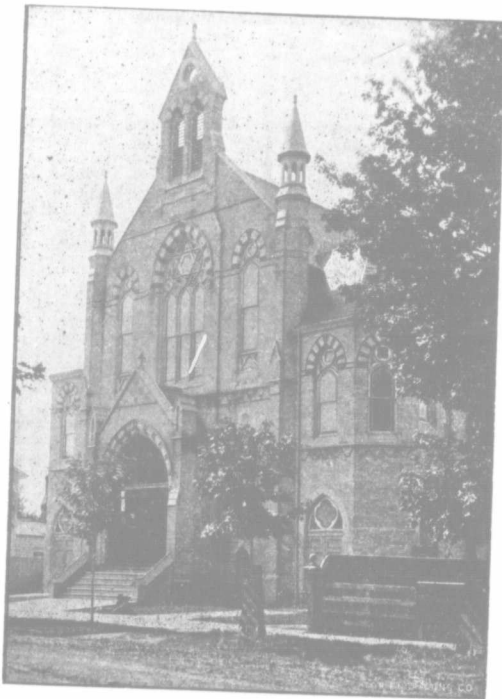
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J. P. McEWEN,

Supt. Home Missions



Talbot Street Baptist Church, London, Ont.
MEETING PLACE OF CONVENTION, 1897.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

HOME MISSIONS.

Wm. Davies, Toronto.....	\$750 00	N. Hubble, Hubble Hill.....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. Wm. Davies, Toronto....	450 00	Jas. Bigham.....	5 00
E. D., Toronto.....	700 00	D. Cain, Bobcaygeon.....	5 00
"In His Name," Lindsay.....	300 00	Rev. A. Dewar, Florence.....	4 50
Mrs. J. Harris, Brantford.....	250 00	Rev. E. T. Fox.....	4 35
J. P. McEwen, Toronto.....	262 88	J. S. Wallis, Port Carling.....	4 00
Miss Nellie Davies, Toronto..	100 00	Mrs. E. A. Parker.....	4 00
D. W. Karn, Woodstock.....	50 00	Miss E. Gibson, Morrisburg..	4 00
S. Gillies, Ailsa Craig.....	40 00	M. W. Smith.....	3 50
Mrs. E. T. Fox, Toronto.....	35 00	Mrs. R. Airth, Renfrew.....	3 19
Rev. Wm. Pocock, Hagersville	25 00	I. Turner, Little Current.....	3 00
G. Damen, St. Thomas.....	25 00	John Treneman, Kirkfield....	3 00
A Friend.....	25 00	W. H. Redman, Wheatley.....	2 50
S. T.....	25 00	Rebecca Cutler.....	2 50
Mrs. Chancellor Boyd, Toronto	25 00	Miss E. L. Ives, Georgeville..	2 50
Rev. T. Luckens, Sherbrooke..	20 00	"A. E.".....	2 50
A. Postel, Vernon, B. C.....	20 00	S. A., "Beam".....	2 00
H. H., Port Hope.....	15 00	C. J. Howard, Glencoe.....	2 00
J. Murray, Arkona.....	19 00	Wm. Collins, Simcoe.....	2 00
Rev. G. B. Davis.....	12 50	Mrs. B. Slade.....	2 00
Rev. J. R. Bonner.....	12 50	Eastern Friend.....	2 00
Mrs. E. Telfer, Aurora.....	12 00	A. E. Ryerson, Vittoria.....	2 00
Friend, Toronto.....	12 00	Mrs. D. G. Barber.....	2 00
J. Hooper, Toronto.....	10 00	D. C. McIntosh.....	2 00
Friend.....	10 00	"Member," Petrolia.....	2 00
J. M. C.....	10 00	Prof. F. Tracey.....	2 00
Friend, Ormond.....	10 00	A. McKillop.....	2 00
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Friend, Claremont.....	10 00	John Burt, Hillsburg.....	2 00
Rev. M. E. Siple.....	7 50	Mrs. D. Cameron, Port Elgin..	2 00
Thos. Jackson, Port Hope....	7 00	E. Hanson, Wheatley.....	2 00
Major A. Caswell, Belleville..	5 00	D. Anderson, Dominionville..	2 00
Rev. P. C. Parker, Toronto....	5 00	Mrs. McCallum.....	2 00
L. Montross.....	5 00	Rev. W. H. Stevens.....	2 00
W. E. Ellis.....	5 00	Rev. C. N. Mitchell.....	2 00
M. C. McBrayne.....	5 50	Rev. C. N. Mitchell.....	1 00
A. Smith, St. Paul.....	5 00	Baptist Sister.....	1 00
Miss C. L. Ives, Georgeville..	5 00	Friend, Springhill.....	50
Miss F. Teeple, Ogden Centre.	5 00	M. R. Grot.....	1 00
"Gananogue".....	5 00	H. Shannon, Little Current...	1 00
Eastern Friend.....	5 00	Friend, Prince Albert.....	1 00
T. Shields, jr.....	5 00	Miss J. L. Woodrow, Pottageville	1 00
Mrs. A. Cameron.....	5 00	Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Norwich.	1 00
T. Stewart, Belleville.....	5 00	Friend.....	1 00
J. Webster, M.D., Kingston...	5 00	Miss M. McLaren, Belfontaine.	1 00
"J," Monck.....	5 00	Rev. W. S. Buckborough.....	1 00
Rev. W. H. Palmer.....	5 00	Norman Burke, Marthaville...	1 00
A. McLean, Thurso.....	5 00	H. M. S.....	1 00
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BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Churches.....	\$10,733 30
Sunday Schools	1,604 83
Individuals	3,715 68
Woman's Home Mission Society (East).....	522 00
" " " " (West)	2,500 00
Mission Circles and Bands	21 64
Young People's Societies	148 43
Convention and Association Collections.....	111 23
Standard Publishing Co. Dividend.....	300 00
McMaster University for Home Mission Map.....	10 00
Refunded: Revs. P. C. McGregor and W. G. White.....	20 50
LEGACIES—	
Mary Van Wagner	\$ 40 00
Miss Mary McFarlan	100 00
James McNiven	100 00
Interest on Legacy of Miss Mary Lailey	240 00
Interest on Investment of Morrisburg Church.....	56 41
Estate of Hon. Wm. McMaster for Salary and Exp. of Supt.	65 97
Balance	2,000 00
	<u>2,640 75</u>
	<u>\$24,780 74</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due Treasurer, April 30th, 1896.....	\$ 3,048 06
APPROPRIATIONS—	
July, 1896.....	\$4,144 77
October, 1896	6,268 00
January, 1897.....	4,128 52
April, 1897.....	4,296 80
	<u>18,838 09</u>
Secretary's Salary	150 00
Travelling Expenses of Chairmen of Associations and other Messengers	149 85
Printing Financial Statement	2 75
Proportion of Expense of Year Book.....	30 80
Postage, P. O. Box, etc.....	18 03
Exchange, Com on P. O. Orders, etc.....	71 56
Standard Pub. Co. Account: Rent, Printing, Stationery, etc.....	219 00
Telephone Rent	25 00
Urquhart and Urquhart, Professional Services	16 07
Insurance on Perry Chapel	10 00
Rev. J. T. Dowling, for Home Mission Map	25 00
Interest on Overdraft at Bank and Loans.....	175 98
Superintendent's Salary and Expenses	2,000 00
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Audited and found correct,

EDWARD T. FOX, *Treasurer*H. R. WELTON,
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Toronto, May 20th, 1897.

NOTE.—Bequest of the late Miss Ellen Davies, of Toronto, \$1,000.00 for investment according to the wish of the donor, Dec. 11, 1896.

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OFFICERS FOR 1897-'98:

Honorary President,
MRS. A. R. McMASTER, Toronto.

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MRS. CHAS. J. HOLMAN, Toronto.

First Vice-President,
MRS. R. W. LAIRD, Toronto.

Second Vice-President,
MRS. D. HUTCHINSON, Brantford.

Corresponding Secretary,
MRS. JOHN LILLIE, Toronto.

Recording Secretary,
MISS M. BOYD, Toronto.

Treasurer,
MISS AMELIA S. ELLIS, Toronto.

Secretary of Bands,
MISS TAPSCOTT, Toronto.

Editor of Visitor,
MRS. A. R. McMASTER, Toronto.

Members of Board,

Retiring in 1898—Mrs. Chas. Raymond, Guelph; Mrs. Jesse Gibson, Toronto; Mrs. Scott, Toronto; Miss Annie Trotter, Toronto; Mrs. J. E. Wells, Toronto; Mrs. J. Lacy, Toronto.

Retiring in 1899—Mrs. John Alexander, Toronto; Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Toronto; Mrs. John Hume, Port Hope; Mrs. George Matthews, Lindsay; Mrs. John Cowan, Toronto; Mrs. J. P. McEwen, Toronto.

Retiring in 1900—Mrs. E. A. Crawford, Brantford; Mrs. D. Dack, Simcoe; Mrs. J. G. Gobles, Woodstock; Mrs. Grey, Eden; Mrs. Edmund Burke, Toronto; Mrs. J. J. Baker, Sparta.

Retiring in 1901—Mrs. Robertson, London; Mrs. John Harris, Brantford; Mrs. E. J. Hunter, Peterboro; Mrs. Cline, Paris; Mrs. Doolittle, Sparta; Mrs. Wm. McMaster.

Retiring in 1902—Mrs. John Stark, Toronto; Mrs. D. K. Clark, Woodstock; Mrs. David Mills, London; Miss A. E. Dryden, Greenbank; Mrs. C. C. McLaurin, Galt; Miss Copp, Hamilton.

Associational Directors.

Brant—Mrs. C. F. Gray, Brantford; Elgin—Mrs. E. Welter, St. Thomas; Hamilton—Mrs. H. Lloyd, Hamilton; Middlesex & Lambton—Miss E. Park, Wyoming; Midland Counties—Miss Barbara Warren, Acton; Niagara—Mrs. D. M. Walker, St. Catharines; Norfolk—Mrs. L. C. Barber, Boston; Northern—Mrs. R. Cummer, Parry Sound; Owen Sound—Mrs. Haines; Peterboro—Miss Annie Walton, Peterboro; Toronto—Mrs. Charles Pease, Toronto; Walkerton—Miss Pelton, Wingham; Western—Miss Florence Iler, Ridgetown; Whitby and Lindsay—Miss E. Starr, Brooklin; Woodstock—Miss Hatch, Woodstock.

EXTRACTS FROM THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
W. B. H. M. S. OF ONTARIO WEST.

In reviewing the work done by the W. B. H. M. S. of Ontario West, through the Circles, Bands and Churches under its care, we have endeavored in this, the Thirteenth Annual Report of its Corresponding Secretary, to combine incidents, facts, correspondence, statistics and results in such a form that it shall truthfully portray, as far as words can, the importance of the work done by our Society in the interest of Home Missions, and the duty of giving to support it, of the untiring zeal and forgetfulness of self of our missionaries, of the united, sympathetic and practical support given by the women in our Circles to the work assumed by the Board, and above all the goodness of our Heavenly Father, who has set His seal of Divine approbation upon our efforts, for, in the churches under our care it can be said, that during the year "this and that man was born there."

WORK IN THE CIRCLES.

"Good women are God's sentinels: In the darkest of earth's night, they hold with stout hearts, silently, life's outpost towards the light." Veritable sentinels have the women in our Circles been. Ever on the alert; watchful, ever ready to respond to the calls from headquarters. While the Board has planned, they have executed; held with stout hearts the outposts, and cheerfully aided by prayer, pen and purse, and as a result of this kindly co-operation 196 Circles—14 of whom were new, and 77 Bands have reported to our Treasurer.

Brant, Elgin, Guelph, Middlesex and Lambton, Norfolk, Niagara, Peterboro, Toronto and Woodstock Associations have each contributed over one dollar per Circle member; 118 Circles have increased their contributions over last year, 78 have fallen behind, and 17 have failed to report.

When at the beginning of 1897 it was found that despite effort our receipts were steadily falling behind, your Board decided, after prayerful consideration, to appeal to the Circles for an increase of one-twelfth over last year's contributions, how

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The work done by the Directors, who have an oversight of the Circles in their respective associations, has been efficient. We would remind them there are still fields to conquer, still churches where no Circle organization exists. Remind them that the aim of our Society is a Circle in *every* Baptist Church in Ontario, and every woman in that church a Circle member.

WORK IN THE MISSION BANDS.

The special work given to the Bands for Home Missions is the support of Mr. and Mrs. Duteaud, our missionary and his wife in Quebec City. For this we require \$500 00. The Bands have failed by \$99.22 to raise that amount this year, but we hope for better results next year. Who can estimate what it means for the future of our woman's work for Missions to have this ever increasing host of young trained workers drawn from our Mission Bands? Trained as they are in our Union Mission Bands they are taught that the Home and Foreign Missions are one, and that the work at home must be nourished if the work abroad is to prosper. We are sorry to part with our faithful Secretary of Bands, Mrs. Chas. Stark, and we are sure, that though no longer an officer, she will still take an active interest in Band work. We bespeak for her successor, Miss Tapscott,

who is noted as a Band enthusiast, the hearty co-operation of Band Leaders.

"BUREAU OF INFORMATION" AND "BAPTIST VISITOR."

Believing, as we do, that increased knowledge of our work means increased interest, and consequently increased funds to carry it on, we earnestly recommend that Circles make use of our Bureau of Information (Mrs. [Rev.] C. W. King, 318 Earl St., Kingston, is Secretary,) and that Presidents of Circles make it their special duty to see that there is an agent for the "Visitor" in her Circle, and that she is doing her duty that the magazine is distributed regularly. When we read our "Visitor" telling of our work, we should read it with our Bibles open beside us, and look for a revelation of our Father's will concerning the part He would have us take in "training Canada for Christ." The circulation of the "Visitor" this year is 4,800. We are anxious to make it 5,000 next year. Who will help? Remember all the work is done gratuitously, and all profits are divided among the Ontario, Manitoba and Eastern Societies according to subscribers.

OUR TREASURY.

Our Society has raised this year from all sources \$4,778.45 (in Treasurer's report). We regret that this leaves a deficit of \$150.00, and we appeal to our sisters all over Ontario to rise up and wipe this off. We convey to Miss Ellis, our Treasurer, the appreciation of the Board for her faithfulness and efficiency.

HOME MISSION BOXES.

The sending of these boxes has had the careful attention of the Superintendent of Boxes, Mrs. John Wellington, 14 Pine Hill Road, Toronto, and the relief afforded has been more timely, if possible, this hard year than ever before.

The monthly prayer meetings of our Board have been helpful and inspiring.

FELLER INSTITUTE AND COATICOOK SCHOOL.

Feller Institute has had an attendance this year of 123. Good work has been done. There has been a larger number of Roman Catholic pupils (12) in attendance than usual. On March last 17 pupils were baptised; five of this number were Roman Catholics. The Missionary meetings of the "Little

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Helpers' League," among the pupils at Grande Ligne, is slowly but surely teaching the pupils something of the needs of the world, and opening their hearts to give the little they can. They have sent \$5.00 to the "Indian Famine Fund," besides raising \$17.00 to help the work at Grande Ligne. For the names and a slight description of the six pupils, supported by our Society at Feller Institute, at a cost of fifty dollars per pupil, I must refer you to the January Grande Ligne number of the "Baptist Visitor," only taking space to say that all are doing well, one having received the prize for good deportment and general improvement. We were enabled, through the excellent financial management of the "Visitor," to give \$50 (our share of the profits) to the school at Coaticook. There are 52 pupils in attendance, 18 of whom are Roman Catholics. I would again refer you to the Grande Ligne number of the "Visitor" for an interesting description of this school, and the good work it is doing. We wish we could increase our grant here. Who will help?

QUEBEC CITY MISSION.

Mr. Duteaud writes: "Our work, though not being all we could desire, is quite encouraging. My work consists in preaching the Gospel twice on Sunday, besides the Sunday School, and in visiting those I cannot see during the week. The reading-room over the Mission is kept open every night from 7 to 9.30. Many come to our reading room who would not dare attend the meetings. Here they hear the word, and are gradually won to attend the mission services. There are twenty scholars in the Sunday School." Mr. Duteaud makes an urgent appeal for help. Last year he baptized nine, eight of these were converts from Rome; several more are ready to confess Christ by baptism, and scores would follow were it not for priestly interference. Remember our missionaries in Quebec often in prayer.

WORK IN ONTARIO.

It is most encouraging to note that some of the churches under the care of our Society are working towards self-support. The church at Sault Ste. Marie, Rev. G. W. Downing, missionary, is one of them. This church has a membership of 72; two by baptism, twelve by letter, and one by experience, have been added during the year. The Sunday School, including officers and teachers, number 107. They have raised for Home, Foreign, Grande Ligne Missions, and other objects, \$55.82. The church services are well attended, prayer meetings large and

spiritual. The Mission Circle meets monthly, and has raised \$14 for Home, and \$6 for Foreign Missions. Our Society gives towards pastor's salary \$300.00

Rev. Edward J. Stobo, jr., a McMaster graduate, is in charge of the work at North Bay. There is a membership here of 59; one received by baptism and six by letter during the year; two candidates are now awaiting baptism. The work at Widdifield (a station worked in connection with North Bay) is full of promise. The little chapel that our Society has helped to the amount of \$50.00 to build has been dedicated. It is still, however, in an unfinished condition, as they have no seats, only rough planks. Mr. Stobo writes: "One hundred dollars would make our hearts sing for joy." Who has that \$100.00, or a part of it, waiting for this very investment?

At Sundridge, Rev. J. T. Thomson is pastor. Between twenty and thirty conversions are reported in this field, and a number now awaiting baptism.

Burk's Falls has been pastorless for the past three months. Rev. Mr. Gregory, a McMaster graduate (it is pleasing to see our McMaster men falling into line), is to take charge of the work at Burk's Falls, Doe Lake and Sprucedale. He will live at Burk's Falls. That is a field. How he is to get along without a horse is beyond my powers of comprehension. Hasn't some one a horse they can spare?

Bracebridge, Rev. John Moyle, pastor, has a membership of 64, with a Sunday School of 70 scholars and 5 teachers. Good work is being done, and, in Mr. McEwen's words, "large and happy results are looked for." Mr. Moyle is an energetic worker, a good preacher and excellent Bible Class teacher. The church is one of the spiritual forces of the town. Here is another field where a horse is much needed, as Mr. Moyle should touch every school house within ten miles, and the church would soon become self-supporting. Again, I make plea for a horse or cash to buy one. We give \$300.00 towards salary.

To Midland, Rev. W. Hanna, pastor, we give a similar amount—\$300.00. The location of this church building, on the top of the hill, while the village was in the valley below, has always affected the attendance, especially during the winter months. So they have rented the church to the School Board, and rented a hall in the centre of the town for worship, and look for good results from the change.

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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

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Parry Sound has a beautiful little chapel. The Rev. Mr. Cave is pastor. The church has a membership of 68 with 80 scholars and seven teachers in the Sunday School.

WORK IN THE MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

Calgary is the only English speaking church in the North-West under the care of our Board. We contribute to pastor's salary \$200.00. Rev. John R. Cresswell is the pastor. This church is small in numbers but large in loyalty to Christ and His commands. On Easter Sunday three young men and two young women were baptized. One of the young men is a grandson of the first pioneer Baptist of the Province of Manitoba. This church has a membership of 85. Five have been added by baptism, three by letter and four by experience during the year. Eighty scholars and 8 teachers in the Sunday School.

SCANDINAVIAN WORK.

"We would return thanks to God for His all wise providence in sending us such a zealous, energetic man as the Rev. L. M. Stolberg to care for this work. He has gone in and out among the people and won their sympathy and co-operation. The Scandinavian work is making steady progress. The church at Winnipeg, which is in care of Mr. Stolberg, has a membership of 54. The increase during the year has been 21 by baptism, two by experience; four have been dismissed by letter and one by exclusion. It was hoped that a church would have been erected before this, but it was thought best to pay off the debt on the church lot. The church is very much needed, as at present they worship in the basement of the Logan Avenue Church, Winnipeg, an arrangement which is often very disturbing, particularly during singing. The church is to cost about \$2,000. Towards this the American Board of Baptist Home Mission (who already give \$150 a year towards Mr. Stolberg's salary) have promised the *last* \$400. Who will help in this work of giving the Scandinavians of Winnipeg a church home?

There is another mission established among this people at Scandinavia, about eighty miles northwest of Portage la Prairie, where good work is being done by Mr. Trinan, eight by baptism and two by letter having been added during the year. Mr. Stolberg is General Missionary, and his report is as follows: 167 sermons, 300 visits, 56 prayer meetings, 47 Sunday Schools attended, 20 communion services, 35 baptisms, 35 Bibles and

New Testaments sold and given away, 7,577 tracts given away, 175 letters and cards written, and 5,292 miles traveled. We have given to the lot for Scandinavian Church \$400, and \$300 towards Mr. Stolberg's salary, also \$150 towards German student work in Manitoba. We also contributed \$1,000 towards Student Labor in Ontario.

We beseech you, sisters, that you help by prayer and gift, that our work may go forward, and we will yet, God's grace assisting, win "Canada for Christ."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN LILLIE,

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During the past year four regular meetings of the Board have been held and two special meetings, with an average attendance of twelve ladies.

The first meeting of the new Board was held in the Baptist Church, Chatham, on Friday, May 22nd. After making the Ontario appropriations, some discussion followed as to whether any advance was to be made, and, if so, where to be applied, very urgent appeals being read from Quebec in regard to the opening of a school at Coaticook, and from the North-West in regard to the building of a Scandinavian church, which is an absolute necessity there. After serious deliberation over the matter, Mrs. McMaster guaranteed \$50 from the receipts of the "Visitor" towards Quebec, in order that an advance might be made there, provided the Board would do its utmost for the North-West. A motion was made and carried to that effect, and applying the extra \$50 towards the school at Coaticook.

In regard to the North-West, it was decided to apply the appropriation for the Building Fund towards the Scandinavian church, provided the Women's Board in the North-West agree to this method of applying the money, and raising the amount from \$371 to \$400. But at a later meeting a letter was read requesting that the money be applied to the buying of the lot instead. The request was granted. As the full amount of \$350 was not required at Calgary this year, \$150 of it was applied to the German Student Fund, as suggested by Mr. Mellick.

The appropriations made for the year are as follows:—
Ontario, \$2,740; Quebec, \$950; North-West, \$1,050; Printing, Stationery, Directors' expenses, &c., \$125. Total, \$4,865.

In addition to the above appropriations, it was decided that in the event of the suggested basis for Indian work being adopted by the Montreal Convention, a further sum of \$200 should be added to the estimates for the year to be used for work among the Indians.

At the meeting held in September, Mr. Mellick was present and gave a short and interesting sketch of the work done in the

North-West, amongst the Scandinavians, Germans, Mennonites, and the Indians. In regard to the Indian work, Mr. Mellick said that it was rapidly growing and very promising. There are three chapels, with one hundred Indians in church fellowship. Mr. Mellick requested that two ladies belonging to the Indian Committee be appointed as representatives of the Board, to attend the Ontario Committee for Manitoba, which was held at Paris on the 14th of September, to consult with that Committee about the Indian work. The Board did not deem this possible, inasmuch as the Indian Committee was a Committee appointed by the Women's Convention and not by the Home Mission Board; but finally, as some action seemed necessary, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Boyd were requested to comply with Mr. Mellick's request and to attend the meeting, not as representatives of the Home Mission Board, but as representatives of the Convention. The result of that meeting was a call for a special meeting for Monday, October 6th, when the following resolution in regard to Indian work was adopted:—

"Whereas the Indian Committee has been reorganized by the request of the Ontario Committee for Manitoba, and whereas a Treasurer has been appointed by the Indian Committee, and whereas it is desirable that there be but one collection for this mission, the Indian Committee requests that the Home Mission Board will allow it to make this collection, on the understanding that the Committee pay the Treasurer of the Home Mission Society, Miss Ellis, the sum appropriated for the Indian work by the Home Mission Board, namely, two hundred dollars, by the 30th of April next. The Indian Committee appointed Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Boyd to meet with the Home Mission Board to confer with them on this subject of Indian collection."

At the February meeting several very interesting and encouraging replies were read in response to the cards sent out asking that an advance of one-twelfth be made in the offerings of all Circles and Bands towards the deficit. In one case more than the amount asked for had been raised.

A letter of resignation was read from Mrs. C. T. Stark, as Secretary of Bands, who feels unable to undertake the work another year, as she finds it requires more time and attention than she is able to devote to it. Mrs. Stark has been the Secretary for five years, and has done the work earnestly and faithfully, and proved a very efficient officer; and although urged to remain, she feels it would be better for one to be

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Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET BOYD.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING.

The first meeting of the newly-appointed Board of the W. B. H. M. S. was held in the Baptist Church, Galt, on Friday, May 21st. President in the chair. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted the following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Lillie, as Corresponding Secretary; Miss Ellis, as Treasurer, and Mrs. A. R. McMaster, as Editor of the "Visitor." Miss Tapscott was elected Secretary of Bands in place of Mrs. C. T. Stark.

An invitation from the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, for the Convention next year was received and accepted.

The appropriations for the year were then discussed. It was decided that a grant of \$1,050 be given to the North-West for the support of the Scandinavian work, but that we should not assume the full responsibility of that work at present.

The North-West agreed to assume the support of the objects we have been helping provided we undertook to transfer our work to this one object.

It was also decided to devote \$140 towards the opening of the new mission at Rat Portage, where Mr. Tapscott is to be stationed.

ESTIMATES FOR 1897-98.

ONTARIO (FOR SIX MONTHS ONLY).

Student Labor.....	\$500 00
Midland.....	150 00
Bracebridge.....	150 00
Sault Ste. Marie.....	75 00
Sundridge.....	60 00
Burk's Falls, Doe Lake and Sprucedale.....	120 00
Parry Sound.....	150 00
North Bay.....	25 00
Rat Portage.....	140 00
Total for Ontario.....	\$1,370 00

QUEBEC (ONE YEAR).

Grande Ligne (six pupils).....	\$300 00
Mr Duteaud's salary.....	500 00
Mrs. Duteaud's salary.....	100 00
Coaticook School (special gift).....	50 00
Total for Quebec.....	\$ 950 00
Scandinavian Fund (North-West).....	1,050 00
Printing, Stationery, Directors' Expenses, etc.....	125 00
Grand Total.....	\$3,495 00

The special gift mentioned in connection with the school at Coaticook has been promised by a lady, who requested that the Board should use it as they thought best, either to go towards some special object or towards the deficit. As \$50.00 received from the profits of the "Visitor" last year could not be guaranteed for this year, it was thought very desirable that the donation should be devoted to that object.

It was decided that a statement of the appropriation should be made and sent to every Circle and Association, and that special mention be made of the financial position of the Society. After prayer by several of the ladies, the meeting adjourned.

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GENERAL STATEMENT.

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Balance forward April 30th, 1896.....		\$ 84 00
Amount from Circles.....	\$3,911 39	
" Bands.....	400 78	
" Miscellaneous.....	466 28	
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DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer, for regular work in Ontario.....		\$2,590 00
" Treasurer Grande Ligne Mission, for work in Quebec.....	\$900 00	
" Treasurer Grande Ligne Mission, for School at Coaticook.....	50 00	
" Treasurer N. W. Board, for Calgary and North- West.....	950 00	
" Treasurer W. B. H. & F. S. of Manitoba, for regular work.....	\$350 00	
" Treasurer W. B. H. & F. S. of Manitoba, for Scandinavian Church building.....	300 00	
" Treasurer W. B. H. & F. S. of Manitoba, for work among the Indians.....	400 00	
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Printing, Stationery, etc.....	1,250 00	
Directors' expenses, sundries, etc.....	\$28 25	
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Balance in Bank, 14c.; on hand, \$10.25.....		62 66
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Audited and found correct,

A. BLUE,
GEO. R. ROBERTS, } Auditors.

Total number of Circles heard from.....	196
" Bands.....	77

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES ISSUED.—Mrs. L. G. Carter,
 Port Colborne; Miss Ellen McDonald, Wallaceburg; Miss Lucinda
 Kitchen, St. George; Mrs. C. M. Graham, St. Thomas; Mrs. Salem
 Foster, Brampton; Mrs. D. E. Thomson, Toronto; Mrs. J. B. Huff-
 man, Aylmer; Mrs. C. M. Dancy, Toronto; Mrs. Phoebe Alice Haight,
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AMELIA S. ELLIS, Treasurer.

Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (East)

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For One Year.

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For Three Years.

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" A. B. HUDSON,
" ARTHUR CAMPBELL.

For Two Years.

MRS O. C. EDWARDS,
" D. BENTLEY,
" R. O. SMITH,
" A. A. TOMLINSON.

For Four Years.

MRS A. K. BLACKADAR,
" W. E. MATTHEWS,
" S. WHITCOMB,
" METCALF.

Association Directors,

MRS D. McLAREN, Ottawa Association.
MRS F. KNOWLTON, Canada Central Association.
MRS R. PARKER, Eastern Association.

Society (East)

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION
SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO
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Again we have reached the time of drawing the line between the accomplished facts of the past, and the hopes and plans for the days to come, the time when we are inclined to make a summary of the work done as a basis of future endeavor. It is well known to you all that the aim of this Society has been to help in spreading the Gospel through the home land, to aid in planting the Baptist standard on a foundation upon which all work of the denomination at home and abroad may safely depend for its future prosperity, and in looking back over the few years of its existence we have, in some measure been permitted to see our hopes and aims realized, as interest in the work has increased and the usefulness extended. There is so much to encourage and incite to greater zeal.

Ottawa.

Though still small and seemingly insignificant, the Society has made steady progress, and the women of the East are becoming more and more alive to the great work lying at their own doors. The fields we have helped support have repaid all labor and money expended upon them, and there should be happy faces here to-day as we realize what we have helped to do, and our hearts should be happy at the prospect before us.

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The Board has held the regular quarterly meetings during the year, which have been well attended, averaging 12 out of 17 resident members. Four special meetings have also been called—one in December last, the object of which was to put on record a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. George W. Avery, the ex-President of the Society, who had filled the office faithfully and efficiently since its organization; the second, called the 26th of September, was to dispose of funds still unappropriated. At the March meeting the name of Mrs. A. M. Firth was added to the Executive Board. In June two new Circles were reported as having joined the Society, Pointe St. Charles and Sawyerville.

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We have again to record a great loss. Our sister, Mrs. Tarr, a living, earnest Christian worker, has been taken from our midst to join the shining throng. Her place cannot be filled on the Board or in the Circles to which she belonged. Who will be the next one called?

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As to the objects of the Society's work there has been no change during the past year. The same fields have received assistance. The question of centralizing our work in some large centre has been left in abeyance, as the illness of Superintendent McEwen, the proposer of the plan, made any progress impossible.

Beckwith, as reported by Superintendent McEwen, has had the best summer for three or four years. Special meetings have been held, and six have been baptised and added to the church.

During a conversation with Mr. Torrie, the student who has been in charge, the Secretary was told that the prayer meetings were attended by forty or fifty, the church was well filled every Sabbath and the Sunday School flourishing, and the Church had taken up collections for Home and Foreign Missions, Grande Ligne and the North-West.

Mr. Torrie left the 1st of September to resume his studies.

Rev. J. D. Medcof resigned the pastorate of the Billerica and Clarendon churches some time ago, and his place has not been filled. Superintendent McEwen writes that it will be advisable to send a married man on this field as there is a comfortable parsonage. And in order that a suitable man may be obtained it will necessitate a larger grant from the Mission Board, probably \$300.00.

Last year Baldwin's Mills entered into working order with Barnston, both under the charge of Rev. A. A. Fanjoy. No item of special interest has reached us from the field. Potten has had unusual blessing. Special services have been held with good results. H. Saunders has been the student in charge. Last year Potten was a little disappointing, but this year Mr. McEwen writes as follows: "You may safely report Potten as hopeful, with evident tokens of God's favor resting on the work."

We have also an interest in the cause at Kingsey Falls, for which Mr. McEwen made an appeal at our last annual meeting.

The Grande Ligne and North-West branches of the Society's work have hardly been as uniformly supported as was hoped. Two students have been supported at Grande Ligne, one a student studying for missionary work. It is simply impossible that we are to have only two another year. We must take a step forward.

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Manitoba and North-West to help in their work, and it seems to have been such a little help. It has been the cause of deep anxiety to the Board how more interest could be awakened, at the same time there is a feeling that all funds raised by the Circles for Grande Ligne and the North-West do not reach our Treasurer, but, either thoughtlessly or through mistake, are sent direct. It is not by any means to be considered that money sent through the Treasurer of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society (East) will do one whit more good than sent to the same object in any other way, but it does enable the Society to take some special work, as we are often asked to do, if we can only depend upon Circles sending their contributions to our Treasurer. For instance, it has been the desire of the Board to educate students at Grande Ligne who may be sent out as missionaries among our poor French neighbors, and whom we may follow on in their work, help, encourage and support and feel responsible for their success, and in the North-West as well. How much we would all enjoy hearing from our own Scandinavian or Indian Mission. And we women of the East can do a great deal if we do it altogether. When I say women of the East I am reminded that there seems to be a milky way in some cases as to what East and West means. Bear in mind that the three associations, Canada Central, Ottawa and Eastern, have in times gone by when there were *two General Conventions*, as many can remember, and *do now*, in the case of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, constitute the Eastern Convention. These three associations cover a large territory, starting from and including Kingston and east to Quebec City. Sometimes a little thought as to the geography of the country may help in deciding where to send money. We hope it is clearly understood that no attempt is being made to obtain funds meant for other objects, but we know that this Society does not always get what is intended for it.

Now, one word for the year just opening. It has been said before that this is the time when we are inclined to make the summary of the accomplished past the basis of future exertions. We certainly *do* this, though we have no right to. There is no limit to what our hopes and aims should be for the future. Ours is no limited promise. If we work faithfully and altogether we may expect so much. After all it is not so much *what* we do as *how* we do it. It is the "Well done" we all long to hear, so let our faith and our works walk together until we meet again.

MRS. C. E. PARSON, *Cor. Sec.*

TREASURER'S SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1896.

Canada Central Association.			
Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Arnprior.....	\$ 4 00	....	\$ 4 00
Algonquin.....	9 00	....	9 00
Almonte.....	None	....	....
Allan's Mills.....	....	None	....
Athens.....	4 00	....	4 00
Beckwith.....	4 00	....	4 00
Brockville.....	45 55	\$25 00	70 55
Carleton Place.....	17 50	....	17 50
Delta.....	15 00	....	15 00
Drummond.....	10 00	....	10 00
Gananoque.....	None	....	....
Kingston.....	31 00	....	31 00
Lanark.....	3 00	....	3 00
Perth.....	29 00	....	29 00
Phillipsville.....	18 00	....	18 00
Plum Hollow.....	10 00	....	10 00
Pembroke.....	None	....	....
Westport.....	7 00	....	7 00
	\$207 05	\$25 00	\$232 05
Ottawa Association.			
Cornwall.....	None	....	....
Dominionville.....	\$15 00	....	\$15 00
Grenville.....	8 00	....	8 00
Kemptville.....	None	....	....
Metcalfe.....	4 75	....	4 75
Osnabruck.....	8 00	\$8 00	16 00
Osgoode.....	23 73	....	23 73
Ottawa, First Church.....	102 55	20 00	122 55
Ottawa, McPhail Memorial.....	15 00	10 00	25 00
Rockland.....	16 70	....	16 70
Roxborough.....	6 50	....	6 50
Thurso.....	10 85	....	10 85
Vankleek Hill.....	6 60	....	6 60
Winchester.....	4 50	....	4 50
	\$222 18	\$38 00	\$260 18
Eastern Association.			
Abbott's Corner.....	\$13 00	....	\$13 00
Montreal, Grace Church.....	11 85	....	11 85
Montreal, First Church.....	11 50	....	11 50
Pointe St. Charles.....	12 90	\$5 00	17 90
Sawyer'sville.....	9 00	8 00	17 00
Quebec.....	10 00	10 00
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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

General Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as per last Statement.....		
From Circles.....	\$ 32 20	
" Bands.....	497 48	
Miscellaneous.....	76 00	
	32 98	
		\$638 66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid General Treasurer Amount of Appropriation.....	\$575 00	
" " " toward support of Kingsey Falls Church.....	50 00	
Printing Directories and Programmes.....	6 00	
Postage, Stationery, etc.....	4 79	
		635 79
Balance.....		\$ 2 87

Total number of Circles heard from.....	32
" Bands ".....	6
Life-membership certificates issued.....	2

MRS. KENNETH MACDONALD, OTTAWA.
MISS MARY E. MILLAR, OTTAWA.

GRANDE LIGNE DEPARTMENT.

Canada Central Association.

Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Phillipsville.....	\$15 00	.....	\$15 00
Plum Hollow.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Kingston.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Drummond.....	4 00	.....	4 00
	\$34 00	.....	\$34 00

Ottawa Association.

Ottawa, First Church.....	\$26 75	\$5 00	\$31 75
" McPhail Memorial.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Thurso.....	2 15	.....	2 15
	\$28 90	\$10 00	\$38 90

General Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, as per last Statement.....		
From Circles.....	\$ 57 97	
" Bands.....	62 90	
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Postage and drafts.....	0 62	
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Balance.....		\$ 30 25

MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST DEPARTMENT.

Canada Central Association.			
Name.	Circle.	Band.	Total.
Phillipsville	\$10 00	....	\$10 00
Perth	3 50	....	3 50
Drummond	5 00	....	5 00
	\$18 50	....	\$18 50
Ottawa Association.			
Ottawa, First Church	\$28 80	....	\$28 80
General Statement.			

RECEIPTS.

Balance as per last Statement.....	\$ 1 47
From Circles	47 30
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Women's Mission Society of Manitoba and North-West.....	\$45 00
Paid special contribution to Portage La Prairie church.	2 00
Drafts and Postage.....	46
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Balance	\$1 31

Audited and found correct,

MARGARET HUDSON,
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Ottawa, 2nd Oct., 1896.

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N. B.—As all the Associations have not held their meetings when this matter goes to press we cannot give names of brethren representing the same on the Board.

THIRTY-FIRST REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

*Being a Report of the Foreign Work for the Calendar Year 1896 and of the
Home Work for the Year Ending April 30th, 1897*

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Evangelistic work should stand in the forefront of thought and effort in all missionary enterprise, and so we give it the foremost place in our report of the work on the field. What a newness there is in the "old, old story," as it is told in ears that have never before heard its sweet music. The dulled soul and torpid conscience may be slow in taking it in, but to the messenger there must be a peculiar joy in the consciousness of telling the wonderful story of God's love to ears that never heard it before. This has been in part the joy of our missionaries and their native assistants during the year 1896. They have had the joy, too, of looking into faces lighting up with the first apprehension of the most blessed truth that ever greeted human ear. In the enthusiasm of this joy, writing from India, Mr. Eddy, travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, says, "I would rather have five years here, in the power of God, than a lifetime at home."

In speaking of this department of the work, we shall begin with the most southerly of our fields, and proceed in regular order northward.

Vuyyuru—Bro. J. G. Brown says, "Sixteen preachers have gone out among the villages from day to day with the word of God. The word has had free course and has been glorified in the salvation of many souls. One hundred and seventy-eight have been baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ, and many more are under instruction, with a view to baptism. In and around Vuyyuru there has been special interest in the truth. In one village, about three miles away, a congregation of twenty believers has been gathered, a school started with about twenty pupils, and a small chapel erected on a plot of ground given us

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Up to August, 1891, this field was a part of the Akidu field. As showing the evangelistic spirit that marks the work, we may quote a few words from Mr. Brown's report at the end of 1891, when he had been but a few months on this newly organized field. He says, "As soon as we were settled in our new home, the work of preaching the Gospel in the surrounding villages began. Accompanied by two preachers, we have visited nearly thirty villages, within a radius of about five miles of the station. In these, the Gospel has been repeatedly and faithfully preached, and there has been a ready response to the word thus proclaimed. In addition to this, five tours were made to various parts of the field." This sort of evangelistic work, continued right on to the present time on this field, has been very greatly blessed. During the five years and a half, up to the end of 1896, Mr. Brown has seen baptized on this field 670 converts, 178 of them during the year we are now reporting.

Akidu—On the Akidu field the church members numbered 1,875 at the end of the year. This large number of Christians demands a great deal of pastoral and teaching work; but, in addition to this, large evangelistic effort is put forth. This field, from the time of its establishment in 1880, was under the oversight of Bro. John Craig until last spring, when he returned home on furlough. Since that time Bro. Chute has had charge of the field. He has had the help of five ordained, and ten unordained preachers. Writing in October, Mr. Chute says, "Peter has toured with me a good deal, and we have preached more to the caste people than usual. We have had very good hearing for the most part. I feel sure there are many among the caste people, especially the Shudras, who would come out for Christ if caste were not such a terrible barrier. Our people at home cannot conceive the difficulties of a caste man's becoming a Christian." As a result of the evangelistic work, 172 converts were baptized on this field during the year.

Ramachandrapuram.—The evangelistic work on this field has been very seriously interrupted. The very grave character of Mrs. McLeod's illness prevented Mr. McLeod from touring to any considerable extent, and in the month of August made it necessary for him to retire from the field altogether. The oversight of the field then passed into the hands of Bro. Walker, whose hands were already quite full enough with his work on the Peddapuram field. The attention that Bro. Walker has been able to give to this field had to be devoted chiefly to the Christians. There were eight baptisms during the year.

Cocanada.—Cocanada was again last year without the care of a resident missionary equipped for the work, and was dependent on such attention as Bro. J. R. Stillwell could give it from the Seminary. He says, "A week's tour was made over the field with my brother, and God prepared the way before us, and the hearts of the people for our coming. Repulsed in one place, we turned elsewhere, but that same evening the very people, (and they were Brahmins,) came of their own accord to our tent a mile and a half away, and requested that we should preach to them. This we did for an hour or more, and their attention was deep, and marked with interest. In another village a large company of well-to-do farmers listened to the word with like interest, and the same when spoken by myself or the workers. There is everywhere manifest a growing interest and an increasing readiness to hear the word. In several villages movement is apparent, and we shall reap largely and soon if we faint not. There were 21 converts baptized. Some of these were from Miss Baskerville's Girls' School, and some from a petta where she conducts a Sunday School, and the rest the result of Jonathon's and Isaac's work."

Samulcotta.—Though the chief work at Samulcotta is educational, yet the evangelistic finds a place also. Bro. Stillwell says, "It is part of our work to preach the gospel in Samulcotta and adjacent villages. The senior students have rendered service in this way, while the younger members have been engaged in village Sunday School work. All have maintained a good spirit, shown a readiness to work, and comported themselves with very few exceptions, worthily of their profession. In connection with this evangelistic work is the Samulcotta village church, over which N. Thomas is pastor. The church has been strengthened and one addition made by baptism, while four have been thus added to the Seminary church."

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Peddapuram.—Notwithstanding the fact that Bro. Walker had to divide his time with the Tuni field during the first half of the year, and with the Ramachandrapuram field during the last half, he was able to do a considerable amount of evangelistic work. As a result of his labors in co-operation with his native helpers he had the joy of seeing seventy converts baptized on the Peddapuram field.

Tuni.—The prospects are brighter on the Tuni field than ever before. Bro. J. R. Stillwell writes: "What is it all about? is the puzzled inquiry passing from lip to lip just now in Nandur, for five people from that place accepted Christ, and last month professed Him in baptism. Again this month four more believers came, and their testimony was the same, that they, too, had obtained a great joy in believing. Just what this is and how it arises is what the people of Nandur cannot understand. But that there is a peace that satisfies the Telugu restless craving is so apparent that no one thinks of denying it. The clear assent of conviction, the ready answer to every inquiry, the lighting up of the dark features, and the bright shining eyes, are witnesses that cannot be gainsaid. A work of grace has indeed begun in Nandur, and there is every prospect of it continuing. There are inquirers in almost every part of the field. This year is the beginning of a new era in the Tuni mission, for all the indications are that the harvest is ripe and calls for reapers." Writing later Bro. Priest says: "We are much rejoiced over the prospects of the work. Owing to the famine we have been exercising great care in the matter of baptism, rejecting all save those who gave the clearest evidence of conversion. We are looking for rich blessing this coming year. The spirit of expectancy is among the preachers." Twenty-three converts were baptized.

Yellamanchili and Narsapatnam.—These two adjacent fields are under the care of Dr. Smith, who says, "The work seems growing dearer and more interesting as I extend my visits into places that are new to me, though formerly visited by Bro. Laflamme. A large number of persons are professing conversion, but hesitating to come out openly. And many more are consenting with their lips to the truth of our message. A Brahmin came on the last day of the year professing conversion. He had before met with the Maritime missionaries. When he came to me he had removed his juttu and caste-mark. On his second visit he requested

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baptism. The missionary thought best to investigate his case further before granting this request. But two were baptized during the year. The day of fruitage on this new part of our field seems about to dawn." Miss McLaurin's work on these two fields among the women has been quite encouraging. She has done a good deal of touring, and has had access to the homes of many of the caste women, as well as the opportunity of reaching large numbers of the outcaste classes.

While evangelism should be kept in the forefront in mission work, it is not all the work incumbent on missionaries. Church organization and Christian development should follow immediately upon successful evangelistic work.

THE CHURCHES AND PASTORAL WORK.

In such a field the need of all the benefits of church organization and efficient pastoral oversight must be very apparent to anyone who gives the matter any serious thought. There is behind these new converts generations of debasing heathen life, blunting the moral sensibilities and perverting the moral and spiritual conceptions. The environment is packed full of temptations to the old heathen vices. The profession of Christ, too, involves subjection to persecution in a variety of forms. In such circumstances wisdom and strength are needed, where, alas, the previous conditions of life have produced ignorance and impotence. The converts, scattered in more than two hundred villages, are enrolled in the membership of twenty-seven churches, including the English-speaking church in Cocanada. There are on the staff of native workers but eleven ordained Telugus. In addition to these there are about sixty unordained preachers, some of whom in addition to evangelistic work perform a measure of pastoral service. One of the missionaries writes: "It will indeed be a glad day to the missionary when he sees all his native churches shepherded by godly faithful pastors." He adds, "On the whole the spiritual life of the churches during the past year has been unusually satisfactory. Comparatively few have had to be disciplined or excluded. This is largely the result of determined efforts, at whatever cost, to shepherd the little flocks in the villages. The Christians are growing in grace, strength and intelligence. The contrast between them and the heathen would be apparent to the most careless observer." The Yellamanchili church is reported as seemingly "renewed and revived," while the Narsapatnam church has been relieved of its "dis-

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SELF-SUPPORT.

Continuous effort is being made in the development of Christian liberality in the churches, with a view to self-support and the propagation of the Gospel. The amount contributed this year is not equal to that given the previous year. This does not, however, indicate a backward step. The falling off is accounted for by the famine prices of food. Mr. Brown says of his field, "An increasing number of our village congregations have definitely undertaken to contribute a stated portion of their preacher's salary. By a thorough canvass of the whole field we hope in this way to nearly double the contributions of the people. Where the people are really well shepherded we find them ready to contribute of their substance to the support of the Gospel. One of the greatest drawbacks is the lack of proper chapels and school-houses in the villages. As soon as a Christian congregation is formed, a piece of land must be secured and a chapel school-house built thereon. All this takes time and money, of which latter the Christians can furnish comparatively little in addition to their regular weekly contributions towards pastoral support. With the rapid increase in the number of Christian villages this problem of providing chapel accommodation becomes a serious one."

EDUCATIONAL.

The illiterate condition of the masses makes it necessary that some facilities should be provided for the education of the converts and their families, if they are to develop in intelligence and strength as Christians.

Village Schools.—This work has to begin at the very foundation in the primary teaching of the village school. These village schools number about sixty, with as many teachers. Some of the preachers' wives, and some of the preachers themselves also, assist in this work. One missionary says, "The number of schools on this field is less than last year, but they are much more effective. We are gradually securing a much better class of teachers than formerly, and the attendance is much more satisfactory." Another says, "The school work, being in charge of the preachers' wives, has been somewhat irregular."

Another, "Some of the village schools are doing well; others are not as satisfactory as I should like, owing to the irregularity of attendance."

Boarding Schools.—The next step from the primary village school is the station boarding school. These are designed, not only to provide for work in advance of that done in the village school, but to provide for it under conditions more favorable to the development of Christian life. There are schools of this kind both for boys and for girls. Those for girls are under the care of the Women's Boards. There were five Boys' Boarding Schools last year. A year ago the Board came very reluctantly to the conclusion that these schools would have to be closed, owing to the insufficiency of the income for the work. It is a very cheering fact that the interests of the work have so large a place in the hearts of some of our people that they came promptly forward with special offerings to keep these schools open. The Vuyyuru missionary says, "Our station school has done an excellent year's work. The attendance is over forty, including quite a number of Sudras and Mohammedans." Dr. Smith says of the Yellamanchili School, "Mrs. Smith is managing our boys' school and teaching Bible and English daily. During the past two years eight of the boys have been converted." Just at the end of the year, three of these boys applied for baptism. Some of the Akidu school boys went on strike, but, after learning a wholesome lesson, the best of them returned again, consenting to be subject to the terms they had before so stoutly resisted. The work done in these schools is of very great importance to the future of the mission.

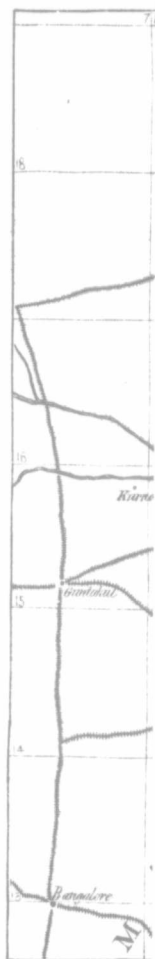
The Seminary.—The Seminary at Samulcotta has four departments—the Literary, the Theological, the Industrial, and the Primary. Bro. J. R. Stillwell is the Principal, and he has the assistance of eight teachers. There were in all 92 students in attendance—17 in the Theological department, 54 in the Literary Department, 6 in Carpentry, and 15 in the Primary School. Mr. Stillwell writes, "We have opened each day's work throughout the year with a short chapel talk of about twenty minutes. These talks have been mainly expositions of the word, and have given the impetus to the day's work. The class-work in the Bible, and Theology, have been the special and grand opportunity for the steady unfolding and instilling of divine truth. Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians, Ruth and Samuel have been studied; and in Theology, the Divine Existence, Attributes,



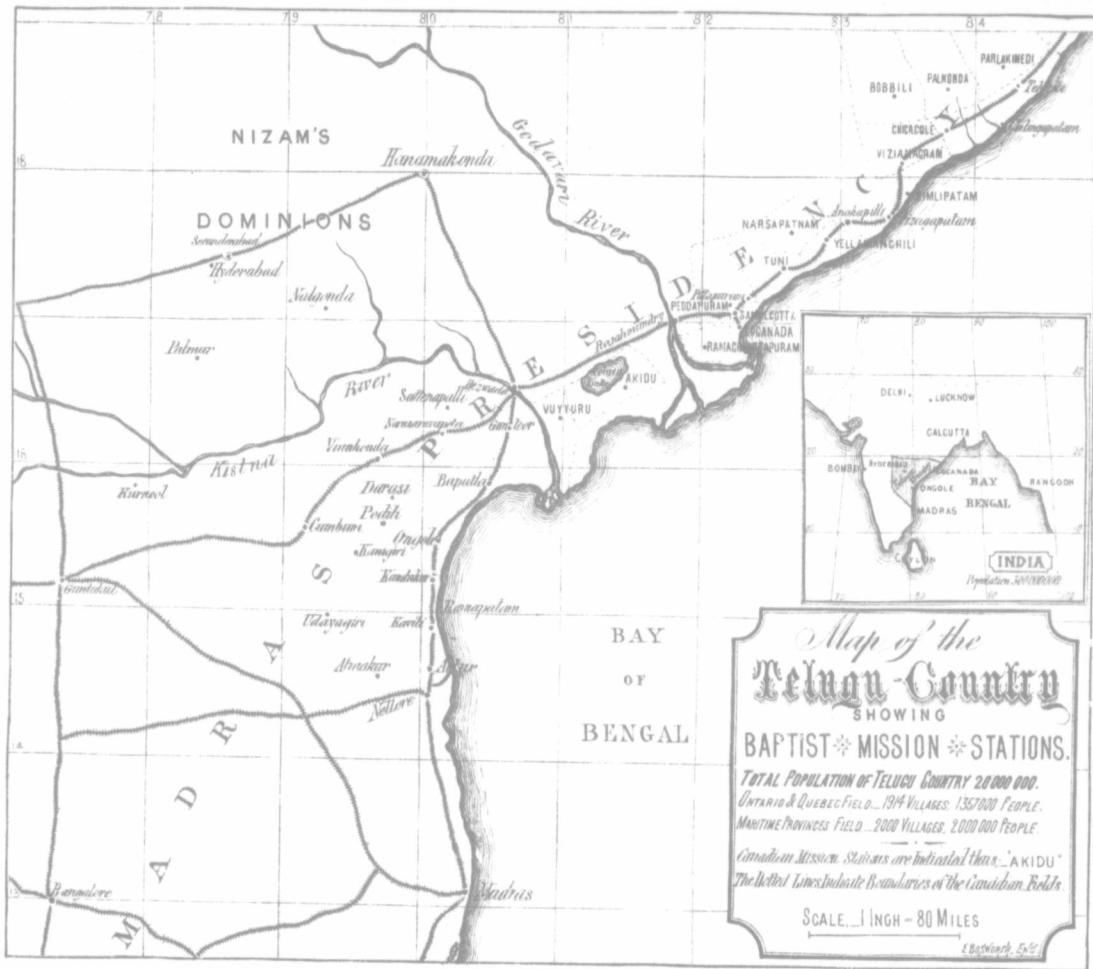
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The carpentry work in our Industrial school has made a good record. Work here is well and promptly made, a thing quite new in India, as every missionary knows who has dealt in the promises of native workmen, and sighed and waited for their fulfilment. Three men were sent out from this department at the close of the year, the first-fruits of our industrial labors."

MEDICAL WORK.

During the year Dr. Smith treated 1,582 patients, rendering in this directly a great service to the suffering, and indirectly thereby opening the way to render a larger service to their deeper spiritual needs. For instance, after treating successfully a boy who had fallen from a tree and ruptured his abdomen, he found in touring in the district to which the boy belonged a very warm welcome from the people. Mrs. Smith, trained as a hospital nurse, has rendered invaluable service in this department among caste women as also in the dispensary.

Mrs. Chute, M.D. also has done most valuable service in medical work at Akidu, having treated 1,342 patients.

BUILDING.

Not much has been done in the way of building during the past year. An addition has been made to the Peddapuram bungalow, to provide accommodation for the lady missionary assigned to that field. A chapel also has been built in the Peddapuram compound and dedicated. Beyond this little has been done except necessary repairs.

CHANGES OF LOCATION, ETC.

When Mr. Craig left India last spring on furlough, Mr. Chute took the charge of the Akidu field, and Mr. J. R. Stillwell took temporary oversight of the Cocanada work laid down by Mr. Davis for the same reason. Further adjustments had to be made later in the year when the departure from India of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod became peremptory. Mr. Walker took charge of the Ramachandrapuram field in addition to his own, and Mr. J. R. Stillwell relieved him of the charge of the Tuni field. Mr. H. E. Stillwell and Mr. Priest have passed successfully their second examination in Telugu, and will shortly pass the final.

Mr. Priest has been appointed to Tuni, and Mr. Stillwell takes up the work at Vuyyuru, which Mr. Brown leaves on furlough. Mr. Laflamme, having returned to India, is in charge of the work in Cocanada. Miss McLaurin is transferred to Vuyyuru, and Miss Murray to Cocanada.

FAMINE AND PLAGUE.

The people of our field have not suffered as severely as those of some other sections of India. On the Vuyyuru field much damage was done to crops and houses by a flood. In the northern fields, Tuni, Yellamanchili, Narsapatnam and Peddapuram, owing to the lack of irrigation facilities, they suffered more from the drought than in other parts of our mission. But over the field generally the famine prices of food have caused much distress among those living on the ragged edge of want under the most favorable circumstances. Though the plague, which has wrought such havoc in Bombay and other places on the western side of India, has not touched the people of our district, yet small-pox and cholera have not been absent. There was quite a serious outbreak of cholera in some of the villages of the Akidu field.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

FINANCIAL.

Though much perplexed at times during the year, owing to the financial situation and prospects, your Board feels that it has much reason for thankfulness that the situation is as favorable as it is to-day. Not only were the difficulties in gathering the money for the work great, but exigencies arose requiring the expenditure of a considerable amount that had not been anticipated at the beginning of the year. Notwithstanding this, the income met all the expenditure of the year, and reduced the debt of \$6,079.11, with which the year began, to \$5,159.07, that is, \$920.04. The total income for the current expense of the work was \$27,215.68. In addition to this, \$1,000 was received from the estate of the late Miss Nellie Davies, for investment. The amount received and remitted to our missionaries for Famine Relief was \$2,160.34, of which \$110 is included in the Current Expense Fund above. This makes the total receipts of the year \$30,266.02.

A brief analysis of the income, including receipts for Famine Relief, and a comparison with that of last year, will be

of interest. The income from the Churches was \$683.39 more than the previous year; from the Sunday Schools, \$429.17 more; from individuals, \$1,398.69 more; from Young People's Societies, \$85.42 less; from the Women's Societies, \$1,792.90 less; from bequests, \$435.25 less and from sundries, \$184.13 less. The total income from all sources and for all purposes was \$13.55 more than that of the previous year.

Offerings have been received from 269 of the churches, while 143, or more than one-third of the whole number, have sent no offering. Only 141 Sunday Schools have sent offerings, while the number that have been remiss in this respect is 271, or nearly two-thirds of the whole number of schools. There may be good reason for some churches and schools making but *small* contributions, but we can hardly conceive of a plausible excuse for any of our churches or schools wholly ignoring the work of the evangelization of the heathen.

There are two things very greatly needed in many of our churches as conditions of progress in mission work. The first is the awakening and deepening of the mission spirit in the hearts of the people, and the second is the introduction and efficient operation of systematic methods. Mission work, above everything else, is the thing the Lord requires His people to be engaged in. Every church ought to have carefully-devised plans for the effective accomplishment of this work; but behind the best methods there must be the true spirit, the spirit of Christ, the spirit that yearns for the salvation of the lost. Is there no way by which these two things can be greatly furthered in our churches?

MISSION CONFERENCES.

Beginning last fall, the Superintendent of Home Missions, the Field Secretary of the Grande Ligne Mission, and the Secretary of this Board, aided by other brethren, united in a series of Mission Conferences, held in 38 different places, from Coaticook in the east, to Leamington in the west, and Orillia in the north. These meetings were, on the whole, fairly well attended, and were believed to be productive of much good. They revealed the unity of our mission work, and tended to show the true and helpful relations of the different departments to each other. They afforded opportunity for the prayerful consideration of the underlying thoughts of missions as well as the viewing of the work itself in progress.

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH.

Mr. Laflamme had regained sufficient strength to return to the field last fall. Mrs. Laflamme, however, was not able to accompany him. It was a great trial to her to have to remain behind, but the condition of her health made it absolutely imperative. It is hoped she may be able to join him in the work before many months. In the meantime they have our prayerful sympathy in the sacrifice they are making. Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Mr. and Mrs. Davis hope to be able to return to India in the coming fall, invigorated for another term's service in the trying climate of that country. While gathering strength at home they have been doing valuable service for the mission in imparting information to the people. Mr. Davis spent some weeks in Manitoba. His visit there has resulted in an increased interest in the work in India. There is a possibility that the churches of the west will undertake his support when he returns to the field. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod have been in California since their arrival from India last October. He has rapidly regained his strength, but she has made but slow progress. Mr. Brown is expected to speak for himself at this meeting. Miss Simpson, of the Women's Board, after nearly nine years of efficient service at Cocanada, has returned for needed rest.

REINFORCEMENTS.

At its meeting in January your Board put on record its conviction that the proper prosecution of the work now on our hands urgently calls for the sending out of two new missionaries next fall. Urgent as this call is, it is feared from the present condition of our finances that it will hardly be possible to respond to it.

BOLIVIA.

The Board has had its attention called to Bolivia, a country in which there is to-day neither evangelical church nor missionary. Mr. A. B. Reekie, a student of McMaster, upon whose heart for years past the needs of the "Neglected Continent" have been heavily laid, visited Bolivia last summer on a mission-prospecting tour. As a result he is more impressed than ever that the Lord is leading in that direction. Mr. Reekie has been encouraged by the Board to see what could be done in the way of securing special subscriptions for the opening of such a work. It is for you to advise the Board as to the course that should be taken in the matter of opening a new mission. The matter has

been before you for some time in the columns of the "Baptist." It is desired that at this meeting you should make some definite pronouncement upon it for the guidance of your Board.

As in past years the Women's societies have co-operated most heartily and most helpfully in the work.

The tabulated mission statistics and the Treasurer's statement, duly audited, are presented as a part of this report.

Through another year your Board has sought to give its best thought to this work. We feel that we have reason to rejoice together in what has been accomplished, both at home and on the field. There has been some very noble giving. For this we thank God. There has been blessed fruitage. This is of His grace and power, and His shall be the glory. The converts baptized exceed in number those baptized in any previous year of our work. They number 478.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. BATES,

Chairman.

A. P. McDIARMID,

Secretary.

Toronto, May 25th, 1897.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Allie's Mission Box.....	\$ 17 00	Robt. Delahey, Pembroke.....	\$ 20 00
Miss Annie Anderson, Virgil...	5 00	Rev. G. B. Davis.....	10 00
Mrs. A. Anderson, Virgil.....	1 00	W. E. Ellis, Vernon, B. C.....	5 00
Mr. S. C., Alvinston.....	1 00	J. C. Edwards, Ottawa.....	25 00
Mrs. Airth, Renfrew.....	6 45	John Folinsbee, Strathroy.....	20 00
Mrs. Sarah Bates, Woodstock.....	100 00	Four girls, Warwick.....	40 00
Rev. Thos. Bone, St. Catharines	25 00	Thos. Fuller, Leamington.....	40 00
F. Carey Bone, New Rochelle,		E. F.....	1 00
N. Y.....	30 00	The Misses Fisher, Paisley.....	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. John Burt, Hills-		Friend of Missions, E. F.....	50 00
burg.....	4 00	" Plattsville ..	8 00
Mrs. Geo. Burke, Reaboro.....	5 00	" Toronto.....	3 00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Burgis,		" London South.....	20 00
Lakefield.....	2 00	" Gananoque.....	5 00
Bible Class Scholar, Monck....	5 00	" (Anon).....	25 00
Jos. E. Bowen, Angus.....	5 50	" ".....	5 00
Mrs. D. G. Barbour, Dodge		" Tecumseh street.....	1 00
Centre, Minn.....	2 25	" Toronto.....	1 00
R. G. Blundell, Clarenceville...	3 00	" per Mr. John Hatch.....	60 00
Birthday offering, Toronto.....	5 00	" Arkona.....	100 00
W.S. Buckborough, St. Williams	2 00	" Ormond.....	5 00
Susan A. Beam, Ridgeway.....	2 00	" Vankleek Hill.....	30 00
Bit of Gold.....	4 86	" Pendennis, Man.....	1 00
Rose Crittendon, Huttonsville..	4 00	" Leith.....	2 00
Major Caswell, Belleville.....	5 00	" per J. E. Davis.....	2 00
P. Chalk, Toronto.....	2 00	Friend of Missions, Monck....	2 00
Mrs. Jno. Copland, Harriston..	3 00	Mr. Garside, Brantford.....	3 00
Rev. John Craig (special).....	126 13	"Golden Offering," Toronto...	35 00
M. C. C., Berlin.....	10 00	H. Graham, Kinmount.....	10 00
Mrs. Wm. Craig, sr., Port Hope	224 00	Rev. Jas. Green, Montreal....	1 00
Wm. Craig, Port Hope.....	200 00	Rev. Donald Grant, Montreal..	5 00
Mrs. John Carswell, Plattsville	4 00	Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Howard,	
Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Clarke,		Winnipeg.....	15 00
N. Lancaster.....	2 00	Mrs. Anna Hendry, Allen's	
Christmas Box (G. L.).....	5 00	Mills.....	3 00
Wm. Collins, Simcoe.....	2 00	H. Hume, Port Hope.....	20 00
Rebecca A. Cutler, Ridgeway...	2 50	Mrs. Mell Hough, Shell City,	
M. C. C., Oakville.....	1 00	Minn.....	2 00
Geo. Dameer, St. Thomas....	47 00	Rev. and Mrs. J. Higgins,	
Rev. Dr. Dempsey, Ingersoll....	20 00	Ottawa.....	20 00
Wm. Davies, Toronto.....	850 00	Mrs. Frank Holman, London..	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Davies, Toronto.....	550 00	B. W. Harrington, Rylston....	30 00
F. D., Toronto.....	1000 00	Nehemiah Hubble, Stirling....	5 00
M. J. D., Silton, Assa.....	1 00	Misses E. L. and A. E. Ives,	
Rev. J. Denovan, Wolfville, N.S.	8 00	Georgeville, P. Q.....	8 00
Mrs. John Dale, Silton, Assa..	1 15	"In His Name," Lindsay.....	300 00
Annie Dale, Silton, Assa.....	50	Thos. Jackson, Port Hope....	7 00
Maggie Dale, Silton, Assa....	50	Mrs. Jones, Kimble.....	1 00

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L. Kitchen, Waterford.....	\$ 40 00	C. McIntyre, East Templeton..	\$ 1 00
Rev. J. H. Kelley, Onondaga .	2 00	"No Name," Leith.....	3 00
D. Knechtel, Hanover.....	10 00	A. Postill, Vernon, B. C.....	125 00
Miss Lesslie, Dundas.....	100 00	J. P., Delta.....	5 00
Love's offering.....	5 00	C. A. P., Alvinston.....	1 00
A loving sister.....	1 00	Rev. W. Pockock, Hagersville..	10 00
H. F. L's daughters, nephews and nieces.....	5 00	Rev. W. H. Palmer (evangelist)	5 00
Levi Montross, Kingsville.....	10 00	Miss Rae L. Parker, Barnston..	5 00
Miss A. Moyle, Toronto.....	1 00	H. E. Raedman, Toronto.....	3 00
Mrs. Geo. Montgomery, Fenella	2 00	Miss M. Rogers, Toronto.....	30 00
Mrs. L. McMichael, Hamilton..	1 00	J. Ray, Westover.....	50
"M".....	5 00	Wm. Shepherd, Tilsonburg....	1 00
W. S. McLay, Toronto.....	15 00	Rev. D. Spencer, Brantford....	5 00
R. McKinnon, Poplar Hill.....	10 00	Rev. J. R. Stillwell, India.....	100 00
Miss E. McDonald, Wallace- burg.....	1 00	Rev. M. E. Siple, Whitevale... John O. Stewart, Fort Francis..	6 50 40 00
Mrs. F. McPherson, Felton....	70 00	A. Smith, St. Paul, Minn.....	5 00
A. P. McDiarmid, Toronto.....	150 00	Sister in the Lord, Toronto....	1 00
Jas. McGonnell, Lakeview.....	41 00	H. W. S., Toronto.....	3 00
Janet McLaurin, Dalkeith.....	1 00	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Brandon.....	100 00
Colin McLaurin, Vankleek Hill	20 00	W. H. Spencer, Woodbridge..	3 00
Archibald McCormick, Palmyra	10 00	Mrs. P. Tegsworth, Monck....	50
M. C. McBrayne, Chatham....	6 50	Geo. Smith, Ingersoll.....	5 00
D. C. McIntosh, Breadalbane..	5 00	Miss Maggie Scott, London... Miss E. Smith, St. Catharines..	19 60 25 00
A. McKillop, Harriston.....	2 00	Mrs. A. Snyder, Spencerville..	10 00
Miss Maggie McGregor, Ot- tawa.....	3 00	S. T., Seaforth.....	25 00
Miss Jessie McGregor, Ottawa.	5 00	John Truman, Kirkfield.....	3 00
D. McGregor, Ottawa.....	25 00	Ezra Turner, Bottineau, N. Dak.	5 00
D. R. McLaurin, Breadalbane.	5 00	Three cousins, Woodstock....	25 00
Mrs. McLaurin, Breadalbane..	3 00	W. B. Whelpton, Glen Adelaide	10 00
Mrs. J. R. McLaurin, Bread- albane.....	2 00	Alvin Zensdorf, Berlin.....	10 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

MISSION STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

FIELD.	Date of Opening.	No. of Villages.	Approximate Population.	Churches & Members p.			Native Helpers.						Sunday Schools.		
				No. of Churches.	Baptisms in 1896.	Membership on December 31st, 1896.	Ordained Preachers.	Unordained Preachers.	Colporteurs.	Teachers.	Bible-women.	No.	Teachers.	Scholars.	
Akidu	1880	300	100,000	10	172	1,375	5	10	1	15	6	40	62	1,890	
Cocanada	1874	61	125,000	2	19	159	1	6	2	3	*3	2	12	80	
Narsapatnam	1892	300	175,000	1	...	27	...	2	...	1	2	...	...	...
Peddapuram	1891	200	240,000	3	70	263	1	9	...	5	2	8	11	102	
Ramachandrapuram	1892	200	250,000	3	8	311	1	8	1	13	3	15	22	315	
Samulcotta	1882	3	35,000	2	6	116	1	1	...	7	...	4	16	200	
Tuni	1878	250	132,000	1	23	96	1	5	1	4	5	6	8	68	
Voyyuru	1891	350	150,000	4	178	853	1	16	...	14	2	14	14	220	
Yellamanchilli	1890	250	150,000	1	2	26	...	4	...	2	2	1	5	35	
Totals		1,914	1,357,000	27	478	3,726	11	61	5	64	25	90	150	2,910	

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BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FROM MAY 1st, 1896, TO APRIL 30th, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Churches.....	\$ 9,997 48
Sunday Schools.....	1,487 45
Individuals.....	5,408 44
Young People's Societies.....	402 70
Women's Societies: W. B. F. M. S., Ont.....	\$7,020 62
W. B. F. M. S., E Ont. and Que.	1,472 00
W. B. H. & F. M. S., Man.....	500 00
Legacies.....	8,992 62
Sundries: Standard Publishing Co.....	\$ 375 00
Collections at Convention, Associations and Missionary Conferences.....	223 40
Rent in India.....	69 00
Pulpit supply—J. E. Davis.....	10 00
	<u>677 40</u>
Estate of the late Miss Nellie Davies (for investment).....	\$2,215 68
Loan at 4% interest.....	1,000 00
Bank overdraft, May 1st, 1897.....	3,000 00
	<u>1,159 07</u>

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DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance due bank, May 1st, 1896.....	\$ 6,079 11
Remitted to India and paid for passages.....	21,317 50
Paid to Missionaries at Home on Furlough.....	2,542 02
Board Meeting Expenses.....	68 70
Secretary—Salary and Expenses.....	1,490 09
Treasurer—Executrix late W. E. Watson and Jas. Watson..	41 67
Convention Expenses and Year-Book.....	111 00
Standard Publishing Co.—Rer*, Stationery, etc.....	111 41
Mite Boxes.....	63 47
Printing.....	98 20
Sundries, per vouchers.....	79 43
Bank Interest, Exchange and Postage Stamps.....	372 15

Toronto, May 5th, 1897.

\$32 374 75

A. P. McDIARMID, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

Toronto, May 13th, 1897. EDWARD B. FREELAND, } Auditors.
 J. B. FUDGER, }

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Total Income: Current Acct., including \$110 for Famine Relief	\$27,215 68
For Investment.....	1,000 00
Special for Famine Relief.....	2,050 34
	<u>\$30,266 02</u>
Total Deficit: Due Bank.....	\$1,159 07
Loan at 4%.....	3,000 00
Due Fund for Investment.....	1,000 00
	<u>\$5,159 07</u>

Totals 1,914 1,357,000 27 478 3,726 11 61 5 64 25 90 150 2,910

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Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario, West.

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TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ONTARIO, WEST.

It would have indeed been a great joy if, during the year now closing, your Board could have recovered the work they had to drop, because of the serious falling off of the income last year—or have been able to report an onward movement. That joy has not been ours, but we can thank our Lord that instead of the feared further falling off in our income, we can at the close of the year report that it has been almost, if not quite, equal to that of last year.

If only the very great number of the women in the churches who do nothing for missions could be interested and made to realize their privilege and responsibility to give "as the Lord hath prospered them," then indeed there would be meat in God's house. "Bring ye *all the tithes* into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

This year 191 Circles have reported, one Ladies' Aid Society, and one Y. P. S. C. E., making in all 193, the number reported last year. Twelve Circles that were not heard from last year have reported this year; and 14 who reported last year have done nothing this year.

Many of the Circles have done nobly.

53	have contributed	\$1.00 or over	per member.
11	"	2.00	" "
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Only two have reached the standard of one dollar per woman in the church, one of these has even given at the rate of \$2.

Of the Associations, Brant, Guelph, Niagara, Norfolk, Northern, Owen Sound, Western and Woodstock are behind last

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year in their contributions, while Elgin, Hamilton, Middlesex and Lambton, Peterboro, Toronto, Walkerton, and Whitby and Lindsay are ahead.

A few of our sisters seem slow in learning to what the money raised by the Circle should be given. For instance, one Circle reports, "Foreign contributions applied to Pastor's salary," and another "The money raised was used at home."

PRAYER.

The success of all work depends on prayer. "Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear," is the promise of Jehovah. Let us, therefore, be always mindful of the *noon-hour* for prayer for missions, also the last Thursday afternoon of the month when some of the members of the Board meet for conference and prayer about matters connected with the work in India.

MISSIONARIES AT HOME.

Miss Rogers.—Last year many Circles were cheered and edified by a visit from Miss Rogers. Toward its close she was laid aside for many weeks. Christ's promise, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven," was again proved, for in answer to the united prayer of God's children, her recovery was, the doctor said, "a most remarkable one." She and we await the Lord's guidance, praying that if it is His will He will make the way plain for her return to India next fall.

Miss Simpson.—To-day we welcome Miss Simpson to our Convention after nearly nine years' hard but successful work in the Zenanas of Cocanada, India. The missionaries assembled in Conference thought it wise for her to return to the home land this spring; and after much prayerful and careful deliberation, unanimously recommended Miss Murray, of Vuyyuru, to Miss Simpson's work in Cocanada, and Miss McLaurin, of Yellaman-chili, to fill Miss Murray's place in Vuyyuru.

INDIA.

Famine.—Although our mission field is not properly included in the famine district, food and work are so scarce that many of our people are having only one meal a day—and that not enough to satisfy their hunger—others one in two or three

days, while some have only one in many days. Now is our time. Instead of dismissing our native workers for lack of funds to support them, let us make a great effort to increase our forces, and take the land for King Jesus.

COCANADA.

The Cocanada Girls' Boarding School.—The first appropriation made by the Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Ontario was \$200 to Mrs. McLaurin's School for Girls in Cocanada. This school has, under Miss Baskerville's excellent superintendence, long outgrown the old quarters, and is about removing to the new building in the compound.

Miss Baskerville writes: In addition to the regular work of the school, this year the Missionary in charge has learnt something of the arduous nature of building work in India. A report of that would fill a volume, and cannot be attempted in detail here. It will be sufficient to say that in spite of hindrance and delay, because of scarcity and high price of materials, by the end of the year the dormitories were finished, and the class-rooms of the new school buildings well under way.

The number on our rolls was: Girls, 95; average attendance, 63; boys, 45; average attendance, 20.

At the examination in December 65 tried, and 35 passed. The number who tried the Primary Examination was nine, two passed the complete test, one passed in optionals to complete last year's test.

Among the girls, four were converted and baptized during the year, also one girl and two boys among the day scholars. Two were married—T. Achemma, of Tuni, and B. Ademma.

Up to vacation there were three girls taking the regular lessons of the training class. Then K. Lydia, of Akidu, left. After vacation, owing to scarcity of funds, it was necessary to dismiss one of the men teachers, so P. Satyavedamma, though still taking the Bible lessons, gives the rest of her time to teaching in the school. There is still a good attendance of workers and others in one of the morning classes; and though one widow, who was in the preparatory class last year, is now taking the regular lessons of the training class, another widow has been received, so there are still two preparing for the regular course.

M. Chinna Cassie, and M. Mary, daughter of Ezra Keller,

our Head Master, are in Guntur attending a Primary Normal School.

The two Sunday Schools, the teachers' and singing classes, and the class for women in the Mala Pilley, have been carried on with little or no interruption, with satisfactory attendance and fair results. It was particularly encouraging to note the good marks obtained in arithmetic by the lower standards in the examination, because special attention had been given in the teachers' class to methods of teaching arithmetic in those standards.

In spite of an increased appropriation from July 1st, the school has seen hard times financially, on account of the famine prices of food, and the necessity for extensive repairs in the hot season, so we close the year with a heavy debt.

Surely "the Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear."

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Miss Simpson reports: The Zenana work in Cocanada has been carried on as in former years, and though none from amongst the caste women whom we visit have publicly acknowledged the Lord Jesus, and so are not counted in the visible Church, still we feel that there are a number of them who have an experimental knowledge of Him, and whom the Lord will count in in His reckoning day. Were it not for this the work would be discouraging indeed.

A number of women seem interested in what they hear, and remember the lessons which have been taught, while a number who have been altogether uninterested and indifferent, are becoming interested and are making an effort to remember what they hear. Then there are those whom we visit, who care nothing whatever about the message which we bring, but are glad to see a little of the outside world, and so welcome us on that account.

A large number of the caste women in Cocanada are able to read, except in the houses of the very poor. In nearly every house there is generally someone who reads, and so a goodly number of tracts are distributed and read every month.

Schools.—The Caste Girls' School in Kotapetta, which was started at Nursamma's house, is now being carried on in a room which we have rented for that purpose just across the street.

There are 24 little girls in attendance, though some of them are very irregular. Those who attend regularly are making very good progress.

The Caste Girls' School, off Bazaar street, has now the names of 71 girls on the register, and the average attendance is very good. Of those who have been in regular attendance, all, except one little girl in the Infant Standard, have passed the required examination for promotion, so that a 4th Standard is now being taught.

We decided in April not to re-open the school in the Bank Malapilly after the May vacation, as the results there were so very unsatisfactory, and in June the teacher in the Jugganaikpuram school decided to leave town, so that the school was closed too. Though the results in that school were good, we were glad that the teacher desired leave on his own account, and so we were spared the painful necessity of dismissing him for lack of funds.

The six Sunday Schools in connection with the work have been carried on throughout the year, excepting the month of May.

There have been 957 patients treated during the year.

The No. of houses on visiting list at end of year	257
“ “ visits made during the year	2003
“ “ women listeners	6424
“ “ new houses opened	29
“ “ visits to villages	72
“ “ women listeners in villages	1995
“ “ children	521

Mrs. De Beaux, Miss Gibson and Miss Beggs continue faithfully to visit the Zenanas. *Mrs. De Beaux*, who started out with the promise, "My presence shall go with thee," made her first visit, which was one of comfort, to an old woman who had very suddenly lost her only son, and who was not supposed to show her unfortunate face in the street, nor to go to her neighbors for comfort. Day by day she had nursed her sorrow until her eyes had grown dim with weeping, and her soul was in darkness. When *Mrs. De Beaux* spoke of Christ being wounded by His friends, she who had known His love confessed to having had hard thoughts of Him. Soon light and comfort returned, and she was able to trust in Him.

A great festival occurring once in 12 years, which took place about 40 miles from Cocanada, and to which 100,000 people flocked from all parts of the country to bathe in the river Godavery, whose waters, they believe, will wash away their sins, was a testing time to many of the women, some of whom stood firm in the face of severe trial. Mrs. De Beaux makes special mention of one of these; says her faith is encouraging. She often says, "Does not the Lord know those who trust in Him? That is enough for me."

Miss Gibson says: In almost every house I have met new women. Sometimes a number of wedding guests from other villages would be present, and make a good audience, hearing the Gospel for the first time, learning the name of Jesus, and that He is the "Saviour who saves." One old woman followed us into the street repeating the words, "The Saviour who saves!"

The influence of the school girls has been felt in their homes. One mother said, "We pray to Jesus Christ since my girl told us about Him." Another, that she has given up idols and trusts in Jesus.

One of our school girls who has been withdrawn because she is nearly 12 years of age, is one whom it is a pleasure indeed to visit. I go to her house once a week and give her a lesson. She can read nicely, and writes me a note sometimes which might be written by a Christian girl for the wording. Her name is Ruthnama, and means "Gem." I would like all who hear this report to remember her in your prayers. She professes to believe in Jesus, and does not want to take part in idol feasts, but soon she will be married to some man she has probably never met before, and then she will be expected to observe all the idol feasts, so that he may have all the favor of the gods. This will be a trying time for her. She has learned to pray over her lessons, and before lying down to rest, to the astonishment of her relatives. Her mother appears somewhat influenced by her daughter, who is to them the wise one of the household, rebuking their faults and teaching them wisdom. I could give many instances of women who give good testimony of their belief in Christ.

We have the *famine* to help us in our work. The eyes of the people in this time of distress are not on their gods nor their countrymen, but on us and the Government, knowing that through these the mercy of the living God reaches them. A

great deal of our work has to be for the bodies as well as for the souls of this people. I can safely say that quite a number have been restored to health by the medicines and other necessities of life which we have been able to give them. This gives us a hold on the people which nothing else can."

Miss Beggs says: We are to-day trusted where we were suspected, and in many houses women are listening readily to the Gospel message, where at one time they did not conceal their dislike even to the name of Jesus. There is not a single house to which we go, where we are not welcome.

In some of the houses where the women can read I have adopted a regular course of reading. I make this condition, that if I attend to their work they must attend to mine. So they prepare their portion of Scripture for me, and I question them upon it, and say a few words as regards the need of salvation. We are reading the Gospels of Matthew and Mark now, and I am happy to say that some of them are much interested. There are others who are anxious to learn to read, so that they may be able to read the Bible for themselves.

In one house some of the women heard about Christ for the first time. They heard attentively all we said, and drank in all the precious truths, saying, "We never heard of this wonderful Saviour before, do come again soon and tell us more.

There has been much cause for praise throughout the year. In many of my Zenanas decided growth and interest in the things of God have been manifest. Pray for us that God's blessing may rest abundantly on us during the coming year.

Miss Folsom.—It has been our privilege during the past year to partially support Miss Folsom in her work for the Eurasians in the Timpany Memorial School. In future we expect she will be our own missionary, and devote her time more especially to evangelistic work.

She writes:—"Our pupils come from all parts of India, as well as from Burmah, and when they leave us they scatter again to many remote places. It is most encouraging to hear from time to time that they do not forget all that they learn while with us, but that many retain a loving remembrance of their school days, and not only show a change in their own lives, but do more or less aggressive work among their neighbors. Many of our boys and girls are married, and settled in various parts of India and Burmah, some of them engaged in active Christian work.

Our school numbers 54, of whom 17 are boarders. Most of the children read Telugu as well as English, and two of our girls are hoping to fit themselves for doing mission work among the Telugus. Our Munshi is a Brahmin, and the children often have discussions with him on religious subjects. Let us pray that even through the efforts of the children he may be brought to a knowledge of the truth."

Miss Folsom asks for Sunday School children to let her have their papers to send to the English speaking people in remote places in India and Burmah. We hope soon to publish in the "Link" her letter regarding this matter. She thanks the ladies for their interest in the work, and asks that their prayers may accompany their gifts.

Village Schools.—There have been three on the Cocanada field, but only one of these has done regular and good work.

Books and Tracts.—These are sold under cost. Books are continually finding readier sale and a larger market; for the people of India, from the highest to the lowest, are awaking to the profit and desirability of good literature.

SAMALCOTTA.

At our last Annual Meeting your Board was compelled to make such a reduction in its appropriation to the Seminary work, that we feel we hardly deserve a report.

Mr. J. B. Stillwell kindly writes: "I am glad that the women have not wholly given up the Seminary, for we are concerned to have their interest in its work continued."

Mr. Stillwell reports 86 students in all, during the past year. In the Theological department, 17 grown men, who have all done their work well. All the students have manifested a decidedly good mind. He says, "I do not know a year that we have had so little to humble us in the way of misconduct. Even with enhanced prices, those who receive allowance of money continue to live on their former allowance without complaint, and in a good spirit, there having been no increase made, except in case of those having children, and that very slight indeed. The 54 students in the Literary department have also done good work, and on the whole manifested a good spirit. These are younger men, not quite so appreciative as their elders of God's good gifts to them. Many are the making of fine Christian characters and good workmen. Nearly all are in the Boarding

department, so they pound their own rice and do their own cooking.

In the Primary there are 15 students, mostly preachers' wives, who have grown up with no training, so that education with such is no small undertaking. Not all, however, of the wives are here, for we have six in the Literary department, who are, of course, correspondingly brighter and more advanced, while there is one studying in the Theological department.

Books and Tracts.—These were for the students' reading in the various departments. The students pay now a small fee in the Literary department, but are unable to supply their own books. This is one of the necessities of successful school existence.

AKIDU.

Work among Women and Children.

Miss Stovel writes: An unmistakable note of encouragement has sounded all through the year. The number of Bible women has increased from two to six, five of whom are half day workers only. All have been faithful and report having made 1,877 visits.

There is an increase also in the number of women regularly memorizing portions of the Scripture, and in the villages where this work is carried on. A candidate for baptism was asked how she came to see her need of a Saviour, and her reply was, "Why, don't you remember that I recited the 'Story of the Prodigal Son' with the Christian women in my village, and while learning it I realized that as that son had strayed from his father, so I had strayed from my Maker, and wisdom came to me as it did to him, and I came confessing my sins."

In two of the three Sunday Schools held in Akidu, the average attendance is steadily rising.

There has been an increase also in the number of villages visited this year and in the visits the Lord has enabled one personally to make; these total 1,026.

Women's meetings, 80; children's meetings, 102.

Cholera has broken out near Akidu and *Miss Stovel*, who has the school in charge during the absence of *Dr. Pearl* and *Mr. Chute*, asks us to pray for Akidu for the "girls and boys in the school especially."

Our hearts went out in tender love and sympathy to our dear sister in her great sorrow last year. We thank the Father who chastened, that He has also comforted.

Seminary Students.—Mr. Chute reports three men with their wives in the Theological and 18 in the Literary department.

Village Schools.—There has been considerable change here through lack of funds to keep them going. Thirteen schools are reported with an attendance of 129 boys and 40 girls, most of whom are only learning their letters.

Books and Tracts.—One colporteur has been employed on this field, and has sold about \$16.25 worth of books. Books about the habits and customs of the people and about other nations sell more readily than Bibles and religious books.

RAMACHANDRAPURAM.

Population, 200,000; Villages, upwards of 200.

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

Bible women, 3; Teacher, 1.

Miss Hatch writes:—"It is with much joy and thankfulness that we begin the report of another year's work.

Early in the year the Godaveri Association met in Ramachandrapuram, and a special meeting of the women at that time, has been, with God's blessing, the beginning of a new life in a certain direction among our Christian women. They have begun to feel that they too have a work to do and a mission to fulfill in the world, and with right good heart have they set to work to be true help-meets in the home, in the church and in the world. To our Christian women, literate or unilliterate, the burden of the teaching has been that they should be good wives and mothers, that they should be good students of the word, that they should be regular in the attendance of the worship of the Lord, that they, according to their ability, be witnesses of the Gospel, and that out of their small earnings or from their savings they should lay aside stated sums for the Lord's work. The helpers, too, are striving to teach these good things by word and by example.

G. Martha is associate teacher in a school with her husband, where she has just promoted pupils into the 4th standard, and

where pupils are from the Christians, the Malas, the Mohamadens and the Sudras. The credit of this is all due to her, for her husband, though an intelligent man, was ignorant of his letters when she married him, and she has taught him too. Besides this she does Bible work in six different villages where the Komma women, especially, listen to her with great gladness, receive her into their houses and talk over with her their joys and their sorrows.

In one village several mala women are ready for baptism, chiefly through her teaching, and they have been well taught, as one woman's testimony may prove. I was asking this mala woman if she were believing and she said, "Yes, I am believing, but I am not quite sure that Satan's cast out of my heart yet, for I sometimes listen to the tempter's words, and then where is my belief?" And, turning to another woman, she said, "There is no use in being baptized unless you have Christ in your heart and Satan cast out." An amount of intelligence in a Pariah woman that quite astonished me. So G. Martha is a teacher and a Bible woman, and keeps a house so clean and tidy that when I go there to put up for the day, I feel no special discomfort. I thank God for G. Martha. Miriam lives in the same village with Martha and assists her in her Bible work and joins me when I go on tour. She is a beginner, much in earnest, and not afraid of any amount of hard work. S. Martha, the wife of the preacher in Ramachandrapuram commenced Bible work in August, and by her winning ways, sweet voice and pleasant manners has already won her way into the homes and hearts of many of the caste people in and about Ramachandrapuram. The mother of four children, two of whom are away at a school, and the entertainer of many guests, she, too, is one whom one would delight to visit.

By permission of Conference, and through the kindness of a home friend, I have opened a preparatory Bible School for widows. There have been seven women attending the school, three of whom are boarders and widows, the others are Christian wives who attend the day school, as far as their home duties allow. Some are only learning to read, and some can read the Bible fairly well. They have sewing lessons and two Bible lessons a day, besides being taught hymns and their verses for Sunday School. When I am away from the station on tour, the more advanced take turns in going out with the Bible woman in Ramachandrapuram.

Since the departure of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod in August, whose places have been supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Miss McLeod has been very kindly lent to the Ramachandrapuram field to reside and work there until a resident missionary and his wife may be appointed. She has undertaken the charge of our faithful Bible woman, Sarah, and has begun other Bible work of her own, of which she will doubtless report. I could only wish the appointment of two ladies to the Ramachandrapuram field might be permanent.

This year some building has been done for the women's school. I put up a temporary building which may be made permanent by changing thatch for tile. It is a square of six rooms and cost about \$50. The boat for which money was sent last year through the kindness of some saint at home is nearing completion, and I hope to be touring in it before this report is read at home.

I have spent 98 days on tour, have visited about 60 different villages, making in all 172 visits; have made 250 visits to the houses and conducted 159 meetings; besides these, have had 36 religious talks with visitors and others; conducted 64 Bible classes and examined schools 26 times. Of the 98 days spent on tour, 18 were spent on business connected with the boat.

I feel very thankful to God for the work He has given me and for the health and strength He has given me with which to carry it on, and my prayer is that spiritual power and strength may be mine, that there may be much fruit of my labors."

[Miss Hatch has written beautiful sketches of several of our women, which will soon be published in the "Link."]

Miss MacLeod writes: Another year God has given me in India. It has contained little of active service in the work of preaching the Gospel to the women who know it not, and who sit in the "darkness and shadow of death," for the greater portion of it has been given as was the whole of the past year, to preparation for the work, viz., the study of the language. The first seven months were spent in my first home in India, the Zenana House in Cocanada. During that time the only work apart from the study of the language, that I undertook, was to teach a class in the S. S., and just here your missionary wants to confess that however faithful she may have been in the study of the language, she has been a great coward in the

use of it. The all-patient One is taking it (the cowardice) slowly away, but it is there yet, ready to start up if a "What does she say?" meets the effort to throw it off.

In the end of July I went to be with Miss Hatch in Ramachandrapuram. After two months study there I passed my final examination in Telugu, and became ready to start out into the work.

While deeply regretting the circumstances that rendered it necessary I shall always be glad that my first journeyings out into the noon-day glare of heathenism, were made as it were under the shadow of another.

Perhaps He knew the tender plant of courage, my courage needed some shading from the scorching heat, and so He provided it.

For the last three months of the year I worked as a sort of assistant to Miss Hatch. When at the Bungalow I taught one Bible Class in the morning, and in the afternoons went out into the surrounding villages, at first with Miss Hatch, and the Bible-women afterwards going one direction with one Bible-woman, while Miss Hatch went with the other Bible-woman in some other direction. We follow the same plan when on tour, except that when on our tour *we* go out both morning and afternoon, sometimes also in the evening.

Miss Hatch will, no doubt, report concerning this work, more fully. A few words about the only independent work I have attempted as yet. Miss Hatch had no Sunday School work in the village, so, after visiting the Madiga Petta one day, a desire came into my heart to start a Sunday School there. Having spoken of it to Miss Hatch, she said she would be glad if I would do so, and that the teacher of her training class and one of the girls might go with me, and that they could carry it on when I might be on tour. So we began the work. It is only a new thing as yet, and we have an average of less than twenty pupils, outcast children, whose complete outfit when they are dressed up for Sunday School could be put in a small hand satchel, and whose dishevelled hair and unwashed bodies are a commentary on the religion of their fathers. A small beginning, but if God is in it to what may it come? Would that I could set before all the well-dressed, happy little Sunday School children at home as they listen to the tender invitation, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the

Kingdom of Heaven," as an object lesson, one little four-year-old mite who made her first appearance at Sunday School, the first Sunday I called the children of the Madiga Petta together, a plump little form with nature unadorned except with dirt, and, perhaps, a jewel or two, a tangle of matted hair and a cigar, lovingly clasped in her hand. I think there would be a regular shower of Foreign Mission pennies that day. What do you think? Pray for us.

Seminary Students.—Nine of these are engaged during the holidays in some kind of work, a number of them teaching schools and otherwise making themselves useful. Mr. Walker, who has been taking the oversight of the work on this field since Mr. McLeod's departure, expresses the hope that these may become workmen that need not be ashamed.

Village Schools.—This, Mr. Walker says, is the strong work on the Ramachandrapuram field. Fourteen have been conducted during the past year. The work of the teachers has been satisfactory. More interest has been evinced by the parents. Mr. Walker is much pleased with the results of examinations, is grateful for Miss Hatch's help in this line; finds it a joy to visit the schools, and expects out of these must come many of the men and women of the future as well as many of our helpers in mission work.

Books and Tracts.—A colporteur has been employed and has disposed of a large number—perhaps with a little more energy he might have doubled his sales. The people along the canals are eager for tracts.

PEDDAPURAM.

Miss MacLeod has been appointed by Conference to take charge of the Women's Work on this field. Mr. Walker is anxiously waiting for her advent, and has made preparation for her comfort—Miss MacLeod is equally anxious to commence work in Peddapuram.

Mr. Walker reports our work there for the past year.

Seminary Students.—These have done fairly good work as teachers during the holidays. One Vuggish proved a very satisfactory teacher for awhile in the Boys' Boarding School, has now returned to the Seminary.

Village Schools.—Six have been conducted regularly and four others by Seminary Students during holidays. The

parents are not as interested as they might be. It was a great grief, because of the "cut" in the appropriations, to have to dismiss some of the teachers and close the schools in several places.

Books and Tracts.—The Missionary has always gone forth with his satchel filled and has freely distributed the Bread of Life in this form—only making a nominal charge when the booklet was expensive and the buyer rich enough to warrant it. A young Brahman came to the Mission house two months ago and paid the full subscription to the paper known as "Progress" for a year.

Bible Women.—Peramma removed to Tuni, so has been dropped from the work. Her loss is regretted. Rathamma worked in the town, but took ill and had to be dropped. She is now a teacher in the Boarding School. Lusamma has just commenced and has yet to be proved. Nagamma, who has been employed for some months, gives promise of sincerity, earnestness and devotion. She can neither read nor write, but has been the means of leading not a few to the Saviour.

TUNI.

Miss Priest, who is the Missionary of the Ladies' Board of Manitoba and the North-West, reports to us of the work of our society.

Bible Women.—Martha, Atchamma, Susie, Krupavarti, MaLaksmi. These are the same workers as reported last year. The two first named work with me. Last year we worked in 54 different villages besides Tuni. Susie also came on tour with us part of the time, as Martha is getting too old to walk so much now. Yet she is not ready to give up by any means, and comes along with us, visits the village near the camp, and does good faithful work while we go off to the villages, three miles or so away. We visited a number of new ones, and in almost every instance were kindly received, and some of the women showed real interest in the message we brought. One woman, after listening carefully, said: "How could I believe in this God before, this is the first time I ever heard of Him, now I know just a little." Perhaps it will be a year before we can get back again.

Susie and Krupavarti are the sister and wife of one of our preachers, and live in Chendoorty. They are superior women,

intelligent and earnest, and exercise a good influence over the Christian women in their village. Part of their work is to teach and help the Christian women, who are very ignorant. Then there are a number of men in a village near who have become Christians, and their wives are holding back. So these two women follow up such cases in the surrounding villages, and we thank God for these two workers. When on tour in that part I noticed they were received very respectfully by nearly all classes. They are tactful, which is more than can be said of every worker. There are six villages near enough for them to work in. MaLaksmi, the other woman, is quite elderly; she does not read and yet she is quite a worker. Her village is Nundoor, which is the centre of a number of villages. MaLaksmi works in 12 different ones. This last year has been a happy one out there. Quite a number have been baptized, and Abel, the preacher out there, says MaLaksmi is a great help to him in regard to the women. When she finds any one specially interested she brings them to him that he may explain the way more fully than she can. One thing is quite sure, she is not a bit lazy about the work and seems to be faithful in telling the the women of their sinfulness, and that there is salvation through Jesus only, and after all that is what He wants us to tell.

In regard to my work:—Sixty-four days were spent on tour and the rest of the year, excepting my holiday of three months, spent in and around Tunj. A prayer meeting for the Christian women is held every Friday morning. We have enjoyed these seasons much.

I have the women's class in Sunday School; the attendance has kept up very well. After the afternoon service I go over to the village near by and gather the children together for about an hour. Quite a number of meetings amongst the children have been held. They are learning hymns and verses, and we hope these little seeds of truth may bring forth a harvest to His glory. I think that to both my workers and myself this has been a year of growth and blessing; we give all the praise to Him.

Seminary Students.—Mr. Priest regrets that white trained workers are the great need of the Tunj field. There are only three students in the Seminary, and these only in the Manual department.

Village Schools.—Five, but for lack of efficient teachers

they are not all doing as good work as is desired; two or three of the teachers are serving faithfully.

Books and Tracts.—These silent messengers of truth have gone on their errands and are helping to undermine the great rock of heathenism.

YELLAMANCHILI—NARSAPATNAM.

Miss McLaurin is the missionary of the General Board, but reports to us concerning the work and the Bible women which have been supported by our Society.

YELLAMANCHILI.

Workers.—Two Bible women, Minnie and Salome. "For the joy of the Lord is your strength," Neh. 8, 10. It is with a note of praise and thanksgiving that we begin our report. The first full year of active service for women in India has been one of health, strength and joy in the work. His presence has been with us, according to promise, and His blessing on the efforts put forth—also in accordance with His given word.

The work being new and in the hands of an amateur is necessarily in rather an experimental and unorganized shape. It has been a year of discoveries, trials of methods and workings of plans. It is only lately that the work has seemed to assume more definite shape and workable aspect under our repeated attempts at comparative organization.

Touring is one feature of the work which is interesting and important. Two trips have been made during the year into the district lying about Yellamanchili, and at all times we were well received, and the hearing and attention accorded was encouraging. Especially was it good to revisit some villages seen a year ago. The women would welcome us heartily, and though they could rarely remember much of what we had told them, still, most of them could remember that it was about one true and only God, and that their idols were only empty images. The work is so new that we cannot report any special progress other than a wide-spread interest in our message and in some places an increasing sense of need on the part of the women. In these two trips twenty different villages were visited, some of them several times. In one village the women of a certain house were so anxious to hear, and the crowd of men and small children so noisy and persistent, that the women

drew us into their courtyard, bolted the door in the face of the mob, and turning to us said, "Now, tell." In another large town we were called eagerly by some caste women, who, when we came in, said, "Oh! we haven't heard for four years, and we were so afraid you wouldn't come here!" "And who told you four years ago?" "A lady from Tuni—will she come again?" This, I knew, must be Miss Rogers.

Station Work has lately developed and brightened. One woman has been baptized and received into the membership of the church here. She is the first fruits of the women's work here in Y., and under God, has been led into the light through the loving and faithful labors of your worker Minnie, who has visited her and taught her faithfully for some months. The workers report increased interest among the women, especially of the Shudra castes. A certain Kapu widow, who cannot read, has learned part of the catechism, and all of the Commandments and Lord's prayer from our workers. She learns eagerly, and is very clever and bright, and says she is going to come to church. Others are learning hymns—all this at their own request.

One or two new Brahman houses have opened to us during the year, and during the warm months of the year a good deal of time was spent with them. Since the beginning of the cool season, however, the work has not been so vigorously carried on, owing to the absence of the missionary on tour, and the fact that the Bible women cannot gain an entrance into these homes unless the missionary is along.

We have endeavored to help in some definite way the Christian women on the field, and have succeeded in getting one or two of the younger and less ignorant ones to learn some selected Scripture passages and part of the catechism. Women's prayer meetings have been successfully carried on during every week of the year. The women's Bible class, held in connection with the Sunday School, has also been well attended and a lively interest taken in the course of lessons, which is the Acts of the Apostles.

NARSAPATNAM.

Miss McLaurin reports:—

Workers.—Two Bible women—Hannah and Sarah. As this station lies twenty-seven miles from Yellamanchili, the work there has not been so systematically carried on as the missionary could wish and the work demands.

Touring.—Three trips have been made during the year to that section of the field. During these trips fifteen different villages were visited, some of them many times, so that in some places the people have had an opportunity to understand more perfectly from hearing the Gospel often repeated. We have been uniformly well received, and in many cases the women have questioned us eagerly and shown a great desire to know the truth.

Station Work.—Owing to the fact that the missionary lives so far from the scene of action, the opportunities for personal participation and superintendance of the work are limited. The work in Narsapatnam is carried on chiefly by Sarah, who lives in a village near by, and who, in addition to working in her own village and Narsapatnam, has about eleven villages on her visiting list, most of which she visits twice during the month and sometimes three times. The work among the caste women of the town is very encouraging and very pressing in its demands upon the time of the missionary while in the station.

Hannah reports about twelve different villages visited each month. Her work lies chiefly in the villages near her home. The Christian women on this field are so few and scattered that we have been unable to organize any method of teaching them regularly.

Surely the harvest will follow the seed time on this field, which we cannot help believing is one of rich promise.

Village Schools.—Dr. Smith reports in Yellamanchili, one; pupils, five; Narsapatnam, one; pupils, five; also, five day pupils in the boarding schools.

Seminary Students.—Yellamanchili, two; Narsapatnam, one. Two of these are only taking short theological courses, as they are too old to undertake the regular work. The other will probably study for the ministry.

Books and Tracts.—Distributed 2,500 tracts and 600 papers; sold 20 New Testaments; one Old Testament; 41 portions; 300 booklets.

VUYURU.

The Ladies' Board of Eastern Ontario and Quebec undertake the support of the lady missionary and her Bible women on this field.

Seminary Students, Village Schools and Book and Tract work fall to our Society to support.

Mr. Brown reports these :—

Seminary Students.—Five family men with their wives have attended the Theological department during the year, and during the hot season the men have all done good work as evangelists. Eight boys have attended the secular classes. These all bear good characters and promise to be valuable to the work in future years.

Village Schools.—Eleven besides the station school have been carried on. One of these is *entirely self supporting*, and nearly all are particularly so. Writing of one, with a very unpronounceable name, Mr. Brown says: "Here we have a real oasis in the desert, a school of ten pupils which would thrill you with joy. The amount of Scripture these pupils can quote would put to shame many a child at home. Best of all the Christians of this village, though only ten in number, give nearly half the teacher's salary.

The school work on this field is particularly encouraging.

Books and Tracts.—Owing to scarcity of funds, no colporteur has been employed, but the *Messenger of Truth* and some others papers and books have been distributed.

We have laid the work before you. The cry of the present day is for a safe investment and larger returns. The amounts asked from you to prosecute this work is small. The investment is safe; for has not our risen Lord promised to be with us alway. It will pay, for the same Lord has said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again.

JANE BUCHAN

Corresponding Secretary

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Six meetings of the Board and four meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during the year. At the first meeting of the newly appointed Board appropriations were passed amounting to \$6,244.

A special meeting of the Board was held in June to consult with the Executive Committee of the General Board regarding further reductions in the appropriations. After the most careful consideration, it was decided to transfer 12½ per cent. of the amount appropriated for our work, exclusive of salaries and Miss Baskerville's school, to Miss Folsom's, Miss Priest's and Miss McLaurin's work. The timely gift of \$600 by a friend who wished to remain unknown, enabled the Board to vote \$300 towards Samulcotta Seminary, and to make up the balance required for Miss Priest's and Miss McLaurin's work.

In October the Presidents of the Home and Foreign Mission Societies appealed to the members of the Circles on behalf of the Thank-offering meetings. Seventy-five Circles and two Bands responded.

Amounts received by the Foreign Mission Society: From Circles, \$534.58; Bands, \$25.82. Total, \$560.40. An increase over last year of \$77.41.

In November Mrs. E. W. Dadson resigned her position on the Board. This was rendered necessary by her removal from Woodstock to Montreal, which belongs to the Eastern Convention. The resignation was accepted with regret, Mrs. Dadson having been for years a most efficient worker of the Foreign Mission Society. Mrs. Thos. White, of Park Church, Brantford, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

In January Mrs. C. T. Stark resigned her position as Secretary of Bands. The Board gladly take this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of Mrs. Stark's faithful efforts to increase missionary interest among the children of the various churches during the last four years.

The Treasurer having stated that a legacy of \$1,000 had been left by the late Miss Nellie Davies, a committee was appointed to decide upon a suitable investment. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the money has been invested, and an income will be received from it next year.

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Ten new life-members have been added: Mrs. Carrie A. Head, St. George; Miss Violet Elliot, Toronto; Mrs. Arnold, London; Mrs. H. H. Wright, Aylmer; Mrs. J. Schwalm, Boston; Mrs. James Morris, St. Thomas; Mrs. James Stratton, Peterboro'; Miss Nellie C. Dunscombe, Delhi; Miss Rowland, St. Thomas; Mrs. Cynthia McConnell, Lake View. Total number of life members, 183.

It is with great sorrow we record the removal by death of two of our workers. In July, after two years of suffering, Miss Nellie Davies was called home; and in March the summons came to Mrs. Yule. What strength these two quiet non-obtrusive workers were to the W. B. F. M. B., only those closely connected with them know. Thus one after another of the workers pass away, but the work goes on. Let us strive to be faithful, that we too may hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,

A. MOYLE, *Recording Secretary.*

The following appropriations for 1897-'98 were made:

From General Estimates—

Village Schools	\$840 00
Books and Tracts	205 00
Bible-women	50 00
Samulcotta Seminary	536 00
Seminary Students's work (during vacation).....	135 00

From Estimates of Women's Work for Women—

Miss Stovel and her work	650 00
Towards Zenana work	270 00
Miss Baskerville	500 00
Cocanada Girls' School	500 00
Miss McLeod and her work	625 00
Miss Hatch and her work	500 00
Miss Priest's work	170 00
Miss McLaurin's work	145 00
Miss Folsom	500 00
Towards Miss Simpson's furlough allowance	125 00
(the balance being provided by her salary for three months, sent to India since her departure). Home expenses	100 00

\$6,141 00

Special Appropriations—

Towards Building at Pedapuram for Lady Missionary.....	\$ 200 00
Extra grant to Samulcotta Seminary, payable monthly. ..	500 00

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BAND REPORT.

There are now on the Secretary's books 146 Bands, the largest number since the present Secretary took charge. From 109 of these Bands come a variety of reports, many send very meagre statements; some are evidently discouraged, a number are hopeful and satisfactory, while a few—those more recently organized—are very enthusiastic.

Some one has said, "Enthusiasm is a requisite for success in any undertaking." In Band work it holds a very high place. It is impossible for a Band leader to succeed without enthusiasm. It is catching, if she has it the children are sure to take it. If the leader has it not—but surely all our Band leaders have. "Only through knowledge can enthusiasm be aroused." From numerous places come the report, "We have no competent leader," or, "Our leader has gone away, and there is no one to take her place." Are there not some who will "get understanding" or knowledge along the missionary line, that they may be aroused to their privilege and responsibility, and become enthusiastic workers in the cause of missions. Remember we are working for our dear Lord, and training these children for His service. One Band reports 30 conversions during the year. In most of our Bands there are some who are not Christians. Is there not a great work that might be done just here? The Secretary would be glad to have reports of this kind from other Bands. From Middlesex and Lambton, Niagara, Peterboro' and Walkerton Associations, all the Bands sent in reports.

Four Bands have been reorganized during the year, namely, Fonthill, Belleville, Listowel, Toronto Junction. Eight new Bands have been added to the list, Homedale, Brantford; Herkimer St., Hamilton; Wyoming, Jr.; Charlotteville Centre; Pine Grove; Bracebridge (young ladies); Meaford and Bailieboro'. Two of these are in Norfolk Association, the others are each one in a different Association, showing that the growth is distributed. Strathroy and Tilsonburg report no Bands now.

When filling in the forms to be returned to the Director, and later to the Secretary, where a student is supported, state whether belonging to Cocanada or Samulcotta school, as from the name alone one cannot tell of which sex the student is.

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Last year 33 Cocanada students were supported by Bands and individuals, and 40 at Samulcotta. The new list lately received from Samulcotta shows that a great number of these have left and many new names have been added. Bands or individuals wishing to support students in these schools can be supplied with a name by applying to the Secretary. Several Bands report having made quilts and sent boxes of clothing, etc., to needy Home Mission fields, and others are preparing boxes for the Foreign field. Eight or ten Bands have sent money for the famine funds, others again have given to local causes.

Mrs. W. C. Rickert has been made a life-member of the Foreign Missionary Society Mission Bands, by Maitland St. Band, London. No life-membership in the Home Society this year. Number of Bands reporting to Home Mission Treasurer, 77; amount received, \$400.78. Number of Bands reporting to Foreign Mission Treasurer, 106; amount received, \$1,040.15.

MABEL STARK,

Secretary.



Calvary Baptist Church, Brantford.

TREASURER'S TWENTY-FIRST REPORT FROM APRIL
30TH, 1896, TO APRIL 30TH, 1897.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward April 30th, 1896:		
For sending out Missionaries.....	\$300 00	
" Cocanada Girls' School.....	43 00	
" Regular Work.....	1,450 43	
		\$1,793 43
Amount from Circles.....	\$5,012 74	
" " Bands.....	1,040 15	
" " Other Organizations.....	152 02	
" " Association Collections.....	67 75	
" " Miscellaneous Sources.....	2,121 81	
		\$8,394 47
		\$10,187 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

By General Treasurer:		
For Regular Work.....	\$6,425 55	
" Cocanada Girls' School Building (including		
\$300 for 'sending out missionaries,		
transferred by permission).....	343 00	
" Balance for Miss Simpson's home-coming..	103 38	
" "Star of Hope," building at Akidu.....	50 00	
" Sundry other Specials.....	45 10	
		\$6,967 03
By Rev. J. Craig, Special for Famine Relief Fund.....		4 15
" Home Expenses (including \$31.74 paid to Gen. Treasurer		
for mite-boxes).....		102 95
" Investment, \$1,000 Debenture of The Victoria		
Rolling Stock Company of Ontario, at 100.56.	\$1,005 60.	
" Investment, Interest accrued from Feb. 1, 1897.	4 11	
" " Brokerage at 2½%.....	2 50	
		\$1,012 21
Balance April 30th, 1897.....	\$8,086 34	
	2,101 56	
		\$10,187 90
Balance of Special Account "Medical Lady Fund".....		215 11
No. of Circles heard from, 191.		
No. of Bands heard from, 106.		
Amount of Regular Income.....	\$6,141 03	

VIOLET ELLIOT,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

Toronto, May 6th, 1897.

JOHN FIRSTBROOK, }
FRED. L. RATCLIFF, } Auditors.

Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

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" N. S. SMITH,
" VASS,
" WHITHAM,
" WARNICKER,
" SIMS.
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" SCOTT.

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Eastern Association—MISS RUE L. PARKER, Barnston.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY
OF THE WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION
SOCIETY OF EASTERN ONTARIO
AND QUEBEC.

In presenting this Annual Report I may say that, in that portion of the work under our care, we have no startling incidents to record, but the steady march of faithful workers, doing day by day the duty lying before them. Such years, we hope, are those in which the deep foundations are laid, that shall in the future receive the glorious superstructure of more perfect knowledge of our Lord among the people, both at home and abroad.

To begin with the business part of the report. The usual meetings of the Executive Board have been duly held, with a fair average attendance of the members.

Perhaps at no time in our history has the financial standing of the Society given more anxiety to its members than during the past year. Though the appropriations were not for the same amount as for the year ending October 1st, 1895, all during the year, the quarterly payments have not been equal to our obligations, so that it is with very grateful hearts the fact is reported that the year's obligations are now fully paid. This includes a reduction of 12½ per cent. in the general estimates (not our missionary's salary), to which we have consented, in order to be in harmony with the General and Woman's Societies of the West; this makes a small surplus, that you will be asked to re-appropriate later.

During the year we have lost one of our number, who has been long in office, and who has, by her careful financing and sympathetic letters to the Circles, done much to preserve unity of aim amongst us. Mrs. F. B. Smith, our late treasurer, was obliged to resign her office, and we to accept her resignation, owing, first, to her leaving Canada, and after, an uncertainty as to her future place of residence.

For the same reason (leaving Canada), Mrs. W. H. Smith resigned the superintendency of the Bureau of Literature.

Miss Sara Scott was appointed to the Treasurership, and Miss Ada Radford to the Bureau of Literature. In order to

relieve the Corresponding Secretary of some of her work, so as to allow her to keep the office, Mrs. H. H. Ayer was appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary, and has given very efficient help in this branch of the work of the Society.

INDIAN WORK.

Miss Murray—A year ago on July 14, Miss Murray, our devoted missionary, after passing her examination in the Telugu language, started upon her first tour, and has now completed more than a year of active missionary effort in carrying the Gospel to the heathen women of the Vuyyuru district. Her work, so far, for the women in this place is chiefly evangelistic. Accompanied by her Bible women, she has visited between thirty and forty villages, and has generally been well received; two villages only have objected to her presence. Her first tour was taken with Miss Stovel, of Akidu, and was upon Miss Stovel's field during the time of the rice transplanting, a season when they can easily reach the women in going to and from their work.

She is especially hopeful about the caste women she has visited, as they have manifested great interest in what she says. Miss Murray gives very interesting testimony to us who are so much engaged in the educational part of mission work, as to the value of an education that reaches to the ability to read. It helps them to remember what they hear, and a tract or book may be left with them for private study.

Miss Murray has, for the first time since going to India, taken a holiday on the hills. Although she does not complain of failing health, no doubt this rest will conduce to its preservation, and the change will be refreshing to her after her long sojourn on the plains.

Though in some parts of India we hear of unusual drought, in the valley of the Kistna, in the early part of the year (Society's year) great floods have taken place, carrying desolation and destruction to very many; but though several of our missionaries reside in this part of the country, their lives and property have been mercifully spared. For the continued good health of our dear missionary, and for perservation of life and home during the late flood, we would render thanks to our Lord, and pray that her work may prove abundantly fruitful and redound to His great glory.

BIBLE WOMEN'S WORK.

The Bible women of whom we are part supporters, work in and near Cocanada, each having their own lists of houses which they visit. Their reports are very interesting, but difficult to glean for results suitable to report. It is truly a work prosecuted with "Precept upon precept, line upon line, here a little and there a little." It is an attack upon the very core of heathendom found in the hearts of women; and in reading these reports, one cannot help but be impressed with the necessity of the girls' schools. Ignorance and the bigotry of false religion hold full sway over these poor women—fast in heathendom.

One important beginning, to help them to receive the Gospel and reverse this description, is in the girls' schools. The training of the child mind is a necessity, for the untrained mind is not so open to receive and test new impressions. How much patience and zeal for Christ's kingdom are needed and expended in this work, may be seen in the reports from which the following extracts are made:

"There have been a few discouragements, too. One was the case of a woman who had long heard the Gospel, and had often declared she had done with idols, and believed what I had told her. She was tempted to go on a pilgrimage this year and returned with her head shaved, showing that she had been to pay a vow made long before. She was much ashamed to meet me, and made many excuses, such as that she had only gone to the country and for the pleasure of the journey by train, which was a novelty to her."

"In another case, one who appeared really interested in these things and who always listened to the word with much pleasure, was deluded by a priest, who persuaded her that if she took his religion and had her arms branded with some special marks, she was going straight to heaven when she dies. Of course she must pay him a good fee, and, washing his feet, pour the water over her own head. When next I visited her house, she was thoroughly ashamed of what she had done, and when she heard that it was not God's way of salvation, she exclaimed: 'It has all been in vain, and I am like Adam and Eve in the garden, deceived by Satan.' I thought it was a very apt illustration. She still listens to the Gospel with interest, and is beginning to grasp the idea that it is a change of heart she needs, and no outward form or ceremony can effect it."

"It is very refreshing to turn from such cases to those whom we believe have really learned to love the Saviour. There are, perhaps, only two or three women who give such evidence. Of these, the most interesting is one I have mentioned in several reports already. It is a pleasure to visit her and to read the word to her. She listens to it very differently from most others; she is not only interested in the story, but always appears to be seeking for some words of help and encouragement to suit her own experience, and grasps the promises as her own, because she believes on the Saviour. I have been reading the Acts of the Apostles to her of late; she is much interested in Paul's experience; his conversion was no surprise, for she says, 'God can change the heart of man, for has He not changed mine?'"

"In almost every house I have met new women. Sometimes a number of wedding guests from other villages would be present and make a good audience, hearing the Gospel for the first time; learning the name of Jesus, and that He is the Saviour who saves. One old woman followed us into the street, repeating the words, 'The Saviour who saves,' and we thought it was most expressive, because there were so many she had heard of as saviours who do not save."

"Sometimes we meet with one who has given up idol worship for years—she will say—and believes in Christ, but still appears outside the Kingdom; perhaps is trusting in her own merit for so doing, believing, as they do so much, works instead of faith."

"We find that though these people all admit there is only one true God, they like trying new deities, just as we would try a new medicine or remedy. I found it especially so in times of trouble, when they found their own gods had failed them."

GIRLS' SCHOOL, AKIDU.

During the first part of the school year this school was in charge of Mrs. Craig, who has so long had the oversight of it, but after the arrival of Mrs. Chute, it was, on February 1st, placed under her care.

Mrs. Chute expresses her pleasure in having it for a while during Mrs. Craig's residence in Akidu, and in receiving her counsel and advice.

Forty girls were in attendance and four teachers regularly employed, with the addition of one of the former pupils after

April. Lydia came from Cocanada to take charge of the infant standard, again leaving at the end of the season, to attend the Normal School at Gantur, to finish her training as a teacher. The school has been in session the full time, and the pupils have made good progress, many receiving promotion at the last inspection.

Many of the elder pupils are Christians, but for this year no exact reports as to baptisms can be given.

The health of the children has not been as good as it might be. Coughs, colds, fever and chicken-pox have been prevalent. It behooves us to inquire if the crowded state of the schools, as well as the irrepair of the building, may, with the unhealthy nature of the work (rice planting) they perform during their vacation, have something to do with this ill-health.

An odd report in connection with school affairs, to Western ears, is generally given, that is, the marriages; but it is one that, owing to the native Indian customs, we may understand. This year, two teachers and two pupils entered this happy state. The pupil husband will continue his studies next year in Samuleotta.

Owing to increased attendance, the finances have given great anxiety to those in charge, and difficulty in making the allowance for this school meet the necessary expense has been felt. This trouble has been accentuated by the state of the home treasury and the high rate of exchange. Again, the losses of the people by the great floods lately experienced in India, makes us regret the smallness of the income we are able to allow them.

Respectfully submitted,

NANNIE E. GREEN,

Corresponding Secretary.

Thurso, Que., Oct. 6, 1896.

MISSION BAND REPORT—EASTERN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

It is with regret that this report has to record a slight decrease in both membership and contributions during the past year. Some Bands have not sent reports, although they are still at work. Carleton Place Band has ceased to exist, but the members are working for missions through the Sunday School. New Bands have been formed at Smith's Falls and Westport, and the one at Osnabruck Centre reorganized. Your Secretary would be glad if she could report a faithful, active, earnest Mission Band in connection with every Sunday School within the bounds of the Convention.

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Allan's Mills.—The Band here has lost three of their senior members this year. The collections and attendance is encouraging. A student at Samulcotta is being supported. Membership, 17. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$15.

Brockville.—This Band supports a student in Cocanada, formerly of Tuni. Membership, 60. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$15; Home Missions, 25; Grande Ligne, \$10; North-West, \$10

Delta.—This Band supports a student at Akidu. Membership, 23. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$18.97.

Kingston.—First Church Band supports a student at Samulcotta. Membership, 20. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$17.

Kingston.—Union Street Band meets after Sunday School, and some of the senior members meet during the week for sewing. Membership, 40. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$10; North-West, \$5.

Perth.—This Band supports a student in Cocanada, formerly of Tuni. Membership, 45. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$17.

Smith's Falls.—Membership, 30. Organized last May.

Westport.—A Band was organized last December, and the members have chosen to support a boy at Akidu. Membership, 29. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$11.

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EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Montreal.—Grace Church Band reports a smaller membership, because some of the older girls have joined the Circle. A good interest is maintained in their meetings. At Christmas, a large photo of the Band, with the church as background, was sent to Lydia, of Akidu, their pupil. The Band also had a share in the Home Mission Box sent by the Circle. Membership, 39. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$29.14; Home Missions, \$7.79; Grande Ligne, \$1.41.

Montreal.—Olivet Band reports the interest not abated. Meetings are held once a month, before Sunday School. Three parties have been given during the year, for the purpose of making the members acquainted with each other. A concert was also very successful. The children were given five cents each as "talent money." This was multiplied ten, twenty, and in one instance sixty-fold. A boy and girl are supported in Akidu. Membership, 80. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$34; Grande Ligne, \$34.

Quebec.—This Band supports a student in Akidu. Membership, 40. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$17.

Sawyerville.—This Band supports a student at Akidu, and also raised, by special effort, \$5.59 for the Boys' School. Membership, 20. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$22.59; Home Missions, \$8.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Osgoode.—This Band supports a student at Akidu. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$17; Home Missions, \$3.

Osnabruck Centre.—Membership, 30. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$8; Home Missions, \$8.

Ottawa.—First Church Band is supporting a student at Cocanada, formerly of Tunj. The members sent a box of clothing to the North-West some time ago, and two barrels, filled with clothing, to Sorel. Membership, 90. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$34; Home Missions, \$20; Grande Ligne, \$5.

Ottawa.—McPhail Memorial Band meets after Sunday School, on "Mission Sunday," receiving one-third of the collection taken that day. A meeting for praise and prayer is also held on Monday evening, before the B. Y. P. U., attended by the older members of the Band. Membership, 100. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$37; Home Missions, \$10; Grande Ligne, \$15.

134. WOMEN'S B. F. M. S. OF EASTERN ONT. AND QUE.

Rockland.—This Band supports a student at Akidu. Membership, 35. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$20.

Roxboro'.—This Band has only six members. Sent to Foreign Missions, \$1.25; Grande Ligne, \$4.

Number of Bands which have sent in reports, 17.
Membership reported, 744.

Sent to Foreign Missions.....	\$328 95
“ “ Home Missions	81 79
“ “ Grande Ligne.....	69 41
“ “ North-West.....	15 00

Total Contributions.....\$495 15

Decrease in membership, 29.
“ “ contributions, \$59.79.

The Board has decided that Bands supporting students at Akidu shall pay \$15 a year, and at Samulcotta or Cocanada \$17, as the last two are under the Western Board. All money raised for Foreign Missions should be sent to Miss Scott, 482 Urbain Street, Montreal, and all money raised for work in Canada, to Mrs. Hudson, 220½ Sparks Street, Ottawa, as these ladies are Treasurers of the W. F. and H. Mission Societies. May all Sunday School workers present make an effort this year to organize a Mission Band in each school, that the Baptist young people may be trained to give, work and pray for the cause of missions, which is so dear to the heart of our Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLE HALKETT,

Band Secretary.

Ottawa, Oct. 5, 1896.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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Cash on hand from Annual Meeting.....		\$90 90
Bicycle Fund carried forward.....		56 37
Collection at Annual Meeting	\$10 00	
Collection at Eastern Association, Dixville..	7 75	
Collection at Ottawa Association	3 98	
Interest on Bank Account from Dec. 1894 to May 1896.	4 35	

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Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Ottawa.....	\$30 00
Mrs. Woods, ".....	30 00
Ontremont (Montreal) Union Sunday School.....	28 13
Mission Directories.....	3 75
Mrs. McCallum, Charlemagne.....	3 00
Mrs. Alex. Murray.....	1 25
Mrs. A. L. Therrien.....	1 00

BANDS AND CIRCLES.

Abbott's Corner.....	\$ 15 00
Allan's Mills M. B.	17 00
Algonquin	12 00
Athens	4 00
Beebe Plain	8 50
Barnston	10 00
Brockville C	159 03
Brockville M. B.....	15 10
Beckwith	5 00
Carleton Place.....	3 00
Clarence	12 00
Cornwall	7 05
Clarndon	3 50
Delta C.....	10 00
Delta M. B.....	17 00
Dixville C.....	6 00
Dixville Mission Jugs.....	4 00
Dominionville C.....	6 50
Dominionville, Lena Dewart's Class.....	5 00
Drummond	11 00
Gananoque.....	10 00
Grenville	8 00
Kingston, First Church Circle.....	40 00
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" " Second Church M. B.....	10 00
Lachute.....	10 00
Lanark.....	7 00
Metcalfe	8 62
Maxville	9 60
Morrisburg.....	6 20
Montreal, First Church C.....	37 42
" " Junior Endeavor.....	10 00
" " Olivet C.....	116 00
" " M. B	30 20
" " Grace C.....	16 60
" " M. B.....	20 45
Mulgrave	15 95
Magog	20 00
Ottawa, First Church C.....	69 60
" " Cheerful Gleaners M. B.....	34 00
" " McPhail Memorial C.....	35 00
" " M. B.....	17 00
Osgoode C.....	29 80
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Perth C.....	32 56
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Osnabruock C.....	8 00
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Vuyyuru Work.....	135 00
Girls' School, Akidu.....	400 00
Miss Murray's Salary.....	500 00

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To Treasurer, Foreign Missionary Society.....	\$1,435 00
Travelling expenses, Rev. Mr. McKay and Association Directors.....	6 50
Bicycle Fund to Missionary.....	56 37
Postage, Printing and Stationery.....	27 57
Drafts and Commission on Cheques.....	4 05

Cash on hand..... \$1,529 49

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ALEX. MURRAY,
P. B. MOTLEY.

APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 1896-'97.

Miss Murray's salary.....	\$500 00
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Samulcotta.....	150 00
Zenana Workers.....	350 00
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Piano and Harmony.

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REPORT OF THE SENATE AND BOARD OF GOVERN-
ORS OF McMASTER UNIVERSITY FOR
THE YEAR 1896-7.

To the Regular Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec:

Brethren,—By the blessing of Him whose we are and whom we serve we are able to bring to you a good report to-day. In respect to the number of students enrolled, the health of the members of the three Faculties and of the students in the different schools, and the educational and spiritual results, the year has been prosperous.

CHANGES IN THE FACULTIES.

At Moulton College, Miss Gertrude Trotter, in the Department of Elocution and Physical Culture, and Miss Mary E. Schultz, in the Preparatory Department, have justified the expectations which were entertained when they were appointed one year ago. At Woodstock College the Faculty was complete when we separated after the Montreal Convention, Mr. S. R. Tarr, B.A., having been appointed Mathematical Master, Mr. H. L. McNeill, B.A., transferred from the Preparatory Department to the Science Mastership, and Mr. James Weir placed in charge of the Preparatory classes. Before the summer was ended, however, an unexpected blow fell, Principal Bates being suddenly cut off by death a few weeks before the date for the opening of the College. It not being possible to fill forthwith the vacancy caused by his death, a provisional arrangement was made, by which the College work might begin at the appointed time and be sustained without interruption or loss. By this provisional arrangement, Mr. A. L. McCrimmon, M.A., Classical Master, was made Acting Principal and Mr. R. D. George, a member of the fourth year at McMaster University, was asked to assist temporarily in the teaching. Mr. George, having been formerly a master in the College, was able to render valuable service. When he was compelled to return to the University the first of December, Mr. J. J. McNeill, B.A., a student in theology took his place. This provisional arrangement was found to be working so well when the Senate and Board of

Governors met in December that no change was deemed necessary during the school year. At the recent meeting of the Senate and Board Mr. McCrimmon, whose administrative ability has been clearly shown during the past year, was unanimously appointed to the Principalship in succession to the late beloved Principal Bates, and Mr. J. W. Russell, B.A., who has lectured at McMaster Hall for the last two years, was appointed to the Science Mastership. The Faculty of Woodstock College, as at present organized, may be expected to do work of a high order, fully sustaining the reputation won by the College in the past. By the resignation of Miss Mary Smart, who for some years has done excellent work as the resident teacher of Music in Moulton College, a vacancy has been made which we hope to have filled before the opening of the College in September. Mr. A. S. Vogt, who has been one of the teachers of piano at the College for several years, has been appointed Director of the Department of Music. We feel certain that this appointment will give great satisfaction.

ENROLLMENT.

The enrollment for the year was as follows :

In Theology.....	46
In Arts.....	113
Woodstock College.....	122
Moulton College.....	139
Total.....	420

The enrollment in Theology was 12 more than last year; in Arts, 13 more; in Moulton College, 5 more, and in Woodstock College, 15 less. Although the enrollment at Woodstock shows a falling off of 15, the average attendance for the year is only a little less than that of 1895-6. Of the 139 credited to Moulton College, 27 are members of the Junior Art Class. Leaving these out of the account the enrollment at Moulton is 122. Diminishing this number by 15, the number taking Art only, and 21, the number taking Music only, we have a balance of 76, which represents the students in literary subjects. While this is a very slight gain over last year, there is still room for large improvement. Further details concerning the students enrolled will be given below in quotations from the reports of the Principals of the several schools. Extracts from reports of Principals:

FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

"In Arts the enrollment by classes was :

First year	34
Second "	33
Third "	14
Fourth "	27
Partial students.....	5
Total.....	<u>113</u>

"The First Year Class contained a greater number than usual of students adequately prepared for a University course. Four of the members of this class were Honor Matriculates, and two won scholarships at the Provincial University matriculation examinations in 1896.

"Of the 46 enrolled in Theology 19 were on the Theological list last year. Of the 27 who formed the incoming class 10 are graduates in Arts of McMaster University, eight being graduated in the class of 1896 and two in the class of 1895. Sixteen of our theological students hold an Arts degree, 14 from McMaster University and one each from Toronto and Acadia Universities. Thirteen of those who were enrolled for lectures are not eligible for graduation on account of deficiencies in their preparatory training. Five of these are ordained ministers who, after spending some time in the ministry, returned to school that they might become better qualified for their calling. One lady was enrolled in Theology, taking the full course in English Bible. In addition to the 159 enrolled as University students, three Moulton students took lectures at the Hall.

"The theological classes were large and the increased number of University graduates among the students added interest to the work of teaching.

"At the beginning of the University year every room in McMaster Hall was filled, and even then the demand was not fully supplied. . . . The educational value of our University residence should not be lost sight of. The mingling of the young men together in their daily life is of great advantage to them, especially to those whose early advantages were meagre.

"Spiritually the year was much like the year before. All except six were reported Christians. One was baptized during the year. Some whose spiritual life had waned were quickened On several of the fields which were served by students during the winter there were many conversions.

"A large proportion of our students in Arts are preparing for the ministry. The number preparing for the teaching profession is also relatively large and increasing. Nineteen members of the First Year are preparing for the ministry, and 10 for teaching; of the Second Year, 22 are preparing for the ministry and 4 for teaching; of the Third Year, 8 are preparing for the ministry and 4 for teaching, and of the Fourth Year, 15 are preparing for the ministry and 6 for teaching; 4 will study medicine, one of these with a view to medical missionary work."

FROM PRINCIPAL M'CRIMMON'S REPORT.

"The College register shows the following classification of students:

(a) Preparatory.....	12
First year.....	41
Second ".....	22
Third ".....	30
Fourth ".....	17
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(b) Boarders.....	97
Day students.....	25
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	122
(c) Baptists.....	98
Presbyterians.....	9
Episcopalians.....	4
Methodists.....	10
Congregationalist.....	1
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"Of the graduating class 13 go to McMaster, one to McGill, one to Pharmacy, one to Medicine. Experience shows that from 40 to 60 new students must be added yearly to maintain our present attendance."

Mr. D. K. Clarke, Superintendent of the Manual Training Department, reports: "The enrollment for the Manual Training Department for the year 1896-'97 has been—

First year.....	2
Second ".....	10
Third ".....	13
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Total.....	44

"A large number of those taking Manual Training will follow engineering, or kindred pursuits, and its influence on their success is a strong reason for emphasizing this department

as much as practicable, the more so because at the present day the various departments of engineering offer such a promising field to intelligent, well-trained young men."

THE FACULTY.

"All who knew the late Principal Bates mourn his loss to our denomination and its work. His beautiful life of self-sacrifice and devotion to the College will long be remembered.

"Owing the death of Mr. Bates a readjustment of the Faculty had to be made and another member added. Mr. R. D. George, of McMaster, came to our aid with his invaluable help. Notwithstanding the fact that his work was pressing upon him he gave us, for three months, the advantage of his experience in the reorganization of the residential work. At his departure Mr. J. J. McNeill consented to come, and has served the College in a very efficient manner. Mr. S. R. Tarr took the Mathematics, Mr. H. L. McNeill the Classics, Mr. Weir the Preparatory and Physical Culture, Mr. McKechnie keeping the English and Mr. Clarke the Moderns and Manual Training. I cannot speak too highly of the spirit manifested by these members of the Faculty as we sought to do our work.

THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL TONE OF THE SCHOOL.

"Last term three boys were suspended for flagrant violation of the rules of the school. At the beginning of this term one of those was allowed to return. With the exception of these cases the discipline has been maintained with comparative ease. Never, since I have been here, have the prayer meetings been so well attended. A spirit of earnestness pervades the student body. There are but few exceptions. Ten or twelve have professed conversion during the year. The Christian boys have been working according to a systematic plan, and the results have been good."

FROM PRINCIPAL DICKLOW'S REPORT.

"Enrollment :—

First year.....	18
Second ".....	18
Third ".....	11
Fourth ".....	9
Special.....	4
Preparatory.....	16
Total in Literary Departments.....	76

"Forty-six are enrolled in the Matriculation Course, seven in the Modern Language Course and one in the English Scientific Course. Of the 16 in the Preparatory Department eight are likely to go on to Matriculation.

"Students classified according to the Church they attend :

	1895-6.	1896-7.
Baptists	28	42
Methodists	16	11
Presbyterians	14	12
Episcopalians	11	9
Congregationalists	4	1
Unitarians	1	0
Christian Scientists	1	0
No Church	0	1

"The number of resident students this year exceeds that of last year by one, being 31. Of the resident students the following classification may be made :—

	1895-6.	1896-7.
Baptists	10	17
Presbyterians	8	7
Episcopalians	3	3
Methodists	6	4
Congregationalists	2	0
Christian Scientists	1	0

"All but three of the resident students are Christians.

"The religious life of the school has been very encouraging. . . . The work of the students has been characterized by earnestness, thoroughness and enthusiasm.

"The teachers in the Faculty and upon the Staff have been untiring in their efforts to make the year a success. The Preparatory Department is sure of success under the management of Miss Schultz, and it should be a great help in filling up the College classes. The Department of Elocution and Physical Culture, under Miss Trotter, has done good, thorough work.

REMARKS.

The foregoing extracts give a fair presentation of the conditions prevailing in the several schools under our care. It will be seen that emphasis is laid upon the spiritual life of the students; that a large proportion of our students are Christians; that a large percentage of those who came to our schools unconverted last fall were converted during the year; that studiousness and enthusiasm are characteristic; that all our educational work is moving forward harmoniously, vigorously

and usefully, and that our prospects for future efficiency are bright.

At the recent University Commencement, Degrees and Diplomas were conferred as follows:

Two received diplomas in the three years' English course in Theology, one received a diploma in the four years' course in Theology, four were received to the degree of Bachelor of Theology in course, twenty-five were received to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in course, three were received to the degree of Bachelor of Arts *ad eundem*, three were received to the degree of Master of Arts in course.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred *honoris causa* upon the Rev. Thomas Trotter, President-elect of Acadia University, and the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*, on Mr. James E. Wells, editor of the *Canadian Baptist*.

The young ladies who study at McMaster University have the privilege of boarding at Moulton College, where they enjoy all the advantages of a Christian home under our own oversight and care. The great value of this must be appreciated by parents who are sending their daughters away from home for a university education.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was passed by the Senate and Board of Governors at their recent meeting:

"The Senate and Board of Governors of McMaster University desire to place on record their deep sense of the loss sustained by the University in the death of our honored associate in service, Joseph Irving Bates, Principal of Woodstock College.

"In 1892, after the death of Principal Huston, Mr. Bates was called to the headship of that institution. The character and spirit of his work during the ensuing four and a half years amply justified the confidence then reposed in him.

"Immediately on his appointment he addressed himself to the discharge of his responsible duties with the utmost devotion. He had many qualifications for his work. His scholarship was ample, his long experience in the school, first as student under Dr. Fyfe, and then for many years as instructor and teacher in charge, enabled him to enter at once sympathetically and enthusiastically into the ideals of the college; his aptitude for busi-

ness, natural and developed, made his administration of its affairs careful and successful; his gentle bearing and unflinching courtesy won all hearts; and above all, his full-orbed Christian character, in its purity and sincerity, its conscientiousness and strength, its high sense of duty and beautiful unselfishness shed abroad in the school and elsewhere gracious and uplifting influences that gave glory to his Saviour and Master. That beautiful character will long remain, and especially with his students, a legacy of blessing. Whilst the loss is ours, and that of the denomination at large, we yet remember how peculiarly grievous it has been to the narrower circle of the home and family. To the widow and fatherless, to the aged mother and the brother and sisters we wish to convey our sincere brotherly sympathy."

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Treasurer's report for the year ending September 30, 1896, duly audited by Edward B. Freeland, has been printed, and will be presented concurrently with this report. The Board of Governors have deemed it more satisfactory to continue to close their financial year at the end of September, so that the result of each college year appears more clearly. As has been the practice since the change in the time for the meeting of the Convention from October to May, a statement is given of the receipts and disbursements since the beginning of the University year, viz.: October 1st, 1896, to the 20th May, 1897, and an estimate of the same from the 20th May, 1897, to the end of the University year, 30th September, 1897.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from the beginning of the College Year to the 20th May; and an estimate of same from 20th May to the end of the College Year, 30th September, 1897:

UNIVERSITY PROPER.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Boarding and General Expense Acct	\$ 3 797 24
Library	398 97
Wages	1 120 86
Arts Equipment and Supplies	500 08
Fuel and Light	598 08
Advertising and Insurance	331 00
Salaries	15 467 21
Proportion University Expense Acct	820 78

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ESTIMATE OF FURTHER DISBURSEMENTS—Balance of year :

Boarding and General Expense Acct.....	350 00
Wages.....	337 00
Examiners' Fees.....	80 00
Insurance.....	70 00
Fuel and Light.....	483 50
Salaries.....	7,513 48
Proportion University Expense Acct.....	533 75
Total.....	\$32,402 55

RECEIPTS :

Boarding Department.....	\$ 6,576 71
Arts, Fees, etc.....	3,617 00
Library, from John Stark, Esq.....	80 00
Estimate of Receipts for balance of year.....	662 57
Total.....	\$10,886 28

Leaving balance net expense of running University Proper for the year 1896-7, estimated at.....	\$21,516 27
As against expenditure in 1895-6.....	23,716 27
And expenditure in 1894-5.....	24,154 68

MOULTON COLLEGE.

DISBURSEMENTS :

General Expense Account.....	\$3,462 27
Wages.....	1,126 80
Interest and Advertising.....	873 48
Fuel and Light.....	714 19
Salaries.....	2,738 48
Proportion University Expense Account.....	410 39

ESTIMATE OF FURTHER DISBURSEMENTS.—Balance of the year :

General Expense Account.....	\$ 734 17
Wages.....	334 00
Interest and Advertising.....	625 00
Fuel and Light.....	460 62
Salaries.....	1,301 24
Proportion University Expense Account.....	266 87
Total.....	\$13,047 51

RECEIPTS :

Board and Tuition Fees.....	\$ 9,319 08
Estimate of Receipts balance of year.....	210 00
Total.....	\$ 9,529 08

Leaving balance net expense of running Moulton Ladies' College for the year 1896-7, estimated at.....	\$ 3,518 43
As against expenditure in 1895-6.....	5,185 15
And expenditure in 1894-5.....	4,479 64

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE.

DISBURSEMENTS :

General expense account.....	\$ 4,295 44
Wages.....	1,419 89
Fuel and light.....	1,510 44
Interest, insurance and advertising.....	582 54
Salaries.....	4,524 85
Proportion University expense account.....	410 40

ESTIMATE OF FURTHER DISBURSEMENTS—Balance of the year :

General expense account.....	737 65
Wages.....	641 48
Fuel and light.....	216 80
Interest, insurance and advertising.....	300 00
Salaries.....	1,797 42
Proportion University Expense Account.....	266 87

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RECEIPTS :

Board and Tuition Fees.....	\$12,269 91
Estimate of Receipts balance year.....	294 52

\$12,554 43

Leaving balance net expense of running Woodstock College for the year 1896-7, estimated at.....	4,149 35
As against expenditure in 1895-6.....	5,183 82
And expenditure in 1894-5 of.....	7,878 93

The Board is steadily endeavoring to keep the expenditure in all institutions as low as is consistent with efficiency. It will be noted from a comparison of the estimate for the current University year given in this report, with the reports of previous years, that if borne out by results it will work a very considerable reduction. As with other institutions the long continued depression in the financial world has affected the attendance in our academic departments, and chiefly has this been felt in connection with Moulton College. With practically the same expense a much larger number of students could be taught at both Woodstock and Moulton. The Board looks forward with confidence to the era of returning prosperity, with the expectation that a continually increasing number of our people will avail themselves of the great advantages afforded at these institutions.

Under the instruction of the Board Mr. John Stark and Mr. A. A. Ayer, two members of the Committee on Investments, made a personal examination of the papers and documents in connection with the loans of the McMaster Estate. The following extracts from the report of the Committee are given for the information of the Convention :—

"Your Committee on Investments beg to report that in pursuance of your instructions two of their number, Mr. John Stark and Mr. A. A. Ayer, have personally examined all the papers and documents in connection with the various loans of the McMaster Estate, taking knowledge of the class of security and the value of investments, and beg to report that we found all documents in perfect order and systematically arranged. The manner of making investments has been to secure, from a well-known expert, a valuation of each property. This valuation is submitted to two or more members of the committee with remarks thereon by Mr. D. E. Thomson. If the committee consider the application favorably, they sign their names to the document, and this document, along with the insurance policies and other papers, are duly filed in connection with the mortgage itself."

The executors took over the estate on the 22nd September, 1887, and after excluding certain specific legacies, there remain the following amounts:—

Cash.....	\$ 74,841 49
Company and Bank Stock and Securities	318,863 90
Mortgage Securities with accrued interest.....	315,888 89
American Securities, Mortgage, etc.....	150,000 00
Real Estate	55,640 00
Personal Effects	8,943 75
Total.....	\$924,178 03
From this there needs to be deducted the value of Mrs. McMaster's interest in the Bloor street (Moulton College) property.....	22,000 00
Debts of the deceased (including some claims for salaries and services).....	12,527 48
Leaving balance assets.....	\$889,649 55

Some of the securities, especially the American securities, were difficult and delicate to deal with, and required prompt and firm action. Your committee are satisfied that the course taken has saved the estate a large sum of money. We may mention that for one amount of the Canadian assets, the executors realized \$65,948.25, and if the same had to be dealt with to-day not more than \$33,000 or \$34,000 could be obtained for it

Among the assets at Mr. McMaster's decease was about \$150,000 invested in mortgages of real estate in Bay City, Michigan. These, on account of difficulty and expense attendant thereon, the executors have collected as practicable without making any renewals or reinvestments, and now have on their

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hands only three properties representing an investment of \$35,217.31, which are at present unsaleable and which may ultimately shew considerable loss. We find also that some of the investments made by your committee have not turned off favorably, and something will need to be written off, but what a fair amount will be we cannot at present determine owing to the uncertain value of real estate in some sections of Toronto.

The result of our inspection has been that we find the gross amount of the assets to-day to be \$891,332.82, divided as follows:—

Cash in bank.....	\$ 31,507 33
Cash on special deposit.....	20,000 00
Current mortgages (bearing aggregate annual interest of \$36,126 28).....	683,831 00
Investments where rents are being collected in lieu of interest (aggregate rents being \$2,943 25).....	84,371 31
Further investments in which rents are being collected, but being credited in meantime to principal, amount to.....	26,100 00
Investments at present unproductive.....	45,523 18
Estimated total annual revenue.....	40,442 03

“ You will notice that on the regular interest bearing mortgages the rate averages $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and we may say that the total arrears of interest on these loans at the date of inspection was \$552.03. In common with all companies loaning money, it has been difficult to obtain mortgages on large properties which afford a perfect security at anything like the rates of interest we were able to obtain a few years ago.”

The following annuities are payable out of the income of the McMaster estate:—To the Home Missionary Society, \$2,000; to Mrs. Wm. McMaster, \$5,000; to Dr. Malcolm MacVicar, \$400. There was an annuity payable to Miss Ann McMaster of \$500 which has now ceased owing to her death. Out of the annual income must also be deducted the cost of management of the estate, solicitors' fees, office rent, book-keeper's salary, etc. The net income is received yearly by the Treasurer of the Board of Governors. It will be seen from the report of the Committee on Investments that the gross amount of assets of the estate is slightly in excess of the amount of the estate when taken over by the Executors. The executors of the estate are Dr. Humphrey E. Buchan, Charles J. Holman and Daniel E. Thomson. The application for loans are all considered by the executors in the first instance, and, if approved by them, are then submitted to two or more members of the committee of

investments, and if approved by them the investments are made. The present members of the Investment Committee are A. A. Ayer, Montreal; John Stark, Toronto; D. W. Karn, Woodstock; and J. S. Buchan, Montreal.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF MCMASTER UNIVERSITY FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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CURRENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS:	
Executors McMaster Estate	\$28,392 35
Interest on Old Endowment	1,125 12
Steven's Bequest	2,000 00
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Imperial Bank	\$793 77

MCMASTER HALL.

JOINT ACCOUNT.

To Boarding Supplies	\$ 3,404 43	By Boarding Dept.	\$ 6,422 87
" General Expense	2,280 67	" Balance	2,213 81
" Wages	1,434 75		
" Fuel and Light	1,171 03		
" Insurance	157 50		
" Salary—Librarian	208 30		
	\$ 8,636 68		\$ 8,636 68

ARTS DEPARTMENT.

To half Balance Joint Account	\$ 1,106 90	By Fees	\$ 3,065 25
" Salaries	12,441 81	" Library Fees	132 50
" Expense	157 25	" Balance	11,841 06
" Advertising	50 10		
" Equipment:			
Library	\$253 93		
Science	260 79		
	514 72		
" Proportion University Expense Account	708 63		
	\$15,038 81		\$11,841 06

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To half Balance Joint Account \$ 1,108 91
 " Salaries 9,990 68
 " Library 60 00
 " Proportion University Expense Account 708 62
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MOULTON LADIES' COLLEGE.

To General Expense \$ 4,821 77
 " Wages 1,489 80
 " Fuel and Light 1,130 49
 " Advertising 178 13
 " Insurance 239 40
 " Music, }
 " Art, }
 " Salaries, }
 " Interest on Mortgage 5,713 12
 " Proportion University Expense Account 1,250 00
 768 62
 \$15,601 33

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE

To General Expense \$15,601 33
 " Wages \$ 6,853 36
 " Fuel and Light 2,107 55
 " Advertising 1,465 07
 " Insurance 224 41
 " Interest on Mortgage 450 00
 " Salaries 500 00
 " Proportion University Expense Account... 6,430 00
 768 62
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SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

To Balance.....	\$ 5,812 26	By WOODSTOCK COLLEGE:	
		Cash Received on Account, year 1896-7..	\$ 3,634 76
		" MOULTON COLLEGE:	
		Cash Received on Account, year 1896-7..	2,177 50
	<u>\$ 5,812 26</u>		\$ 5,812 26

GENERAL SUMMARY.

To Suspense Account.....	\$ 5,812 26	By adjustment, Bank balance and Suspense	
" Imperial Bank, balance.....	14,563 73	" Account last Annual Statement.....	\$16 958 70
		" Current Account.....	3,381 54
		" Cash on hand.....	55 75
	<u>\$20,375 99</u>		<u>\$20,375 99</u>

J. SHORT McMASTER, *Treasurer*

I hereby certify that I have made a careful examination of the Books of the Treasurer, and find the foregoing Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending 30th September, 1896, to be correct, the Bank Overdraft and balance of Cash on hand being as stated.

TORONTO, 25th February, 1897.

EDWARD B FREELAND, *Auditor*.

MEMO.

Statement showing the position of the General University Account on the basis of the annual allowance to Toronto Baptist College of \$14,500; to Woodstock College, \$8,000; and to Moulton College of \$3,000.

TORONTO BAPTIST COLLEGE.

Overdraft, per Statement, 1895.....	\$ 436 44
One year's Interest, @ 6 per cent.....	26 19
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	\$ 462 63
By Cr. Balance, 1896.....	2,624 79
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	\$2,162 16

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MOULTON LADIES' COLLEGE.

Overdraft, per Statement, 1895.....	\$ 9,043 71
One year's Interest, @ 6 per cent.....	500 02
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	\$10,540 33
To Dr. Balance, 1896.....	2,185 15
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	\$12,725 48

WOODSTOCK COLLEGE.

Overdraft, per Statement, 1895.....	\$7,539 79
One year's Interest, @ 6 per cent.....	452 98
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	\$7,992 17
By Credit Balance, 1896.....	\$2,816 18
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	\$5,175 99

Grande Ligne Mission.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 1896-'97.

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All Contributions for the Mission to be addressed to

JOSEPH RICHARDS, *Treasurer,*
252 St James Street,

Montreal.

REV. E. BOSWORTH,
Field Secretary.

NOTE—The Regular Monthly Meetings of the Board are held on the Second Tuesday in each month, in Olivet Baptist Church, Montreal, at 8 o'clock p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Sixtieth Annual Meeting of the Grande Ligne Mission was held on the 8th of October, 1896, at 2:30 o'clock, p.m., in the French Baptist Church (l'Oratoire), in the city of Montreal.

A. A. Ayer, the President, occupied the chair.

The meeting was opened with singing and prayer.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and adopted.

The Secretary then presented the Sixtieth Annual Report, which was partially printed for the convenience of those present. The missionaries gave explanations and additional facts.

The Report was adopted.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statement, also the Report of the Endowment and Building Fund which, on motion, was adopted and referred, as well as the Secretary's Report, to a committee for publication.

The President made a statement concerning the Financial Committee's Report, and the proposed method of reducing the expenditure.

The following persons were, on ballot, elected members of the Board for the ensuing year:

A. A. Ayer, Rev. T. Lafleur, Joseph Richards, Rev. Donald Grant, Rev. A. L. Therrien, Rev. G. N. Masse, Rev. M. B. Parent, Rev. E. W. Dadson, D.D., Rev. W. T. Graham, Rev. J. H. Hunter, Coaticook, Jas. W. Tester, J. C. Sims, Joseph Picard, Rev. W. B. Hinson, Moncton, N. B., and the President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

The following were elected as Advisory Board:

Rev. John Gordon, D.D., Philadelphia; Rev. W. N. Clarke, D.D., Hamilton, N.Y.; Rev. D. D. MacLaurin, D.D., Detroit, Mich.; Rev. A. G. Upham, D.D., Cleveland, O.; Thos. Leeming, Brooklyn, N.Y.; S. P. Hibbard, Boston; John A. Cameron, Ottawa; W. A. Marsh, Quebec; Geo. Foster, Brantford; Rev. J. B. Warnicker and Rev. James Greene, Montreal.

The Board met at the close of the meeting and elected A. A. Ayer, President; J. Richards, Treasurer; Rev. T. Lafleur, Secretary; Rev. E. Bosworth, Field Secretary.

At 8 o'clock, p.m., a platform meeting was held, at which A. A. Ayer presided. There was a large attendance. Interesting and stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. J. H. Hunter, L. O. F. Cote and Dr. Dadson, in English; and by Rev. T. Lafleur, in French.

1835—WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT?—1896.

In October, 1834, M. and Me. Oliver, with three other Gospel Missionaries from Lausanne, Switzerland, arrived in Montreal. One year later, in October, 1835, Me. Feller and M. Roussy, also of Lausanne, landed in the same city.

In the great educational progress, which has been made during the sixty-one years which have intervened between that time and the present, the influence of the institution, which bears the honored name of "Feller," has been a most important factor.

The Feller Institute stands to-day an established school of learning, as well as a center of missionary endeavor. It is not only a living but a growing Institution.

Though it has now accommodation for about 120 pupils, it has in some recent years been obliged to refuse more than fifty applicants for admission because of want of room.

About twenty per cent. of the young men and women who fill its corridors and class rooms are usually Roman Catholics.

The courses of study provided cover the whole ground between the most elementary subjects and the University matriculation.

A former female pupil of Feller Institute, which is open to both sexes, recently graduated from McGill University, at the head of her classes. She has the additional distinction of being the first French-Canadian lady graduate of that University.

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SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRANDE
LIGNE MISSION.

It has often been said that this Province of Quebec is the most thoroughly Roman Catholic portion of the papal church. If by that is meant that among the million and a quarter of Roman Catholics living on the banks of the St. Lawrence, there are more truly devout, sincere, living members of that persuasion (*catholiques partiquants*) as it is expressed in French, than among the same number in other countries, I think it is true. It is less tainted with infidel ideas than in France, less an external varnish than in Italy and Spain, less ignorant than Mexico, and though very superstitious it is a little less so than some parts of Belgium or Germany. Though far removed from the headquarters of Catholicism, they are in very direct and intimate communication with it; they have here a prince of the church, a Cardinal; they have Jesuits who are the essence of Roman Catholicism, assiduously working among them; bishops and priests are incessantly going to or coming from Rome. There are no sayings or movements of any importance in Rome, but we have the echo and the rebound on our shores. Monks—white, grey and black, with their strange uncouth garments, eccentricities and effrontery, parade our streets, in order to accustom our eyes to the garb of dark gone-by days and doings, and stealthily implant themselves in the finest quarters of our city. They come to reinforce the army which fights to perpetuate ignorance, superstition and false pretensions. We are indeed laboring at great odds in this still priest-ridden Province. But it is no longer sequestered, it is drawn in the great movements and progress of the world; and this world-wide onward march is more in favor of gospel truth and power than of Roman Catholicism.

Popery has lost its temporal footing,—its political kingdom, and it has not risen to seize on spiritual religion, invisible realities, but it clings to ecclesiastical power and influence as fast and as long as it can. The Pope is doing so in Europe, and his inferiors, the bishops, have been imitating him in the Province of Quebec. Quite lately they have largely, openly interfered in politics; they have brought their great influence to bear on

political parties, and they have been found wanting; floating between heaven and earth their balloon has been pricked by men accustomed to admire with reverence, to obey without questioning, to submit without resistance to these powerful princes of the air. It has been to them a great surprise and dismay. They never had before such a rebuff from the people whom they have for centuries educated and moulded.

To us it is a great promise of future success in our work. Resistance to ecclesiastical power on political ground is a footing for further resistance on religious ground some day. It is the assertion of personal sense of right of conscience, which may give its full measure when undue clerical influence has become unbearable. We know from reliable sources, that our labors in scattering knowledge, based on the Gospel, have been an important factor in this result. A good part of it is the direct outcome of our varied evangelistic labors.

The peasants of Quebec are a simple, light-hearted people, living intensely in the present, very much attached to their families and friends, to their religion, their language and their village life. The people are dominated by a religion and a priesthood which hold them in bondage.

Our great difficulty is to create a sense of *personal responsibility*, and the desire to think and act for one's self in the minds of the people; the priest having so long taught them that so long as they submit and obey, nothing else is required of them. They are taught to regard the missionary and colporteur as the most dangerous class of people. The Bible is taken from the people and occasionally burnt. Add to this the effects of the boycott, the opposition and persecution, and it will be readily seen that French evangelization is no easy task.

Quebec contains over 1,200,000 French Canadians; Ontario, 101,000; and the Maritime Provinces, 103,000.

The Grande Ligne Mission is the only Baptist agency to give these people the Gospel.

Sixty years ago, when Madame Feller began the work, there was but one French Canadian Protestant in the Province of Quebec. Now there are 15,000 to 20,000.

Never, in the history of French evangelization, have there been so many open doors as at the present.

In Quebec and Montreal thousands of Romanists have heard

the Word in the "Salle", or halls, who, but for the Grande Ligne Mission, would never have heard it.

There have been about 6,000 known conversions during the sixty years.

Nearly sixty young men and women have been sent out to preach the Gospel during the same time. Some of them are in foreign lands to-day.

The Maritime Provinces increased interest is manifest in their increased subscriptions.

Our New Brunswick brethren also desire a missionary. Our eyes are upon the French in Manitoba.

Sunday School day and a few large special subscriptions saved us from an alarming deficiency. If we are to pay off our present liabilities and push forward to something larger in this work, the churches must awake to their obligations and increase their offerings.

The women have, through their various societies, contributed \$2,537.87 the past year. Through one, Madame Feller, many are now seeking to send the Gospel to their French sisters.

Our Mission Stations and Churches have yearly to face the painful discouragement caused by emigration from the Province of Quebec. How to prevent this has been a problem under discussion for years. The teaching staff at Feller Institute are perfecting a plan to utilize the Mission Farm so as to provide food for the School, while teaching the boys modern farming in some of its many departments. If this is successful it may help to solve the problem. Will farmers who feel an interest and wish to help in any way, please write to Dr. Rainville, Grande Ligne.

Feller Institute, Grande Ligne.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.

REV. G. N. MASSE, B.A., PRINCIPAL.
Bible and Literature

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British History, French and Mathematics.

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Assistant Teacher of Music

SARA D. PICHE, MATRON,
Canadian History and Geography.

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Religious Instruction.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance which has been rendered to us by the Ladies' Associations of Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and the Grande Ligne Auxilliary of Montreal, and are specially encouraged at the enlargement of their gifts.

Our thanks are due to Associational Secretaries and to our Advisory Board for the interest they have taken, and the work they have done.

Sunday School day is becoming an institution for which we tender our thanks to the Superintendents and others, not

only for the funds received, but because of the interest developed among the young, which promises well for the future of our work.

Feller Institute.—The session of 1895-6 was one of the most successful in the history of the Institute.

Enrollment.—Boarders, boys, 75; girls, 38; day pupils, boys, 5; girls, 5; total, 123; Roman Catholics, 12. The progress of the students in scholarship was generally satisfactory; while their improvement in manner and deportment was most gratifying. Four of the students completed the work for University matriculation, and intend to take up their studies this fall in McMaster University or elsewhere. Two of our young men have secured admission into Newton Centre Theological Seminary, and another is entering the Laval University Medical Department.

Two of the young ladies took their diplomas last June. One of these is now teaching a Protestant dissentient school in the Eastern townships, and the other is coming to the Institute as assistant teacher.

• An excellent spirit seemed to prevail throughout the year, and twenty-two of the students professed conversion, among whom were two who had come to the school as Roman Catholics. Six only joined the Grande Ligne Church by baptism, the others preferring to be baptized and join their respective home churches.

Three of our students, missionaries in training, spent their holidays on mission fields colporting and preaching. Most excellent reports of their work have reached us.

Grande Ligne Church.—Pastor, Rev. M. B. Parent. A great amount of work has been done, but the results do not yet appear. Of the twenty persons who have testified to having been converted, only seven have been baptized, less than half the number of last year. As to finances, the church and congregation have a good report: Towards pastor's residence including interest, \$160; pastor's salary, \$180; general church expenses, \$100; Sunday collections, \$52.14.

Marieville.—This large and important field, covering more or less six parishes, contains 124 French Protestants, 40 of them are members of the church. It has more than had its own under the active pastoral care of Rev. A. J. Lebeau. Several Roman Catholics are quite accessible, and freely come in good

numbers to meetings on special occasions in the church, especially at funeral services. Three of the young people of the congregation were baptized at Grande Ligne last winter while attending the school there. The people have contributed \$177.50 for the pastor's salary, and to several other objects, such as the Grande Ligne building fund, the church at Sorel, special collections to Grande Ligne missions, etc., the aggregate amounts to \$340.54, or \$8.50 per member. Nine of the young people of this congregation are pupils at Feller Institute, Grande Ligne.

St. Pie or Emileville.—The small Church here is composed of only seven resident members, one of them having been lately added by baptism. There are other members who live in other parts of the field. The number of French Protestants—Baptists and Presbyterians—is about 30 adults, and 13 children under twelve years of age. The average attendance at services has been about 20, but a good many more attend in the summer time when strangers come to the place for a few weeks of rest. We record with pleasure the addition of seven Roman Catholics to Protestantism. None of them have as yet made profession by baptism, but we hope some will do so ere long, as they attend religious services regularly and gladly receive the visits of the missionary. The people being poor, contribute but little to the Pastor's support.

Roxton Pond.—The missionary year just closing has been one of sore trial for the church and congregation in this place, and still more so for the worthy pastor and missionary, Rev. T. Brouillet. The church, hitherto composed of 59 members, is reduced to 47, on account of several deaths among prominent members, and still more by the forced emigration of quite a number of families owing to the changes in two factories once the property of two French Protestants. One of these factories has passed into the hands of Catholics, who employ only those of their faith, and the other has been removed to another village. The church has contributed for pastor's salary, \$84.75; to pay the mission debt, \$35.00; and in plate collections, \$25.00.

South Ely.—Rev. J. Cesan who labors in this place says that his people should be encouraged by words of sympathy and brotherly love, for they are much attached to the Gospel, they love religious services, are devoted and kind to their pastor, have cordial relations with their Roman Catholic neigh-

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bors, to whom they are nevertheless faithful in their testimony to the truth; and if there are not more conversions from among them, it is not their fault. Roman Catholics are often seen at the services in the chapel, sometimes as many as a dozen at a time. There is a remarkable fact connected with this church and congregation. It is composed of eighty persons counting the children, about forty are members of the church, and all are French Canadians, most of them having family relations. Mr. Malboeuf, who quite lately celebrated with his wife their golden wedding is a convert of Mr. Roussy. He was the means of his wife's conversion. They have brought up a family of eleven children, eight boys and three girls, who have all become believers. They themselves are now heads of families. So that out of the conversion of one, we have now some fifty adherents to the faith of the Gospel! The people are generally poor, their farms are situated on a rocky, damp, cold soil, not productive, and far away from a market for their meagre produce. Considering all this, Pastor Cesan thinks that the \$144.70 that his people have contributed this year for the support of this work is quite a large sum for their means. It is a notable increase. The existence of that evangelical community, their exemplary moral conduct, and their faithful testimony to the truth is certainly worth the mission's encouragement and support.

Maskinonge—Pastor, Rev. W. S. Bullock. The church in this place has more than held its own. It rejoices in the conversion from Romanism of a prominent farmer, also in the return to the joyful fellowship of the church of an important member, who by the triumphant Christian death of his son, found the courage to resist the opposition of his wife, who for years has been the tool of the priests to hinder him.

"The general feeling is that of progress among us and around us; the political agitation and the open resistance to the priests is liberating the minds of the people, and we confidently look for cheering results ere long. We are here thirty-six Protestants, including children—twenty are members of the church. Though lately weakened financially by losses, we have contributed \$104 altogether this year, or \$5.21 per member."

Sorel and Vicinity.—During this year at least five hundred Romanists have heard the Gospel at the services or in personal interviews. A good many copies of the Holy Scriptures have been placed in good hands, and some six thousand

religious tracts distributed. As the result of the labors of Pastor Cote and his young helper, J. Nicole, five converted Roman Catholics were received into membership by baptism. Three others who were candidates for baptism died after a short illness, thus preventing their making a public profession of their new faith. Of our people seven have emigrated, three to the United States and four to Brazil. Our membership is reduced to twenty-six.

A beautiful chapel has been built at the cost of \$6,000, including the land, on which \$1,400 remains to be paid. The congregation contributed over \$300 to the building and church expenses. In July the chapel was dedicated with impressive services, at which a large number of Roman Catholics were present. This is the place where our late devoted Bro. Gendreau was imprisoned. Truly the work of God is marvellous in our eyes.

Montreal, Church.—This has been the most toilsome, if not the most fruitful our missionary has spent in this city. Three baptisms are reported. One of these was an intelligent and promising young woman, converted last winter from Romanism. Two families were lost to us by emigration, and one gained which had left us three years ago for the country, but has returned to reside in the city.

We are encouraged by seeing the members of the church develop in Christian character. The grace of giving is yearly increasing. Though few in numbers, and poor in this world's goods, the church has contributed over \$600 for its own support and for other denominational objects. There are 45 resident members, and 19 who reside in other parts of the country where there are no Baptist churches, hence they retain their membership with us.

The Salle Evangelique.—The Salle work has been enough to tax the thought of two men. During the fall and winter Pastor Therrien has been assisted in this work by his son, L. A. Therrien. Since the close of his studies in May last, the son has taken the oversight of this important work, and has been aided by his father; while the attendance has not been all that we desired, the record shows that from October 4th to July 30th, there were 1,616 Protestants, and 1,625 Roman Catholics, making a total attendance of 3,241. Of the latter, some have shown great interest, and profess to have been greatly benefited. Did space permit many interesting incidents in connection with

this work could be given. For some of these, the readers are referred to the special Grande Ligne numbers of the *Canadian Baptist*, and the *Messenger and Visitor* of September 17th of the present year.

In connection with the above, our missionary, L. A. Therrien, has rendered valuable service to the Mission in other ways. He has assisted his father at the services of the church l'Oratoire, and occasionally has visited the old field, St. Constant and St. Philippe, or has been called to hold meetings elsewhere. Whether the services be continued in the Salle or not, after the 1st of May next, we expect to retain the services of our young and gifted brother, who is so thoroughly interested in the work of French evangelization.

Quebec Station.—The work of evangelization has been pursued with vigor under the shadow of the old Citadel. Rev. L. R. Dutaud, the Pastor; Auger, the Evangelist Student, and Miss C. Bullock, in her school, have done excellent work. Three young men and one young woman from this place are at Feller Institute.

The Work of Evangelization Proper.—This work has been carried on during the whole year at some places, and a shorter time at others. Twelve evangelists, including the two Bible women, Mrs. Scott and Miss Northwood, have been engaged by the Board; some of them being students, could only work during their summer vacation.

M. O. Therrien reports that he has been working in the city of Sherbrooke and vicinity; on the streets, in the shops, and in the barracks of the Salvation army, he has been privileged to give the Gospel to over 600 Catholics. Occasionally he would give a New Testament into safe hands for future enlightenment. Sometimes he has been derided and insulted by loose characters and ignorant bigots, but as a rule his words have been attentively listened to by many, who felt that hitherto they had not been properly instructed in religious things.

J. Ouellette labored eight months in Montreal as a colporteur. C. E. Auger, who has been helping Rev. L. R. Dutaud in Quebec city during the vacation, intends going to Newton to study theology. Jacob Nicole assisted Rev. L. Cote in Sorel and St. Jude during the summer months.

Fred. Therrien, son of our missionary at Sherbrooke, spent

his vacations doing evangelistic work in Napierville, St. Michel, St. Constant and St. Sebastien.

Messrs. Kean and Thompson have labored faithfully in the County of Megantic, preaching at different stations, Inverness, Millfield, Ste. Sophie, Black Lake and Ste. Pierre Baptiste. There have been several conversions and four baptisms of English Protestants in this field.

Mr. Thompson has decided to go to Europe to further prepare himself for evangelistic work.

C. W. Grenier and his devoted wife are earnestly and faithfully sowing the seed of the Kingdom in the Maritime Provinces. They are finding favor among the French Catholics there, and are hopefully looking for the Salvation of many precious souls. As last year, services are held in the old chapel built many years ago by Mr. Normandin, at Plymton, at the Barren Church at Waymouth, and at Burton settlement. Full reports of this work have been presented by Mr. Grenier to the Maritime Baptist Convention, as well as to several associations in Nova Scotia, where his presence and work seem to be greatly appreciated.

Ottawa Valley.—Our former student at Feller Institute, Mr. Ernest Roy, who is now pursuing a course of study at McMaster University, has done excellent work during the past two summers among the French people in the vicinity of Canaan, Ont., under the direction of Rev. Geo. R. McFaul. There are many opportunities and open doors throughout the Ottawa Valley.

Coaticook Baptist School.—This School is entirely under the control of the Grande Ligne Mission Board, and is efficiently conducted by Miss Kate Stobo, assisted by Miss Lorimer. Attendance at the opening on the 1st of September, 36, of whom 15 were Roman Catholics. In addition to an efficient fixed course of study, the children learn Bible History, Texts, and to sing Hymns in both English and French.

WOMEN'S WORK.

Madame Scott continues with a feeble frame, but with a stout heart, gently led by her Heavenly Father as a Sister of Mercy over the battle-field of life, among the ignorant, and the wounded by sin, giving hope to the despairing, binding up the broken hearted, lending a sympathetic ear to many a sad story,

and endeavoring to lead them to the great Physician, Comforter and Saviour.

The figures given will convey some idea of the work done :

Testaments sold.....	146	Houses entered.....	8,987
Portions of Scriptures sold ..	23	Special visits.....	355
Chapters read	1,185	Tracts distributed...1,118	
Religious Conversations.....	547		

Miss Northwood's work has been one of special endeavor and encouragement. During the Baptist Convention she boarded with a French Roman Catholic, and not a day passed without either a long or short conversation on the subject of religion. She now has access to read, pray and converse in some homes where she left a copy of the New Testament last year. During four months 6,893 persons have been offered the Bible, 54 New Testaments, 31 Gospels, and two Bibles have been placed in their hands; 30 conversations were held, and 43 chapters of Scripture read.

GRANDE LINGE LADIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

The Montreal Ladies held the 20th Annual Meeting of their Association on October 5th, when the reports from the Bible Women who come immediately under their direction were presented; the abstracts from the same are given above. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. A. A. Ayer; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Therrien, Mrs. Dadson, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Warnicker; Secretary, Mrs. Whitham; Treasurer, Miss Cramp; who, with Mrs. Sims and Mrs. Walford, form the Executive Committee.

THEODORE LAFLEUR,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING
OCTOBER 5TH, 1896.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE
To balance.....\$ 11 73	Paid Madam Scott.....\$300 00
Ladies of Olivet Church.. 147 95	" Miss Northwood.... 75 00
Ladies of First Baptist Church..... 13 75	" Mrs. Milwood..... 1 00
Ladies of French Baptist Church..... 13 10	Postage, &c..... 3 00
Ladies of Grace Baptist Church..... 9 10	Balance..... 33 44
Olivet Mission Band..... 13 00	
Mission Circles — Drum- mond, Forest, Glamis, Arnprior and Sarnia.... 29 65	
Individuals..... 38 00	
Concert, \$68.00; Thank Offering, \$35.10..... 103 10	
Sale of Bibles..... 30 29	
Sundries..... 2 77	
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MARY A. CRAMP,
Treasurer.

Brooklyn.—The 47th annual report shows that the self-denying labor of collecting funds for the prosecution of our work has been continued, with their usual vigor, by the Brooklyn ladies.

Philadelphia.—We have warm and devoted friends in Philadelphia. It is not from want of invitations from Mrs. Walker that we have failed to visit that city this year. Dr. John Gordon, of our Advisory Board, was twenty years ago a pastor in Montreal. He knows much of our work, and other pastors in the city of brotherly love are seeking for information. The Ladies' Association is keeping their hearts warm. We hope ere long to have an illustrated number of the "Commonwealth"

Baptisms.—Though there has been a large number of candidates for baptism from the different stations during the year, from many causes only twenty-five persons received the ordinance. We expect a much larger number in the near future.

THE GRANDE LIGNE MISSION.

In account with Joseph Richards, Treasurer, from 1st
October, 1895, to September 30th, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand 1st October, 1895.....	\$	92 69
<i>Contributions Province of Quebec:—</i>		
English Churches and Sunday Schools.....	\$	1,799 88
†French Mission Churches.....		909 32
Women's Home Mission Board...		100 00
Grande Ligne Ladies' Association.....		375 00
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<i>Province of Ontario:—</i>		
Churches, Individuals and Sunday Schools.....	\$	5,730 96
Women's Home Mission Board...		900 00
Wm. Davies, Esq.....		500 00
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		7,130 96
<i>United States:—</i>		
Churches, Individuals and Sunday Schools.....	\$	2,057 54
Brooklyn Ladies' Association.....		422 00
Philadelphia " ".....		340 87
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		2,820 41
<i>Maritime Provinces:—</i>		
Denominational Funds and Sunday Schools.....	\$	1,498 77
Women's Baptist Mission Union..		400 00
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		1,899 77
" Great Britain.....		1,655 50
" Manitoba.....		32 95
" Alberta.....		2 40
" British Columbia.....		20 00
<i>Interest on Bonds and Mortgages</i>		1,046 22
from the following Scholarships: Ropes, Tester, Silers, Brooklyn Ladies, Dr. J. Peddie, Dr. J. Castle, Fanny Cramp Muir, \$60 each.....		420 00
Bequest, late Mrs. Elsie Goodland, Victoria, per H. W. Mabee.....		100 00
" " Sarah Black, Strathroy, per G. F.....		22 00
" " Mrs. Ann Daniel, Burford, Ont.....		25 00
Endowment Fund, Special Vote of Board.....		1,000 00
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		\$19,451 10

†NOTE.—This is the amount which all the churches contributed towards the Missionaries support. Their salary appears on the opposite side of the account. In addition each station (as a rule) pays its own General Expenses, which are not included in our statement.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Feller Institute, total expenses	\$7,831 52	
Less Receipts from Pupils and Sundries	4,388 55	
		\$3,442 97
Rev. E. Bosworth, Salary		1,000 00
Montreal Station, Rev. A. L. Therrien		1,400 00
Sorel " Rev. L. O. F. Cote		1,000 00
Maskinonge " Rev. W. S. Bullock		600 00
Quebec " Rev. L. R. Dutaud		600 00
Grande Ligne " Rev. M. B. Parent		600 00
Marieville " Rev. A. J. Lebeau		550 00
South Ely " Rev. J. Cesan		400 00
Emileville " Rev. N. Gregoire		400 00
Roxton Pond " Rev. T. Brouillet		360 00
Rev. Theo. Lafleur		450 00
Plymton, N.S., Evangelist C. W. Grenier		600 00
Sherbrooke, " M. O. Therrien		420 00
Montreal (Salle work) " L. A. Therrien		610 00
Arrears of Salaries, Missionaries to Oct. 1st, 1895		701 80
Rents and Expenses in Special Evangelistic work at Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke and 1st Year Sorel		872 29
Primary Schools and Bibis Women		1,030 00
Evangelization and Colportage, Salaries		1,823 00
Travelling Expenses, Missionaries and Secretaries		650 83
Printing and Insurance	\$765 09	
Postage and Collections	192 19	
Miscellaneous	313 12	
Treasurer	200 00	
Expenses (Rev. E. Bosworth) U. S. and Canada	300 01	
		1,770 41
Balance on hand		169 80
		<u>\$19,451 10</u>

*No Parsonage or house provided.

Audited and found correct,

FRED. OSBORN.
J. C. SIMS.

DEBT.—\$1,000 due the Bank in 1895 remains unpaid.

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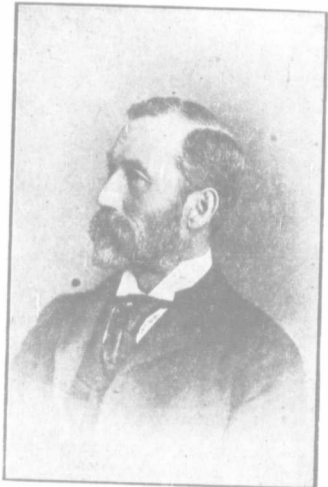
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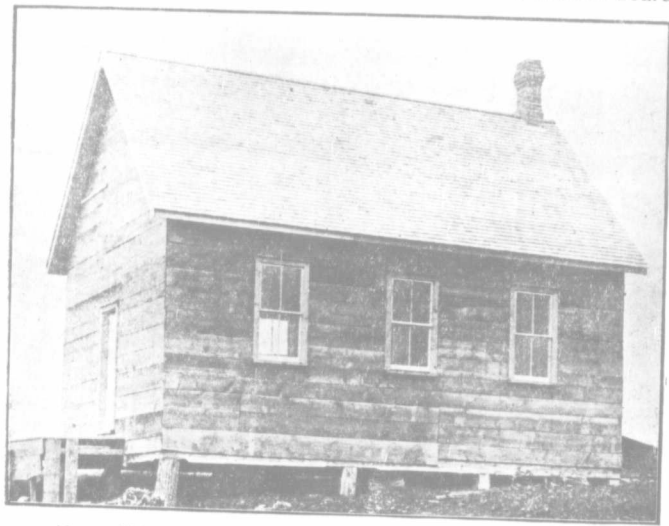
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Home Mission Chapel at Widdifield, near North Bay, Ont.
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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD.

Last year we were able to report an evident revival of interest in the aims and efforts of this Board. Now, at the close of another year, we are glad to say that the general interest in our work has continued to increase, and we have reason to believe that this department of our denominational enterprises is about to receive that respect and consideration which its importance really merits. During the year the Secretary put together the principal Articles of the Constitution, and caused 350 copies of these extracts to be printed, and one of these was sent, so far as it was possible, to each minister within the bounds of the Convention. Printed forms of application for membership in connection with the fund were also prepared and addressed to those ministers who were not already on the list of annual contributors. Special efforts have been made to fix the attention of the younger ministers and those recently ordained upon the advantages offered by this Board. In return letters have come to the Secretary from all directions, inquiries have been instituted and answered, and quite a material addition has been made to our list of premium-payers. That list now numbers upwards of forty. Quite noteworthy is the desire expressed on the part of those who have been long negligent of the fund now to be connected with it.

The number of annuitants was increased within the year by the addition of one family—a widow and three young children—early bereft of husband and father. It has afforded your Board untold gratification to be able to provide, even in part, the relief so much needed in such a case. During the year seven ministers, thirteen widows and six children—twenty-six in all—have received annuities, the maximum amount being paid in each case. Since our last semi-annual payment was made one of these annuitants, an aged sister, has been called to her eternal home. There are now, however, certain brethren whose right it is to be placed on our list, so that the number of annuitants is likely to be larger during the year to come than in the year now past. In common with the rest this Board has felt the stringency of the times, and the tendency of our income is downward rather than upward. Since the books were closed

there has come to us from the estate of late Robert Young, of Simcoe, the generous legacy of \$500, of which we desire to make grateful mention. And now, in view of the character of the work entrusted to this Board, and in view of the increasing claims upon our funds, may we not confidently appeal to you, brethren, and to the churches through you, to remember this work along with all the rest in your annual offerings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. H. CLINE,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

FROM MAY 1ST, 1896, TO MAY 1ST, 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand.....	\$1,843 61
John Stark & Co., from investment.....	971 40
Membership fees.....	270 72
Standard Publication Co.....	250 00
Church collections.....	277 99
Interest on deposits.....	20 16
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	\$3,642 88
	2 671 10
Balance.....	<hr/>
	\$ 971 78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Annuitants.....	\$2,140 00
Secretary's salary and expenses.....	27 80
Year Book.....	3 30
John Stark & Co. for investment.....	500 00
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	\$2,671 10
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This certifies that I examined the above statement with book and vouchers and find the balance of \$971.78 to be correct

Guelph, May 20th, 1897.

ADAM LINTON,
Auditor.

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Church Edifice Board.

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board has still to confess, during this conventional year, it has not met with that measure of support to which it is fairly entitled in view of the important object at which it aims. The larger Missionary organizations of the denomination overshadowed the lesser ones, and doubtless will continue to do so in spite of the persistent efforts of those who have the smaller organizations in charge. In the great work of Home Missions this is fitted to be and already has been an important auxiliary. The Home Mission Board has gathered people together in the fellowship of Jesus Christ—the Church Edifice Board has helped to secure them a permanent home. Churches called into existence through Home Mission labors are likely to be all the more efficient if they possess chapel accommodation for stated worship and the due observance of the Gospel ordinances. These new churches are, in many instances, composed of members who do not possess much of this world's goods, and they specially require aid in erection or purchase of houses of worship. Local prejudice and difficulties are in some cases sufficient to discourage the bravest of the little bands that have been brought into fellowship of the Gospel, and the timely aid of the Church Edifice Board has been of such a character as could not be computed by monetary standards. It has helped them to tide over difficulties which threatened to overwhelm them, and has planted them on permanent foundations. It has come to them like a rainbow of hope through the mist of their tears: it has brought them "joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing have passed away."

Since the organization of this Board no less than 73 churches have been assisted in building their meeting-houses—some of these in our largest towns and cities, such as Ottawa, Hamilton, Chatham, Belleville, Paris, Galt, Strathroy and Windsor. About \$26,000 have been put to use. The funds of the Board are constantly being repaid, hence remain in use, not being absorbed by the few churches, and within a limited time, thus they are made the means of blessing to the many, while the benefit is ever widening as the years roll by.

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increase the permanent fund, and thereby enable the Board to help the many churches that are now seeking aid, and at the same time furnish more largely means for the extension and establishment of houses of worship where those who have been banded together in church fellowship can have a permanent home.

During the year two loans have been made, one to Monck of \$100 and one to Watford of \$400.

The following churches have repaid instalments on their loans:—Kinmount, Mosa, (Park St.) Peterboro, Renfrew, Courtland, Tilsonburg, North Bay, Fort William, Wiarton, Hamilton, (Victoria Ave.) Palmerston, Essex Centre, Flesherton and Belerica. North Lancaster has repaid their loan and cancelled the debt, and we trust the church will be much prospered in their work.

After considerable anxiety and expense, the Manitowaning church property has at last been secured to the Board. Ten churches have made contributions to the funds of the Board during the year, and of this number only two out of the 73 that have received help from the Board during their weakness have remembered their friends in the days of their strength.

We beg most gratefully to acknowledge a legacy of \$500 to the permanent fund of the Board from the estate of the late Deacon Robert Young, of the Simcoe Church, who was a faithful friend to every denominational object.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	
To balance.....	\$ 61 38
<i>Advances Repaid—</i>	
Kinmount	21 00
Renfrew	50 00
Mosa	16 00
Peterboro (Park Street).....	33 00
Colborne	10 00
Oakville	10 72
Oshawa	8 00
Courtland	57 60
Tilsonburg	55 00
North Bay.....	50 00
Grimsby	5 50
Warton.....	35 50

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Hamilton	\$ 62 00	
Palmerston	82 00	
Essex Centre	22 50	
Flesherton	20 00	
Belerica	26 00	
College Street (Toronto)	6 65	
North Lancaster	173 00	
Fort William	108 00	
		\$913 85
<i>To Contributions from Churches—</i>		
Owen Sound	\$ 8 00	
Jarvis Street (Toronto)	33 95	
White Lake	2 00	
Belleville	5 00	
Stratford	2 15	
Listowel	1 63	
South Edmonton	1 55	
Peterboro (Murray Street)	6 00	
Attwood	6 00	
Woodstock (First Church)	5 13	
		71 41
To Legacy estate of late Robt. Young, Simcoe		500 00
To Interest on Deposit		2 43
		\$1,487 69

DISBURSEMENTS.

<i>By Contra—</i>		
Insurance on Manitowaning Church (two years) ..	\$ 12 00	
Seal for Board	4 00	
Year Book account	4 40	
Expenses in investigating Manitowaning Church property	18 75	
Indian Dept., <i>re</i> Manitowaning property	37 00	
Secretary's Services	25 00	
Mortgage Discharge	2 00	
Bank Collection Charges	60	
Stamps	3 57	
Loan to Monck	100 00	
Loan to Watford	400 00	
		\$607 32
Cash in People's Loan	\$ 10 79	
Cash in Traders Bank	809 58	
Collection on North Lancaster	60 00	
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Audited and found correct,

EDMUND O. WESTON, Auditor.

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REV. JOHN TROTTER.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

The Board of Publication herewith submit the audited Statement and Balance Sheets of the Publication Society for the year ending 31st March, 1897:

From these it will be learned that while the book room has not made its usual loss, the *Baptist* Department shows an unusually small profit, from causes shown in detail in the Statements, but which may be summarized here for a more ready

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Auditor.

understanding of its affairs. The aim of your Board has been to make the paper as acceptable and useful as the space of its columns would allow, and during the past year they engaged the services of brethren to conduct special Sunday School Lessons and Young People's Departments. They have also introduced the feature of special illustrated and enlarged editions. These have been very generally approved by the interests represented and appreciated by our readers, but they have added materially to the cost of publication; and to this increased expense must be added a loss, from a decrease in advertising receipts. It is a continuous source of loss to the Society that subscribers often fail to pay their subscriptions within reasonable time, and not a few drop out and neglect their obligation altogether. Our list shows 531 more than two years in arrears, and 2,244 less than two years. The prompt payment of all subscriptions would enable us to issue a larger paper and improve its character in several directions. For the last three years the Board has been lenient with those in arrears, but the number is increasing to an extent that makes early action a necessity. The amount due on current subscriptions is \$3,953.63. We would call especial attention to this statement, and urge its consideration upon the Convention.

In this connection the Board would recommend to the churches, through their delegates, the young men, students in our University, who are spending their vacation in canvassing for the *Baptist*. We are confident they will receive the hearty co-operation of all pastors, and we anticipate a good increase of subscribers through their vacation canvass.

Notwithstanding the competition of the large and cheap weeklies, and the scarcity of money, there were 538 new names added during the past year, but as nearly that number dropped off our actual gain is slight. Had the circulation of the *Baptist* kept pace with the increase of our membership during the past twelve years we should now have upwards of 10,000 subscribers instead of only 5,400, and your Board is confident that with a continuous and loyal effort on the part of pastors and friends a fair approximation to this larger number could be secured. We would like to impress upon the denomination the fact that it costs almost as much to publish 5,000 as 10,000 copies, the editorial and type setting expenses being exactly the same in each case, and if our circulation were increased our profits and ability to aid the various interests would be increased in proportion.

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In the Book-room Department it has been our constant aim to enlist the fullest co-operation of the Sunday Schools in introducing the Sunday School Papers and Lesson Helps of the Baptist Publication Society, and it is gratifying to know that this year twenty-seven new schools have come into line, making a total of about 400 Baptist Sunday Schools, chiefly in Ontario and Quebec, that are now using Baptist literature almost exclusively, and correspondence shows that these supplies are meeting with general approval. There can be no question as to the duty of teaching Baptist doctrines in our schools, and there is no other source of supply for Lesson Helps of this class than the Society for which we are the agents.

The Library is also an important feature in every well conducted Sunday School, and one of the aims of your Board is to furnish suitable books for this purpose. During the past year our sales have not quite equalled those of the previous year, but we are confident that when business revives and schools realize that they can afford to re-stock their library shelves, the Book-room will receive their generous support. We have yet to hear the first complaint of the character of the books that have been supplied, while many letters testify to the excellence and merits of the libraries furnished by the Book-room.

We desire to impress upon the Convention and the churches they represent, that the business we are conducting is not our own. We are simply the trustees of the denomination, and each and every one of you is a partner with us. It is in your interest, as well as our own, that we ask your hearty co-operation.

The accompanying Balance Sheet shows a small profit from both *Baptist* and Book-room, and from our Investment Account, and the Board have declared a dividend of \$500.00, to be divided among the Societies as follows:—

Home Missions.....	\$150 00
Foreign Missions.....	187 50
Manitoba.....	37 00
Superannuated Ministers' Society.....	125 00
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A. BLUE,

Chairman of Board.

ANNUAL STATEMENT STANDARD PUBLISHING COMPANY.

For Year ending 31st March, 1897.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Book Room—		Book Room—	
Merchandise.....	\$5,440 16	Due Wholesalers.....	\$ 211 40
Shop Fixtures.....	298 58		
Accounts outstanding.....	4,035 20		
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	1,130 46		
	<u>\$10,913 40</u>		
"Baptist"—		"Baptist"—	
Subscription List and Goodwill.....	\$10,000 00	Due on Accounts.....	189 63
Plant and Furniture.....	1,042 97		
Accounts due.....	1,086 27		
Cash on hand and in Bank.....	7,145 57		
Due from Subscribers.....	165 12		
	<u>\$19,439 93</u>		
Investments.....	\$12,378 87	Capital Stock.....	40,000 00
Accrued interest.....	94 63	Contingent Fund 31st March 1896..	\$ 1,745 75
	<u>\$12,473 52</u>	Contingent Fund added 31st March, 1897.....	\$109 98
	<u>\$42,826 85</u>	Dividend declared.....	500 00
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			<u>\$ 2,415 73</u>
			<u>\$42,826 85</u>
PROFIT AND LOSS.		PROFIT AND LOSS.	
To Expense.....	\$ 56 45	Interest on Investments.....	\$ 525 22
" Contingent Fund.....	189 98	By "Baptist" Profit.....	150 99
" Dividend.....	500 00	" Book Room Profit.....	50 22
	<u>\$ 746 43</u>		<u>\$ 726 43</u>

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the "Standard Publishing Company" for both branches, and have compared the cash vouchers therefor, and have found the same correct, and that the books of the Company are correct and accurately kept.

The annexed Balance Sheet represents the results of the business for the year ending 31st March, 1897.

Toronto, 21st May, 1897.

JAS. WATSON, Auditor.

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Sunday School Report.

Committee--1897-'8.

R. D. WARREN, J. L. GILMOUR,
F. TRACY, G. R. ROBERTS,
W. J. MCKAY, G. T. WEBB,
ALEX. STEWART.

Your Committee on Sunday School work are pleased to be able to again come before the Convention with a report that is in a large measure encouraging.

At last report the number of scholars reported was 37,256; this number has grown to 38,739, an increase of 1,483. The average attendance in 1895 was 25,308; in 1896, 25,815; increase, 507. Number of teachers and officers in 1895, 4,086; in 1896, 4,366; increase, 280. Scholars church members in 1895, 7,004; in 1896, 6,964; decrease, 40. Joined the church in 1895, 1,374; in 1896, 1,124; decrease, 250. Volumes in library 1895, 44,539; in 1896, 46,709; increase, 2,170. Home Missions 1895, \$1,743.29; in 1896, \$1,639.17; decrease, \$104.12. Foreign Missions 1895, \$1,816.97; in 1896, \$1,510.25; decrease, \$306.72. Manitoba and North-West in 1895, \$256.68; in 1896, \$412.26; increase, \$155.58. Grande Ligne 1895, \$596.91; in 1896, \$795.69; increase, \$198.78. Other objects in 1895, \$535.19; in 1896, \$748.04; increase, \$212.85. For school purposes 1895, \$13,636.32; in 1896, \$13,887.55; increase, \$251.23. Total amount collected in the schools 1895, \$17,891; in 1896, \$19,030; increase, \$1,139.

These figures upon the whole show the work to be in a very encouraging condition, and while we cannot but regret the slight falling off in contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, we rejoice at enlarged liberality on behalf of Manitoba and Grande Ligne.

With the object of enlarging and deepening the interest of our churches in the great and important work of the Sunday

By "Baptist" Profit \$ 225 22
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Book Room Profit \$ 729 43

Dividend fund \$ 500 00

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School, your Committee would submit the following suggestions:

1. We would urge upon all superintendents the pressing need of securing for teachers the most competent persons available, in order that the truth in its entirety may be intelligently and convincingly placed before the scholars.
2. We strongly recommend the holding of regular teachers' meetings for the weekly study of the lessons, and we would suggest to the Convention the desirability of providing, if practicable, a course of normal training for our Sunday School teachers.
3. We recommend that pastors, unless prevented by other work upon their fields, should be in the school as much as possible, and that pastors, officers and teachers unite in a common effort to secure a larger attendance of parents than is commonly seen in our schools. We further recommend that pastors and Sunday School officers endeavor to secure a more general and diligent home study of the lessons.
4. Your Committee is of the opinion that the programme for the Sunday School session of the Convention should be prepared by the general Programme Committee, a member of the Sunday School Committee being made a member of the Programme Committee if thought desirable. Your Committee believe that, in this way, a large amount of unnecessary correspondence and labor in arranging the programme would be avoided.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. D. WARREN,
Chairman.

STATISTICS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	STATISTICS.										Total Amount Collected in School			
	Scholars on Roll	Inc. Bible Classes	Teachers and Officers	Total Average Attendance	Scholars Mem'rs of Church	Joined Church During Year	Volumes in Library.	Amt. Rec'd During the Year.	Contributed to Home Missions.	Contributed to Foreign Missions.		Manitoba and North-West.	Grande Ligne.	Other Objects.	Expended for School Purposes.
Brant.....	2332	245	1722	619	9	2246	\$142 28	\$101 37	\$107 50	\$88 24	\$53 52	\$11 75	\$852 15	\$ 970 00
Canada Central.....	1410	180	1100	291	57	2344	15 27	77 24	49 47	16 34	34 79	.....	569 68	750 00
Eastern.....	1723	190	915	451	49	4136	.....	127 91	163 50	100 00	65 85	.....	951 47	1193 73
Elgin.....	1488	191	1049	378	92	1774	22 00	66 94	22 42	20 32	14 80	33 00	563 08	723 07
Guelph.....	2024	249	1416	394	66	2611	13 70	126 38	126 46	20 98	23 44	.....	864 97	1179 33
Grande Ligne.....	* 352	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamilton.....	1366	160	942	175	28	1211	.....	57 25	51 25	12 50	18 40	.....	434 27	726 03
Middlesex & Lambton.....	2803	368	1986	441	113	3561	44 21	112 34	93 19	29 88	66 25	78 83	1111 15	1425 90
Niagara.....	1599	224	1147	304	77	2777	70 35	70 28	37 55	1 00	19 25	9 47	562 40	691 56
Norfolk.....	2519	288	2100	626	107	2717	.....	33 17	30 08	.....	.....	.....	711 20	583 39
Northern.....	1165	149	801	159	48	2311	.....	40 03	20 06	10 07	28 34	47 71	507 01	679 93
Owen Sound.....	1159	151	765	223	20	1088	4 94	37 46	17 35	4 23	20 25	5 10	274 30	364 17
Ottawa.....	1887	227	1306	300	16	2192	16 67	37 46	80 26	37 41	47 30	52 50	621 71	974 21
Peterboro.....	* 1428	188	1037	241	47	2440	4 40	109 48	60 70	3 53	105 62	21 00	470 29	692 42
Toronto.....	6771	761	5080	1083	169	9137	918 70	429 63	501 19	47 76	236 29	269 85	3353 58	3865 84
Walkerton.....	1088	137	764	978	41	1119	12 10	43 69	41 50	8 01	16 71	31 70	242 02	377 82
Western.....	2112	269	1584	248	40	2265	.....	37 78	10 79	46 27	18 36	30 88	765 46	1144 70
Whitby & Lindsay.....	1211	147	880	342	43	1054	27 15	60 12	6 06	8 72	10 11	69 00	403 68	562 26
Woodstock.....	1702	225	1211	405	72	1776	28 60	40 10	20 31	7 00	16 32	3 75	629 13	657 26
Totals.....	36139	4366	25815	6964	1124	46709	1426 29	1639 17	1510 25	412 26	795 09	748 04	13887 55	17530 71
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Baptist Young People's Union.

OFFICERS OF THE UNION FOR 1897-'98.

President,

ARTHUR JONES, 28 Toronto Street, Toronto.

1st Vice-President,

L. CROLY, Peterborough, Ont.

2nd Vice-President,

W. WILLIAMS, Montreal, Que.

3rd Vice-President,

J. A. JACKSON, Petrolia, Ont.

Corresponding Secretary,

F. L. RATCLIFF, 21 McMullen Street, Toronto.

Recording Secretary,

R. ECHLIN, Dundas, Ont.

Treasurer,

A. STEWART, Guelph, Ont.

Board of Managers.

The following clause from the Constitution governs the election of the Board. The names and addresses of its members cannot be given until after each Association has met and made the appointment:—

ARTICLE VI.—BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers shall consist of the Officers of the Union and one member from each Associational District in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The said Associational Representative shall be appointed at the Annual Associational gathering. It shall be the duty of this Board, subject to the approval of the Union, to use such means and methods as may be necessary to extend and cultivate the organization of Young People.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE B. Y.
P. U. OF ONT. AND QUE.

The Annual Convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of Ontario and Quebec was held in the Talbot Street Church on Tuesday, June 1st, 1897, afternoon and evening.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. C. E. McLeod, President, presided, and after devotional exercises the report of the Board of Managers was read.

On motion the report as read was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that a Nominating Committee be appointed by the President. Carried.

The following were named:—O. G. Langford, Alex. Stewart, Rev. A. N. Frith, L. S. Squier, and T. A. Jackson.

Rev. L. S. Hughson gave an address on "Christian Culture and Character Building."

Following this was a conference on "The Local Society," dealt with under the following headings:—

(1) "It's Relation to the Church," by Mr. C. S. Kerr, B.A. In the absence of Mr. Kerr, the paper was read by Mr. Alex. Stewart.

(2) "It's Music," by Rev. W. S. McAlpine.

(3) "It's Social Work," by Mr. A. Jones.

The discussion was engaged in by Brethren Prosser, Campbell, Grigg, Cunningham, Corkery, Sheldon, Pilkey, and McKay (W. J.)

Mr. H. L. Stark followed in a paper on "Local Associational and Provincial Unions, their Inter-relation and Responsibility."

Discussion was engaged in by Brethren Roberts, McKay (R. R.), Jones, Bentley, Shelden, Tanner, Smith, Frith, Chancellor Wallace, McGregor, McDonald, Pocock, McEwen, and many others.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following officers:—

President,	- - - -	A. JONES, Toronto.
1st Vice-President,	- - - -	L. CROLY, Peterboro.
2nd	" - - - -	W. WILLIAMS, Montreal.
3rd	" - - - -	T. A. JACKSON, Petrolea.
Recording Secretary,	- - - -	ROY ECKLIN, Dundas.
Corresponding Secretary,	- - - -	F. RATCLIFFE, Toronto.
Treasurer,	- - - -	ALEX. STEWART, Guelph.

On motion the report was adopted.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, the new Officers present, Messrs. Jones, Ratcliffe and Stewart, were introduced and briefly addressed the Convention.

Mr. Alex. Stewart, Treasurer, presented his report, which showed a deficit of \$48.91.

On motion the report was adopted.

Rev. A. T. Dykeman addressed the Convention on "The Society's Monogram."

Mr. Fred E. Ratcliffe spoke on behalf of the International Convention of the B. Y. P. U., to be held at Chattanooga in July.

Mr. Clarke, Assistant Editor of the "Young People's Union," was introduced, and extended greetings from headquarters in Chicago, reading a cordial letter from General Secretary Chivers.

The closing address was given by Chancellor Wallace, on the subject, "Economy for Christ's Sake."

The Convention was closed with the benediction by Rev. L. S. Hughson.

R. D. WARREN,
Acting Secretary.

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REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BAPTIST
YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF ONTARIO AND
QUEBEC FOR THE YEAR 1896-'97.

*To the Annual Convention of Union Assembled at London,
Ont., June 1st, 1897 :*

The year just closed may be termed a statistical year. Your Board began their work under difficulties, for there was absolutely no data from the previous year to work upon, and a fresh start had to be made from the very bottom. The following statement shows the number of Societies and their membership in the various Associations reported :

	No. of Churches.	No. of Societies.	Membership.
Prant	17	13	740
Canada Central.....	23	9	288
Eastern	20	6	253
Elgin	23	7	353
Hamilton	11	3	159
Middlesex and Lambton.....	31	16	743
Guelph	22	19	746
Niagara	24	13	494
Norfolk	30	17	597
Northern	24	8	279
Ottawa	33	8	179
Owen Sound.....	25	11	353
Peterboro.....	19	11	388
Toronto.....	29	18	1,044
Walkerton	18	8	318
Western	29	9	533
Whitby and Lindsay	22	11	357
Woodstock	19	10	564

The above must not be understood as a complete record of Societies in our Baptist Churches. On the other hand it is very incomplete. For unknown reasons your Board has been unable to obtain any information from many churches. Many of its enquiries have remained unanswered. Numbers of churches, in which Societies are known to exist, have failed to forward any report to your Board. It remains for the new Board to take up the work promptly where we lay it down and complete the statistical table.

Many Societies have helped us by sending very full reports, and we wish to take the opportunity now of thanking them.

On the other hand such replies as "no Society," "no report," etc., are very frequent, and hinder the efficient results we have been aiming at. To such officers and Societies let us say, please acknowledge, at least, the representatives' enquiry, and help your officers in the work you have given them to do, by sending in promptly and fully the information sought, even at considerable personal inconvenience.

Not sufficient Societies are following the C. C. C. All should take these study courses. They are helpful to young and old. Only ten Societies have reported out of one hundred and eighty-eight. If the delegates to this Convention will return to their respective Societies determined to begin at once to prepare for the coming season's study in the "Christian Culture" courses, their attendance here will not have been in vain, and permanent profit will come not alone to themselves, but to every member of every Society who faithfully covers the work.

As the key-note of this year has been "statistics," we would suggest to the new Board that the key-note for 1897-8 be "organization." The result of our year's work has shown above all things the need of some means being used of organizing Societies in churches where none now are, and of the introduction of the C. C. C.'s in such Societies. Let us also again point out that the work of gathering the statistics should be continued until each church in the Provinces is forced to reply because of the importunity of the members of the Board of this Union.

Another year is before us. The work accomplished only serves to show how much there is yet to do. Let us, therefore, "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Let us remember our motto, "We study that we may serve." Let our aim be to study much and serve our Master well, and may we, as a Union, not be satisfied until all possible Societies' are organized and at work studying and serving in like manner.

C. E. MACLEOD,
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STUDENT APPOINTMENTS FOR SUMMER, 1897.

FIELD.	STUDENT.
Athens and Plum Hollow.....	H. Saunders.
Aurora and Bethel.....	A. Imrie, B.A.
Avoca.....	W. B. Tighe.
Barnston and Baldwin's Mill.....	D. W. Terry, B.A., B.Th.
Belle Ewart and Stroud.....	J. D. McLachlan.
Belfountain.....	E. Brownlee.
Blue Mountain.....	L. H. Thomas.
Brantford—North Star.....	I. G. Matthews, B.A.
—Homedale.....	J. Cornwall.
Bronte and Oakville.....	D. Catchpole.
Brooklin.....	J. F. Vichert, B.A.
Buckingham.....	R. M. Carkner.
Brampton.....	Geo. T. Webb.
Buxton.....	T. J. Henderson.
Caledonia.....	R. Routledge, B.A.
Campbellford.....	W. T. Riggs.
Cobourg.....	J. T. Marshall.
Cumberland.....	M. D. Coltman.
Dunbar.....	J. Pollock.
Dresden.....	W. R. Telford, B.A.
Dempsey.....	W. H. Rock.
Dixville.....	E. Russell, B.A., B.Th.
Ebenezer, Highfield and Dixie.....	S. R. Stephens.
Eglington.....	H. G. Kennedy.
Flesherton and Priceville.....	A. J. Darrock, B.A.
Georgetown and Acton.....	O. G. Langford, B.A., B.Th.
Grimsby.....	L. Brown, B.A.
Governor's Road.....	C. J. Triggerson.
Gravenhurst.....	M. C. McLean.
Grenville and Stonefield.....	A. W. Torrie.
Hagersville.....	J. Chapman.
Hartford.....	A. F. Cobb.
Hamilton (Northern).....	C. H. Emerson.
Havelock District.....	D. Alexander.
Howick.....	A. McDonald.
Kenilworth and Farewell.....	D. Brown.
Kempt, Queen's Co., Nova Scotia.....	E. P. Churchill, B.A.
Kincardine.....	D. Nimmo, B.A.
Kingsville.....	F. L. Ryerson.
Kingsley Falls.....	J. S. Laffair.
Lakefield and Warsaw.....	H. S. Erb.
Lachute.....	L. B. Crosby, B.A.
Lucknow.....	J. Curry.
Manitoulin Island.....	W. P. Reekie.
Medora.....	J. E. Hawkins.
Mulgrave.....	F. J. Scott.
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Monck.....	H. B. Couman.
Montreal.....	J. H. Cameron, B.A.
Midland.....	J. H. Hannah.

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Napier.....	E. W. Parsons.
Niagara Falls South.....	R. Scott.
New Brunswick.....	C. H. Schutt, B.A.
Orangeville.....	A. Saunders.
Oshawa.....	D. Bovington.
Oro, East and West.....	J. Curry.
Papineauville, N. N. Mills and St. Amadee.....	E. W. Brown, B.A.
Peterboro.....	C. Elliott.
Port Perry.....	P. G. Mode, B.A.
Quebec (Province).....	E. S. Roy.
Rat Portage.....	Fred. T. Tapscott, B.A.
Riceville and Pendleton.....	H. D. Moore.
Schomberg, First and Second King.....	C. E. Scott, B.A.
Sunderland and Brock.....	E. J. Bridgman.
Sundridge.....	H. G. Bryant.
Bobcaygeon and Scotch Line.....	A. G. Campbell, B.A.
St. Thomas.....	W. H. Wallace.
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Chester.....	A. A. Fanjoy.
East.....	W. J. Pady, B.A.
Kenilworth Avenue.....	C. H. Sneyd, B.A.
Sheridan Avenue.....	W. R. Burrell.
Royce Avenue and Weston Road.....	J. T. Jones.
Birch Avenue.....	W. E. Robertson.
Junction.....	J. R. Webb.
Thamesville.....	Judson McIntosh.
Templeton.....	S. Mahoney.
Tilsonburg.....	J. J. McNeill, B.A.
Tobermory.....	J. F. Ingram.
Uxbridge and Goodwood.....	J. J. Ross.
Uxbridge.....	J. A. Hiltz, assisting J. J. Ross.
Virgil and Queenston.....	J. C. McFarlane.
Weston.....	John McIntosh.
Whitby.....	W. S. McAlpine, B.A., B.Th.
Wolverton.....	W. R. Roberts.
Zorra.....	S. E. Grigg.
British Columbia.....	H. C. Newcombe.
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South America.....	A. B. Reekie.

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DEATHS.

Principal J. I. Bates, B.A., Ph.M.	August 6th, 1896
Deacon L. G. Carter	December 30th, 1896
Mrs. J. C. Yule.....	March 6th, 1897.

PASTORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.

Rev. Geo. T. Webb.....	Auburn, N. Y.	to Brampton, Ont.
" A. T. Dykeman	Nova Scotia.....	" Peterboro, Ont.
" W. E. Stevens.....	Little Rock, Ark.	" Niagara Falls, Ont.
" M. P. Bowie.....	England	" Collingwood, Ont.
" W. C. Clatworthy.....	United States.....	" Leamington, Ont.
" Charles Roberts.....	England	" Petrolia.
" Geo. W. Downing.....	United States.....	" Sault Ste. Marie.
" H. S. Erb	Nova Scotia.....	" Lakefield.

ORDINATIONS.

Jas B. Reeves.....	Guelph,	June 16th, 1896
R. Scott.....	Barrie,	July 16th, 1896
W. T. Bunt.....	Listowel,	July 28th, 1896
W. W. McMaster	Tiverton,	Aug. 25th, 1896
G. I. Burns.....	Bentinck,	Aug. 26th, 1896
J. W. Kirkpatrick.....	Baillieboro,	Sept. 3rd, 1896
Carson J. Cameron.....	Vankleek Hill,	Nov. 10th, 1896
W. H. Palmer.....	Montreal,	Dec. 22nd, 1896
L. H. Cole.....	Moe's River,	Feb. 17th, 1897
J. F. Dingman.....	Pilot Mound,	May 5th, 1897
A. B. Reekie	Toronto,	May 13th, 1897
W. H. Wallace.....	"	May 13th, 1897
C. E. Burrell.....	Westport,	May 14th, 1897
J. G. Langford	Georgetown,	May 17th, 1897

CHURCHES—ORGANIZED, RECOGNIZED AND
DEDICATED.

I.—ORGANIZED—

Watford.....	July,	1895
Moe's River—Organized, 1828; Re-organized.....	July,	1896
Sauble Falls.....	March,	1896
Dunbar.....	Sept. 1,	1896
Gainsborough, N.W.T.....	Sept. 15,	1896
Caledonia.....	Oct. 28,	1896
Kingston—Union Street.....	Feb. 16,	1897
Havelock.....		

II.—RECOGNIZED—

East Leduc, N.W.T.....	June,	1896
Moe's River.....	Aug. 25,	1896
Gainsborough, N.W.T.....	Sept. 15,	1896
Caledonia.....	Nov. 17,	1896
Kingston—Union Street.....	Feb. 16,	1897
Orchardville.....	May 5,	1897

III.—DEDICATED—

Watford.....	Aug. 30,	1896
Rockland.....		1896
Monck.....	Oct. 18,	1896
Belle Ewart—Stroud.....	Oct.	1896
Brantford—Calvary (Lecture Room).....	Nov. 29,	1896
Chilliwack, B. C.....	Dec. 3,	1896
Widdifield.....	May 16,	1897
Petrolia.....		1897

IV.—RE-OPENED—

Colborne.....	July 26,	1896
Kingston.....	Aug. 2,	1896
Kingsey Falls.....	Aug. 16,	1896
Westport.....	Sept. 6,	1896
Maitland Street, London.....	Oct. 25,	1896
First Houghton.....		1897

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Churches, Pastors, Clerks, Etc.

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[The names and addresses of Pastors and Clerks are taken from the Association Minutes of 1897.]

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Associations.	Place and Time of Meeting, 1898.	Clerks and P. O.
Canada Central	16th-18th of June	W. S. Robertson, Carleton Place.
Eastern	2nd Wednesday in June	Rev. W. T. Graham, 4287 Dorchester St., Montreal, Que.
Elgin	Dutton, 1st Thursday in June	Rev. G. Mason, Bayham, Ont.
Guelph	2nd Wednesday in June	R. D. Warren, Esq., Georgetown, Ont.
Hamilton	Same as Niagara Association	H. S. Moore, Esq., 23 Grant Ave., Hamilton.
Middlesex & Lambton	Wed. and Thurs. 1st full week in June	Rev. T. W. Charlesworth, 830 Waterloo St., London, Ont.
Niagara	Thorold, 1st Wednesday June	Charles E. Riggins, Esq., Beamsville.
Norfolk	2nd Wednesday in June	Rev. D. D. Burtch, Villa Nova.
Northern	June 14th, 15th and 16th	Rev. John Blatherwick, Marchmont.
Ottawa	Wednesday and Thursday, 3rd Week in June.	A. B. Hudson, 100 Nepeau Street, Ottawa.
Owen Sound		O. J. Slowell, Esq., Owen Sound.
Oxford-Brant	Park Church, Brantford, 2nd Thursday in June.	Rev. W. H. Cline, B.A., B.D., Paris, Ont.
Peterboro'		Rev. C. E. McLeod, Box 31, Peterboro', Ont.
Toronto	Memorial Church, 7th, 8th and 9th of June	Thos. McGillicuddy, Esq., 443 Manning Ave., Toronto.
Walkerton	2nd week in June	Rev. Jas. Hamilton, Wingham, Ont.
Western	Harrow	Arch. McNee, Esq., Windsor, Ont.
Whitby & Lindsay	3rd Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in June	Rev. A. White, Claremont.

AMHERSTBURG ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Members.	Pastors.	Clerks and P. O.
Amherstburg.....	134	J. A. Holt.....	Aug. Adams, Amherstburg.
Buxton.....	59	.....	L. Washington, Buxton.
Chatham.....	110	A. D. Chandler.....	A. Blackwell, Chatham.
Colchester.....	15	.....	M. Matthews, Harrow.
Dresden.....	51	.....	J. G. Brown, Dresden.
Gosfield.....	25	Thos. Henderson..	W. Norris, Kingsville.
London.....	32	.....	O. R. Fountain, London.
Mount Pleasant.....	36	.....	W. H. Morgan, Amherstburg.
Puce River.....	13	.....	P. Walls, Puce River.
Sandwich.....	33	.....	W. Watkins, Sandwich.
Shrewsbury.....	15	.....	V. Smith, Rondeau.
St. Catharines.....	10	.....	J. D. Ballard, St. Catharines.
Windsor.....	50	.....	L. Nord, Windsor.
Total.....	583		

[N. B.—This for the year ending September, 1894. No other statistics received.]

CANADA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap ^t Mem- tisms. bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Algonquin.....	*S. F. Foster... 1	104	1849	M. F. Earl, Algonquin.
Almonte.....	Thos. Hagen... 0	87	1864	T. J. Dodds, Almonte.
Arnprior.....	Wm. Holbien... 4	142	1814	F. F. McNabb, Arnprior.
Athens.....	*H. Saunders.. 0	37	1837	G. H. Jones, Athens.
Beckwith.....	*H. A. Reid... 5	29	1890	Alex. McKay, Franktown.
Brockville.....	J. C. Sycamore.. 26	324	1844	G. E. Smart, Brockville.
Carleton Place.....	F. O. Weeks... 2	116	1825	W. S. Robertson, Carle- ton Place.
Delta.....	John Puttenham. 1	69	1880	D. H. Davidson, Delta.
Drummond.....	Jas. Cross..... 0	36	....	Alex. Ferguson, Ferguson Falls.
Kingston.....	Douglas Laing . 16	126	1840	Herbert Salsbury, King- ston.
Kingston(Union St.).	C. W. King .. 16	99	1897	Miss Jean Patterson, King- ston.
Lanark.....	Jas. Cross..... 0	17	1889	Arch. Affleck, Lanark.
Middleville.....	Jas. Cross..... 0	28	1834	W. Borrowman, Middle- ville.
McNabb.....	O. C. Carey... 2	51	1886	John Affleck, Harvey.
Pembroke.....	H. H. Reeve... 1	98	1873	W. H. Bone, Pembroke.
Perth.....	G. C. Rock... 2	132	1842	J. D. Kellock, Perth.
Phillippsville.....	John Puttenham. 0	70	1803	R.M. Stevens, Phillippsville.
Plum Hollow.....	*H. Saunders.. 0	48	1840	D.M. Kilborn, PlumHollow
Renfrew.....	O. C. Carey... 2	104	....	R. McDonald, Renfrew.
Smith's Falls.....	C. S. S. Boone.. 2	192	1834	Ogle. Carss, Smith's Falls.
Toledo.....	*H. Saunders.. 0	....	....	....
Westport.....	C. E. Burrell... 6	80	1885	J. H. Moulton, Westport.
White Lake.....	Wm. Holbien.. 0	60	Dan ^l Stewart, Brunstown.
Total.....		86	1,699	

*Student.

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tists.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Abbott's Corners..	A. L. Arms....	0	36	1799	Mrs. J. H. Bray, Abbott's Corners, Que.
Baldwin's Mills ..	D. Terry, B.A..	0	25	1889	F. M. Dean, Baldwin's Mills, Que.
Barnston	D. Terry, B.A. .	0	51	1833	Miss R. L. Parker, Barn- ston, Que.
Beebe Plain.....	*H. S. Kilborn..	2	25	1875	A. T. Lorimer, Beebe Plain, Que.
Bulwer	A. C. Baker....	3	43	1893	Mrs. P. M. Coates, John- ville, Que.
Clarenceville	R. G. Blundell..	0	30	1874	C. Clow, Clarenceville, Que
Coaticook	J. H. Hunter, B.A.	9	103	1874	Miss P. M. Chandler, Coaticook, Que.
Dixville	E. Russell, B.A.	6	163	1888	Miss Annie Howe, Dix- ville, Que.
Kingsey Falls....	J. S. Laflair....	0	25	1868	Mrs. M. E. McWilliams, Kingsey Falls, Que.
Montreal (First) ..	D. Grant, B.A..	11	329	1831	F. A. Daken, 380 Victoria Ave., Westmount, Que.
Montreal (Olivet).	E. W. Dadson, D.D	8	476	1875	T. M. McCaw, 214 Wood Ave., Westmount.
Montreal (Grace).	W. T. Graham..	10	185	1890	F. Ritchie, 408 Burnside Place, Montreal.
Montreal (Pt. St. Charles)	J. B. Warnicker.	10	132	1895	J. W. Jeffery, 302 Charle- voix St., Montreal.
Moe's River.	L. H. Coles	0	....	1896	.....
Patton	J. H. Dickson ..	4	73	....	Charles Gilman, Manson- ville, Que.
Sawyerville	C. Baker	0	....	1822	L. W. French, Sawyer- ville, Que.
Sherbrooke	T. Luckens	0	42	1872	A. J. Gilles, Sherbrooke, Que.
Quebec	J. Alexander....	0	11	1845	H. Woodside, 187 Oliver Ave., Que.
Total		63	1,749		

*Student McMaster University.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

Aylmer	C. H. Kimball..	6	580	1816	L. W. Doring, Aylmer.
Bayham & Hough- ton	No letter	0	....	1873	.....
Calton	P. R. Carey....	11	154	1855	Ensley Cohoon, Calton.
Dutton	*T. T. Shields..	0	72	1876	J. H. McIntyre, Box 35, Dutton.
Fingal	R. Weaver	2	49	1845	Frank Newland, Fingal.
Gladstone	J. W. Hoyt	4	128	1848	L. Yorke, Gladstone.
2nd Houghton	*Thos. C. France	0	25	1894	Chas. T. Millard, Hough- ton Centre.
Jaffa.....	Pastorless	6	64	1886	A. H. Treadwell, Jaffa.

ELGIN ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Lakeshore Calvary	P. R. Carey	0	131	1895	H. L. McConnell, Groves- end.
Malahide and Bay- ham	Geo. Mason	3	115	1885	J. D. Abell, Aylmer.
Mt. Salem	No letter, Pastorless	0	.....	1887	.....
Middlemiss	J. B. Huff	0	19	1879	R. B. Campbell, Middle- miss.
New Sarum	John Gray	6	169	1834	Cook Newcombe, Yar- mouth Centre.
Pt. Burwell	P. R. Carey	11	157	1819	C. C. Medler, Pt. Burwell.
Shedden	R. Weaver	3	40	1894	J. E. Morse, V.S., Shedden.
Sparta	J. J. Baker, B.A.	2	100	1869	Phebe C. Scott, Sparta.
1st Southwold	J. B. Huff	0	24	1828	Arthur Silcox, Iona.
2nd " "	" "	2	51	1854	Alonzo Ross, Iona Station
Springfield	Without a pastor	0	90	1887	L. White, Springfield.
St. Thomas	W. Hartley	44	442	1840	R. T. Hankinson, 52 Wil- liam st., St. Thomas.
West Lorne	H. W. Mack	2	70	1877	J. Haviland, West Lorne.
1st Yarmouth	J. J. Baker, B.A.	0	.....	1833	Felix Smith, Union.
Total	.....	102	2480	.....	.....

*Student-pastors.

GRANDE LIGNE ASSOCIATION (FRENCH).

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Clerks and P. O.
Grande Ligne	M. B. Parent	7	64	P. Leveque, Grande Ligne, P. O.
Montreal	A. L. Therrien	3	64	Leo Therrien, 680 Amherst, Montreal.
Marieville	A. J. Lebeau	3	40	N. Brouillet, Marieville.
Maskinonge	W. S. Bullock	.....	20	H. Martin, Maskinonge.
Roxton Pond	T. Brouillet	.....	47	H. Rainaud, Roxton Pond.
South Ely	J. Cesan	.....	40	I. Cassegrain, South Ely.
St. Pie	N. Gregoire	1	10	N. Gregoire, Emileville.
Sorel	L. O. F. Cote	5	26	L. O. F. Cote, Sorel.

MISSION STATIONS.

Quebec City	L. R. Dutaud	.....	18	.....
Rockland	*E. Roy	.....	9	.....
St. Phillip	*Fred. Therrien	.....	25	.....
St. Michel				
St. Constant				
Sherrington				
Sherbrooke	M. O. Therrien	.....	12	.....
Total	.....	.....	375	.....

*Student. Baptisms, about 25.

NOTE.—The above returns are incomplete, it being difficult to get exact figures.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tism.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Acton	O. G. Langford, B.A., B.Th ..	2	54	1842	J. L. Warren, Acton.
Belfountain.....		0	40	1835	Miss M. J. McLaren, Bel- fountain.
Berlin (German)...	G. Fetzer.....	4	172	1851	H. Hymmen, Berlin.
Berlin (English)...	P. A. McEwen..	5	40	1895	Miss Alice Joyce, Berlin.
Brampton.....	Geo. T. Webb..	0	95	....	W. D. Earney, Brampton.
Cheltenham.....	J. O'Neill	30	146	1844	G. F. Wilson, Cheltenham
East Nissouri.....	W.L. Palframan.	5	68	1861	Vining Gleason, Lakeside
Edmonton.....	Wm. Spencer ..	0	31	1844	A. Mount, Mountsberg.
Erin.....	J. O'Neill	0	34	1861	N. V. Watson, Snelgrove.
Edmonton.....	R. W. Kelley...	0	39	1887	Miss Lizzie Graham, Erin.
Fullarton.....	E. S. Walker...	0	70	1860	Jno. McNeill, Fullarton.
Galt.....	C. C. McLaurin.	13	233	1876	D. R. Miller, Galt.
Georgetown.....	O. G. Langford, B.A., B.Th...	2	91	1847	R. D. Warren, Georgetown
Guelph (First).....	J. H. Sowerby..	18	281	1853	A. Linton, Guelph.
Guelph (Trinity)...	J. W. Weeks...	20	167	1890	Alex. Stewart, Guelph.
Hillsburg.....	R. W. Kelley...	0	100	1853	Jno. H. Burt, Hillsburg.
Hespeler.....	A. R. McDonald, B.A., B.Th...	5	52	1889	H. J. Brownlee, Hespeler.
Orangeville.....		2	69	1888	Miss E. Smith, Orangeville
Preston.....	A. R. McDonald, B.A., B.Th...	0	17	1895	A. Ziemann, Preston.
St. Mary's.....	P. H. Anderson.	1	93	1862	Miss M. J. Delmage, St. Mary's.
Sebringville.....	E. S. Walker...	0	32	....	L. Pfinnmer, Sebringville
Stratford.....	W. J. McKay, B.A., B.D....	6	299	....	Jas. Wright, Stratford.
Tavistock.....	W. S. Walker..	1	62	....	Jacob Quehl, Tavistock.
Total.....		114	2285		

HAMILTON ASSOCIATION.

James Street	J. L. Gilmour, B.A.	5	566	1844	H. S. Moore, 23 Grant Ave., Hamilton.
Victoria Ave.	J. F. Barker....	22	254	1888	Edgar Nadin, 20 Nelson St., Hamilton.
Herkimer St.	T. J. Bennett..	10	157	1889	P. L. Scriven, 13 King William St., Hamilton.
Wentworth St.	C. H. Emerson..	4	50	1893	Jno. S. Alder, 133 Erie Ave
North Church	*C. H. Emerson	6	31	....	Miss J. Vanderlip, 400 Catharine St. N., Hamilton.
Westover.....	Wm. Spencer ..	3	69	1845	Jacob Woodley, Westover
Freelton.....	Wm. Spencer ..	0	23	1891	Edward Hirst, Freelton.
Waterdown.....	*Jas. J. White..	0	21	1891	Ruth Misener, Waterdown
Burlington.....	*Jas. J. White..	11	38	Reopened.	
Bronte.....	*D. Catchpole..	0	28	1894	W. H. Haworth, Freeman
Oakville.....	*D. Catchpole..	0	....	1857	Wm. Dorland, Bronte.
McNab Street.....		0	....	....	....
Total.....		61	1,237		

*Student.

MIDDLESEX AND LAMBTON ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Ailsa Craig	Jas. Coutts	0	111	1871	S. R. Gillies, Ailsa Craig.
Alvinston	J. G. Calder	4	45	1876	Leslie Lovell, Alvinston.
Arkona	J. A. Baldwin	2	81	1836	W. J. George, Arkona.
Bridgden	J. Smither	1	37	1861	L.S. Haverstock, Bridgden
Brooke	*A. R. Park	1	45	1870	Daniel Maddock, Walnut.
Brooke and Ennis- killen	W. D. McGee	0	65	1891	M.D. Cameron, Weidman.
Calvary	C. Segsworth	3	50	1877	J. J. Johnston, Wanstead.
Caradoc (Zion)	J. C. Pilkey	9	75	1853	J. Whiting, Jr., Strathroy.
Courtright	J. Smither	3	47	1879	J. E. Phillips, Courtright.
Denfield	J. Coutts	0	107	1834	Edwin Rosser, Denfield.
East Williams	G. B. Davis	5	52	1865	David Treharne, Ivan.
Forest	C. N. Mitchell	7	116	1871	F. Chalk, Forest.
Lobo	Wm. Freed	2	99	1827	Joshua Irvine, Lobo.
London, Talbot St.	Ira Smith	16	290	1845	John Beardsall, 375 Prin- cess Ave., London.
" Adelaide St.	T. S. Johnson	23	321	1877	C. W. A. Woodburne, 354 Hewitt St., London.
" Maitland St.	W. Charles- worth	10	75	1877	H. Williamson, 265 Gros- venor St., London.
London South	W. M. Walker	7	161	1888	Hy. Sutherland, 103 Bris- coe St., London South.
McGillivray	J. B. Brown	7	46	1862	Robt. Beirner, Lieury.
Mt. Brydges	J. C. Pilkey	20	96	....	Frank Black, Mt. Brydges.
Oil Springs	W. D. McGee	5	52	1893	J. Marshall, Oil Springs.
Parkhill	J. B. Brown	5	60	1871	Wm. Dickson, Parkhill.
Petrolia	Chas. Roberts	10	202	1872	H. W. Brown, B.A., Box 254, Petrolia.
Plympton	E. Phillips	2	23	1880	Mrs. D. McDonald, Man- daumin.
Poplar Hill	G. B. Davis	10	114	1843	A. L. Hunt, Poplar Hill.
Sarnia	H. C. Speller	6	231	1871	Johnson Wilkinson, Sar- nia, Box 362.
Sarnia Township	E. Phillips	5	114	1836	Thos. Holmes, Bunyan.
Strathroy	T. M. Fothergill	24	282	1863	A. E. Gill, Strathroy.
Thedford	J. A. Baldwin	2	17	1853	Wm. Press, Thedford.
Uttoxeter	C. N. Mitchell	5	19	1894	A. C. Dewar, Uttoxeter.
Watford	*A. R. Park	7	30	1895	C. R. Annett, Watford.
West Nissouri	W. L. Palframan	0	28	1858	Lizzie M. Vining, Thorn- dale.
Wyoming	Chas. Segsworth	0	48	1876	J. T. Donald, Wyoming.
Total		171	2,939		

*Student.

NIAGARA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tism.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Beamsville	Vacant	1	194	1776	R. Cruikshank, Beamsv'e
Binbrook	James Bracken	12	65	1857	John Guyatt, Binbrook.
Caistor	"	0	33	1864	John Jackson, Abingdon.
Canboro	H. Maider	18	60	1856	Alson Shaver, Canboro.
Cayuga North	"	0	31	1848	W. A. Barnes, Cayuga.
Cayuga South	Wm. James	0	46	1853	J. W. Deamud, Upper.

NIAGARA ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tists.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Caledonia	*R. Routledge, B.A.	8	32	1896	A. E. Jones, Caledonia.
Dundas	A. P. McDonald, B.A., B.Th.	7	97	1834	J. W. Vaughan, Dundas.
Dunnville.....	A. E. Quinn....	6	71	1887	E. Hindson, Dunnville.
Fonthill	A. E. D. St. Dal- mas.	10	131	1845	G. C. Brown, Fonthill.
Grimsby.....	*L. Brown, B.A.	4	121	1877	L. Woolverton, M. A., Grimsby.
Marshville.....	C. A. Parson..	3	93	1895	Geo. Schram, Marshville.
Niagara Falls South	*Robert Scott..	0	57	1847	James Orr, Niagara Falls South.
Niagara Falls....	W. E. Stevens..	2	74	1892	Wm. H. Campbell, Ni- agara Falls, Box 342.
Port Colborne....	J. M. Smith....	11	137	1860	Arthur Richardson, Port Colborne.
Queenston.....	*J. C. McFarlane	0	.....	.....	.....
Rainham Centre..	John Trickey..	2	58	1832	John H. Fite, Rainham.
Sherbrooke.....	A. E. Quinn....	0	95	1842	C. Minor, Stromness.
St. Catharines (Queen Street)..	John E. Trotter.	9	284	1833	E. Wismer, St. Catharines
St. Catharines (Lyman Street)..	R. Garside....	4	101	1889	Wm. H. Hewson, St. Catharines.
St. Catharines (Geneva Street).	Vacant.....	0	7	1853	P. Lewis, St. Catharines.
Thorold.....	R. Garside....	0	37	1887	J. H. Thompson, Thorold
Tyneside.....	James Bracken..	0	73	1882	George Tyler, Tyneside.
Virgil.....	*J. C. McFarlane	0	37	1842	A. E. Anderson, Virgil.
Windecker.....	H. Maider.....	0	47	1891	Louis Kinnear, Dunnville.
Total.....		97	1981		

*Student pastors.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION.

Bloomsburg.....	*G. N. Simmons, B.A.	7	80	1833	W. P. Skirrow, Blooms- burg.
Boston	S. G. Harris....	2	227	1804	L. C. Barber, Boston.
Charlotteville Cen- tre	Thos. Bingham.	0	42	1876	R. C. Steinhoff, Walsh.
Cheapside	John Trickey... .	0	57	.....	L. Tyrrell, Cheapside.
Courtland	Walter Mason ..	0	55	.....	S. Jackson, Courtland.
Cultus	*W. H. Brown..	0	59	1889	J. Finch, Clear Creek.
Delhi	J. W. Cuthbert..	0	121	1843	G. G. Byres, Delhi.
Decewsville.....	*Chas. Beck....	1	74	1872	O. Warner, Decewsville.
Eden	Walter Mason..	1	98	.....	J. W. Alton, Eden.
Forestville.....	W. J. Buckbor- rough	17	195	1836	M. C. Beaupre, Forest- ville.
Glen Meyer.....	*Mr. Wooley ..	1	24	1885	B. Birdsill, Glen Meyer.
Goshen	Walter Mason ..	1	47	1873	O. D. Oatman, Tilsonburg.
Houghton.....	*W. H. Brown..	41	197	1841	W. L. Smith, Clear Creek.
Hagersville.....	*Mr. Chapman..	2	78	1882	J. W. Butler, Hagersville.
Hartford	*A. Cobb.....	0	115	.....	R. J. Merrill, Hartford.
Langton	Elder Treadwell.	2	133	1859	W. C. Kennedy, Langton.

NORFOLK ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Lynnville	Elder Haviland.	0	60	1885	W. N. Kelly, Lynnville.
Middleton North..	*Mr. Wooley ..	2	49	1878	W. H. Earles, Eden.
" South	Elder Treadwell.	0	...	...	M. Sinclair, South Middle- ton.
Port Rowan	F. C. Elliott....	0	152	1828	C. W. Ross, Port Rowan.
Pine Grove	Thos. Bingham.	2	38	1876	S. A. Kelly, Lyndock.
Round Plains	A. Slaght	0	44	1860	Jno. McIntosh, Waterford.
Selkirk	J. Trickey	8	72	1866	W. H. Smelser, Selkirk.
Simcoe	D. Dack	7	292	1836	R. E. Gunton, Simcoe.
Teeterville	Wm. F. Cuthbert	3	59	1859	E. E. Vanloon, Teeterville.
Tyrrell	*G. N. Simmons, B.A.	0	80	1859	T. W. Emrick, Tyrrell.
Villa Nova	D. D. Burtch..	7	204	1850	Stafford Hall, Villa Nova.
Vittoria	Thos. Shields ..	0	181	1804	J. W. Chadwick, Vittoria.
Waterford	A. Murdoch, M. A., LL.D....	4	396	1846	A. E. McMichael, Water- ford.
Total		108	3229		
*Student.					

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION.

Barrie	S. Sheldon....	21	185	1877	W. A. Sibbald, Barrie.
Blue Mountain	*	0	34	1896	James Campbell, Pretty River Valley.
Bracebridge	J. E. Moyle....	0	51	1885	Wm. C. Denniss, Brace- bridge.
Burk's Falls	J. W. Gregory..	4	57	1886	Geo. H. Silvester, Burk's Falls.
Belle Ewart-Stroud.*		5	59	1896	Edw. Whan, Belle Ewart.
Collingwood	M. P. Bowie....	28	121	1876	M. E. Fryer, Collingwood
Creemore	J. C. Dunlop..	0	27	1867	W. J. Honeyford, Avening
Dwight		0	28	...	Chas. J. Schafer, Dwight.
Doe Lake	J. W. Gregory.	0	18	1878	Joe E. Clark, Royston.
Elmvale		4	19	1896	G. Polkinghorne, Elmvale
Ft. William	B. W. Merrill..	1	48	1892	D. McGillivray, Ft. William
Marchmont	J. Blatherwick..	0	34	1889	J. S. Nelson, Price's Cor.
Midland		0	65	1889	Geo. F. Proctor, Midland
Minesing	*	4	45	1883	I. G. Livingstone, Minesing
Medora	*	0	...	1895	J. McLeod, Footes Bay.
North Bay	E. J. Stobo, B. Th.	1	48	1892	Mrs. L. G. Shaw, N. Bay.
Orillia	L. M. Weeks, B. D	25	160	1873	I. B. Kerr, Orillia.
Oro East	*	0	30	1851	D. Paisley, Mitchell Sqr.
Oro West	*	0	27	1870	John Harrison, Edgar.
Parry Sound	John Cain	2	67	1888	W. Ireland, Parry Sound.
Port Arthur	*Walter Daniels	1	72	1885	J. L. Matthews, Port Arthur
Sault Ste. Marie	Geo. W. Downing	2	73	1889	Thos. K. Downing, Sault Ste. Marie.
Stayner	J. C. Dunlop..	1	120	1860	W. J. Dunlop, Stayner.
Sprucedale	J. W. Gregory..	0	23	1895	T. Chapman, Sprucedale.
Sundridge		5	31	1884	Jno. Carter, Sundridge.
Uthoff	J. Blatherwick..	0	31	1891	Jay Walker, Uthoff.
Total		104	1473		
*Student pastors.					

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Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and P. O.
Black Diamond.....	W. H. Woodley...	Mary Ann Edwards, Black Diamond.
Ballard.....	Norval Fletcher...	Geo. A. Wilkie, Ballard.
Chilliwick.....	P. C. MacGregor...	Ada M. Temple, Chilliwick.
Custer.....	J. M. Haskell.....	J. F. Everett, Custer.
Everett.....	W. C. Weir.....	E. E. Johnston, Everett.
Ferndale.....	J. M. Haskell.....	S. E. Hoover, Ferndale.
Franklin.....	E. M. Matthews.....	D. W. Griffin, Franklin.
Fremont.....	— Fletcher.....	A. G. Wooster, Fremont.
Hamilton.....	W. H. Carmichael.....	R. E. Cockinham, Hamilton.
Issaquah.....	Wm. Brown.....	W. C. Sylvester, Issaquah.
Kent.....	J. H. Woodley.....	L. L. Doty, Kent.
Kirkland.....	D. T. Richards.....	W. N. Boggs, Kirkland.
La Conner.....	S. A. Abbott.....	Mrs. E. R. Bailey, La Conner.
Mount Vernon.....	D. Lamont.....	John H. Smith, Mount Vernon.
Nanaimo.....	W. A. Gunton.....	Mrs. G. A. Thompson, Nanaimo, B. C.
New Castle.....	R. W. Jemison.....	Geo. Johnson, New Castle.
New Westminster.....	John H. Best.....	Arthur Hill, New Westminster.
New Whatcom.....	M. C. Cole.....	E. D. Bates, New Whatcom.
Port Townsend.....	—.....	W. J. Lewis, Port Townsend.
Port Angeles.....	F. O. Lamoreux.....	S. C. Bright, Port Angeles.
Sumas.....	J. M. Haskell.....	Jane A. Warnock, Sumas.
Seattle, First.....	—.....	W. J. Calkett, Seattle.
Seattle, North.....	—.....	Luie Sayre, Seattle.
Seattle, Tabernacle.....	S. C. Ohrum.....	W. O. Hardin, Seattle.
Skagit City.....	D. Lamont.....	Grace E. Keen, Skagit City.
Vancouver, Jackson Ave.....	G. C. King.....	R. V. Palmer, Vancouver, B. C.
Vancouver, Mt. Pleasant.....	—.....	Edward Spain, Mt. Pleasant, B. C.
Vancouver, First.....	W. T. Stackhouse.....	H. H. Millard, Vancouver, B. C.
Victoria, Calvary.....	Ralph W. Trotter.....	Bessie H. Walker, Victoria, B. C.
Victoria, Emmanuel.....	P. H. McEwen.....	Percy Dunkerly, Victoria, B. C.
Vashon.....	S. W. Beaven.....	Jessie Yull, Chautaugua.
Woolery.....	W. H. Carmichael.....	F. E. Hayes, Woolery.

Baptisms, 150. Present Membership, 2494.

[N.B.—This covers American and Canadian Territory, but is left as reported.]

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Breadalbane.....	J. L. Gardiner..	0	144	1817	D. P. L. Campbell, Van- kleeck Hill.
Bristol.....	*J. B. Paterson.	0	16	1877	Mrs. R. W. Edey, Billerica, Que.
Buckingham.....	*R. Carkner....	0	54	1869	Alex. Cumming, Bucking- ham, Que.
Clarence.....	G. R. McFaul..	8	84	1825	James Erskine, Rockland.
Clarendon.....	*J. B. Paterson.	0	23	1877	Geo. Dagg, Portage du Fort, Que.
Cornwall.....	John Curry....	0	66	1882	L. E. Gosling, Cornwall.

OTTAWA ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Cumberland.....	*M. D. Coltman.	0	30	1872	Miss Flora Jeffrey, Cum- berland.
Dalesville.....	*W. W. Huff..	0	1826		
Dempsey.....	*W. H. Rock..	1	18	1891	John McDuff, Point For- tune, Que.
Dominionville....	J. Robinson....	3	86	1839	Miss M. A. Garner, Max- ville.
Dunbar.....	*Jas. Pollock..	0	1896		Ed. Henderson, Dunbar.
East Templeton..	*S. Mahoney...	0	36	1880	A. S. McLaurin, East Templeton, Que.
Grenville.....	*A. W. Torrie..	0	124	1887	Miss L. Heath, Stone- field, Que.
Kemptville.....	J. A. Kennedy..	8	50	1845	P. R. McDonald, Oxford Mills.
Kenmore.....	J. R. Jackson..	10	98	1875	Robt. Stewart, Kenmore.
Lachute.....	*L. B. Crosby, B.A.....	21	78	1886	C. Calder, Lachute, Que.
Morrisburg.....		0	1882		
Mulgrave.....	*F. J. Scott....	0	56	1874	Chas. Beihler, Inlet, Que.
North Clarendon..	*Jas. B. Paterson	0	7	1895	
North Lancaster ..		0	22	1857	Miss Jane McArthur, North Lancaster.
North Nation Mills.	*E. W. Brown, B.A.....	2	44	1868	Horace Schryer, North Nation Mills, Que.
Ormond.....	J. R. Coutts....	0	164	1865	D. McL. McDonald, Or- mond.
Osgoode.....	H. McQuarrie..	5	239	1839	D. McLaurin, Metcalfe.
Osnabruck.....		4	145	1841	Jas. M. Warren, North Valley.
Ottawa (First).....		11	455	1857	H. E. McDonald, York Street, Ottawa.
Ottawa (McPhail Memorial).....	A. N. Frith....	25	232	1888	Miss A. M. Imlach, 734 Albert Street, Ottawa.
Papineauville....	*E. W. Brown, B.A.....	0	30	1835	Miss L. J. Hews, Papin- eauville, Que.
Riceville.....	*H. D. Moore..	0	23	1862	Joshua Frith, Maxville.
Rockland.....	G. R. McFaul..	9	102	1887	Willis Draper, Rockland.
Roxborough.....	J. Robinson....	0	53	1865	D. A. McDiarmid, Sand- ringham.
South Gower....	J. A. Kennedy..	1	90	1841	A. J. Cumming, Heckston.
South Indian....	J. R. Jackson..	0	46	1891	Jas. Stenhouse, Grant.
St. Amedie.....	*E. W. Brown, B.A.....	2	33	1890	Wm. Schuyer, St. Amedie, Que.
Thurso.....	T. Doolittle....	7	96	1857	Geo. S. Black, Thurso, Que.
Vankleek Hill....	C. J. Cameron, B.A., B.Th..	0	77	1883	P. R. McLaurin, Van- kleek Hill.
Winchester.....	J. R. Coutts....	0	61	1859	J. P. Frith, Winchester.
Total.....		117	2882		

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

OXFORD-BRANT ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tists.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Ancaster	John Yorston...	4	205	1824	D. W. Farley, Jerseyville.
Beachville	H. Morgan....	1	107	1866	J. M. Archibald, Beachv'e
Brantford (First)	D. Spencer, L.L.D.†	22	470	1833	J. Widdup, Brantford.
" (Park)	D. Hutchinson..	18	432	1870	H. Stenabaugh "
" (Calvary)	W. H. Porter, M. A.	29	321	1875	F. B. Patten, "
" (North Star)	I. G. Matthews	2	71	1891	Ida Smith, Gr. View "
Brownsville	H. Shaw.....	2	92	1880	W. A. Elliott, Brownsville.
Burford	C. W. Cook.....	2	50	1866	E. A. Miles, Mt. Vernon.
Burgessville	R. M. Cunning- ham	9	181	1837	E. Dennis, Burgessville.
Burth	S. G. Harris....	6	101	1869	O. McAlister, Mohawk.
Drumbo	G. M. Leehy....	8	95	1852	C. K. Currey, Drumbo.
Gobles	G. M. Leehy....	3	122	1868	F. Vickert, Princeton.
Governor's Road	*F. S. Whitham	1	61	1853	E. Vansickle, St. George.
Ingersoll	James Grant...	11	313	1858	W. R. Bloor, Ingersoll.
Johnsfield	W. G. White... 6	36	1891	Isaac Homer, Tuscarora.	
Medina	W. G. White... 1	148	1885	John Russell, Hartford.	
Mt. Elgin	G. B. Brown... 6	54	1861	Colin Laite, Mt. Elgin.	
Norwich	W. L. Newton... 8	162	184	D. S. Butterfield, Norwich	
Onondaga (First)	J. H. Kelly..... 5	78	1855	A. W. Vansickle, Onondaga	
Onondaga (Second)	"..... 1	52	1857	John Cowie, Caledonia.	
Otterville	A. R. Best..... 1	51	1872	Lillian Parson, Otterville.	
Oxford East	R. M. Cunning- ham	0	40	1859	H. S. Buckrell, Beaconsf'd
Oxford West	G. B. Brown.... 8	48	1881	W. H. Bragg, Sweaborg.	
Paris	W. H. Cline, B. A., B. D.	2	217	1843	T. R. Morgan, Paris.
Plattsville	*D. B. Harkness	15	68	1880	George Baird, Plattsville.
Salford	G. B. Brown.... 7	70	1877	S. Foster, Salford.	
Scotland	C. W. Cook.... 7	124	1848	W. E. Hooker, Scotland.	
Springford	A. R. Best..... 9	118	1832	S. Pratt, Springford.	
St. George	D. M. Mihell, M. A., B. Th.	17	211	1832	S. Atmore, St. George.
Tilsonburg	*J. J. McNeil... 21	163	1853	O. DeLong, Tilsonburg.	
Tuscarora	W. G. White... 22	120	1840	Josiah Hill, Tuscarora.	
Windham	A. R. Best.... 0	25	1849	C. L. Fairchild, Bookton.	
Wolverton	*W. T. Roberts. 5	71	1871	A. Wolverton, Wolverton.	
Woodstock (First)	R. R. McKay, B. A.	0	469	1822	D. K. Clarke, The Col- lege, Woodstock.
Woodstock (Ox- ford Street)	Joshua Roberts. 9	129	1890	Belle Willits, Woodstock.	
Zorra East	†S. E. Grigg.. 2	59	1871	Thos. Lockhart, Walmer.	
Total		270	5134		
*Student.	†Unordained.		‡Covers fifteen months.		

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION.

Bayview	E. J. Haines....	0	27	1885	Peter Bumstead, Bayview.
Bentnck	G. I. Burns....	7	59	1873	Neil McCallum, Mulock.
Burgoyne	J. A. Armstrong	0	31	1877	A. D. McCannel, Burgoyne
Cape Rich	E. S. Walker.. 1	23	1868	Mrs. G. Dyce, Cape Rich.	
Chesley	C. H. Phillimore	4	40	1855	W. O. Dake, Chesley.
Daywood	E. J. Haines... 1	40	1869	A. Cameron, Leith.	

OWEN SOUND ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Durham	W. McGregor..	20	98	1875	R. G. Webber, Durham.
Elderslie	J. A. Armstrong	13	69	1877	D. McAlpin, Williscroft.
Flesherton	A. J. Darroch..	1	32	1882	J. E. Moore, Flesherton.
Gleneig	G. I. Burns....	4	27	1876	Miss McDougall, Dornoch
Gleneig Centre ..	W. McGregor..	0	28	1870	Dan. McCormick, Bunes- san.
Keady	J. McKinnon....	0	80	1870	D. Sinclair, Keady.
Mar	E. J. McEwen..	11	31	1896	W. McGarvin, Mar.
Meaford	E. S. Walker....	0	41	1884	V. N. Cronk, Meaford.
Morley	E. J. Haines....	0	12	1896	D. R. McGregor, Bala- clava.
North Bruce	G. F. Hurlburt..	11	85	1876	D. W. Cameron, Under- wood.
Owen Sound.....	W. E. Norton..	7	230	1879	D. W. Morrison, Owen Sound.
Paisley	W. H. Stevens..	6	242	1867	Archie McNeill, Paisley.
Port Elgin	J. A. Armstrong.	0	45	1874	Ronald Bell, Port Elgin.
Priceville	No report.....	0		1860	
Sauble Falls.....	E. J. McEwen..	14	38	1896	Duncan Turner, Sauble Falls.
Sullivan.....	J. McKinnon ...	0	15	1860	Mrs. C. Nicholson, Wil- liamsford.
S. Sydenham.....	J. McQuarie....	0	64	1870	Arch. Torrie, Strathaven.
Tara	C. H. Phillimore	0	24	1886	B. Shirreff, Allenford.
Wiaraton	Jas. McEwen....	3	142	1881	Geo. Eidt, Wiaraton.
Woodford.....	J. McQuarie....	0	44	*	D. C. Day, Woodford.
Total		103	1567		

*No date; has been in our books ten years.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

Baillieboro.....	J. W. Kirkpatrick	1	66	1842	John Riddle, Bensfort P.O
Belleville	V. H. Cowsert, B.A.....	20	171	1873	Jas. S. Peck, Box 685, Belleville.
Brighton	S. S. Weaver..	23	75	1880	Stanley Post, Brighton.
Campbellford.....	W. T. Riggs..	8	63	1884	N. H. White, Campbell'd
Cobourg.....	J. T. Marshall.	0	37	1885	Miss M. McGloughlin, Cobourg.
Colborne	Thos. Watson..	0	64	1882	Wm. Barton, Colborne.
Cramahle	S. S. Weaver..	2	75	1855	Judson Phinn, Castleton.
Dummer	Wm. Peer	3	59	1888	Jas. A. Baptie, Norwood.
Gilmour Memorial	C. E. MacLeod.	10	79	1842	Jas. H. Mann, Bridgenorth.
Haldimand	Thos. Watson..	0	82	1798	E. B. Hinman, Grafton.
Lakefield	H. S. Erb.....	0	89	1863	Jas. B. Isbister, Lakefield.
Norwood	Wm Peer	2	78	1886	Fred. Anderson, Norwood
PETERBORO—					
Murray Street..	A. T. Dykeman.	8	200	1846	T. M. D. Croly, Box 198, Peterboro.
Park Street.....	O. C. Elliott....	8	73	1895	Miss M. E. Mann, Box 755, Peterboro.
Port Hope.....	P. K. Dayfoot, M.A.....	2	172	1853	G. Hansman, Port Hope.

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PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tisms.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Selwyn	C. E. MacLeod.	0	50	1846	Jas. M. R. Roberts, Selwyn
Sidney	J. R. Bonner..	9	70	1860	J. S. Chard, Anson P.O.
Stirling	J. R. Bonner..	3	61	1860	W. H. Faulkner, Holloway
Warsaw	H. S. Erb.....	0	†51	1886	Jos. Doughty, Warsaw.
Total		99	1612		

*Student. †No report.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION.

Aurora	* A. Imrie.....	2	37	1883	H. H. Bingham, Aurora.
Bethel (King)	* A. Imrie.....	0	45	1873	Geo. Norman, King.
Ebenezer	* S. R. Stephens	0	19	1878	S. W. Bigham, Islington.
Dixie	* S. R. Stephens	1	29	....	Joseph Haines, Dixie.
Highfield	* S. R. Stephens	1	18	1886	J. Gardhouse, Highfield.
King (Second)	* C. E. Scott, P. A.....	3	32	1848	Edwin Watson, Pottage- ville.
King (First)	* C. E. Scott, B. A.....	0	10	....	....
Schomberg	* C. E. Scott,	6	25	1881	Neil Campbell, Linton.
Second Markham	A. P. Kennedy..	7	175	1846	A. M. Baker, Ringwood.
Eglington	* H. G. Kennedy	10	39	1892	Robt. Rae, Eglington.
York Mills	Wm. Stewart, D. D.....	2	44	1833	James A. Bathgate, York Mills.
TORONTO— Beveley Street	E. Hooper, M.D.	11	323	1881	H. G. Hawkins, 117 St. Patrick Street.
Bloor Street	C. A. Eaton, M.A.	61	658	1871	John P. Eastwood, 37 Rosedale Road.
College Street	S. S. Bates, B.A.	7	413	1873	H. R. Booth, 15 Kensing- ton Ave.
Dovercourt Rd.	Jesse Gibson ...	33	373	1881	A. E. Stovel, 20 Sylvan Ave.
First Avenue	P. C. Parker....	20	344	1879	Harry Tolhurst, 12 Bright Street.
Emanuel	H. P. Welton, M.D.....	5	196	1867	Wilson Fenton, 34 King Street West.
Jarvis Street	B. D. Thomas, D. D.....	34	880	1829	Robert Lawson, 14 St. James Ave.
Kenilworth	* H. G. Sneyd, B. A.....	4	32	1893	Mrs. A. Tew, 1926 Queen Street East.
Lansdowne Ave.	S. A. Dyke....	4	201	1887	Hugh Sinclair, 161 Lans- downe Ave.
Ossington Ave.	W. Haryett....	7	90	1888	Miss May Bennett, 94 Hamburg Ave.
Parliament St.	J. A. Keay.....	21	270	1871	S. Slade, 157 First Ave.
Queen Street		1	39	1830	Henry Dabney, 203 York Street.
Royce Ave.	* J. T. Jones... 10	67	1889	H. E. Hunt, Carlton West.	
Sheridan Ave.	* Wm. R. Burrell 3	94	1891	Geo. Sharpe, 423 St. Claren's Ave.	
Tecumseh St.	J. B. Kennedy, B. A.....	21	167	1888	Alfred G. Smith, 14 Mark- ham Place.

TORONTO ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Bap- tists.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Walmer Road.	W. W. Weeks	49	575	1889	John J. Jeffers, 300 Robert Street.
East Toronto	* W. J. Pady, B.A.	3	60	1894	Geo. J. Milne, Coleman Street.
Toronto Junct.	J. R. Webb	6	'98	1866	R. C. Cumming, Toronto Junction.
Total		33 ²	5353		

*Student.

WALKERTON ASSOCIATION.

Attwood	W. T. Bunt	5	77	1875	J. A. Turnbull, Attwood.
Base Line	Wm. Pocock, B.A.	2	48		George Raithby, Auburn.
Carrick		0	90		Conrad Diebel, Neustadt.
Clinton	W. Pocock, B.A.	12	78		J. B. Hoover, Clinton.
Farewell	*D. Brown	0	47	1888	W. H. Mallott, Teviotdale
Glamis	L. M. Kinnon	9	135	1874	John Cameron, Glamis.
Howick		6	39	1857	W. J. Jacques, Gorrie.
Kenilworth	*D. Brown	4	70	1860	R. Wright, Kenilworth.
Kincardine	*E. Nimmo	0	20	1877	L. Komph, Kincardine.
Listowel	W. T. Bunt	10	58	1886	G. W. Bitton, Listowel.
Lucknow	*J. Currie	2	18	1889	Miss K. Burgess, Lucknow
Mt. Forest	R. Lennie, B.D.	5	168 ¹	1860	J. J. Cook, Mt. Forest.
Monck	*D. Brown	21	44	1892	Wm. Little, Monck.
Palmerston		0	51	1886	W. Hayward, Palmerston
Teeswater		4	46	1862	Henry Arkell, Teeswater.
Tiverton	W. W. McMaster B.A.	1	206	1855	A. H. Cameron, Tiverton.
Walkerton	J. A. Banton	4	105	1855	J. Morgan, B.A., Walkert n
Wingham	Jas. Hamilton	8	136		W. J. Chapman, Wingham.
Total		93	1436		

*Student. Increase 45.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and P. O.
Aldborough	H. W. Mack	John McLeod, Clachan.
Bethlehem	C. N. Demey	Madge E. Knight, Northwood.
Blenheim	E. L. Steeves	W. H. Moore, Blenheim.
Blytheswood	H. B. McClenon (Licentiate.)	M. W. Smith, Blytheswood.
Brooker	M. P. Campbell	Geo. Smith, Cottam.
Bothwell	L. Iler	Maggie Boon, Bothwell.
Cedar Springs	E. L. Steeves	R. McGuigan, Cedar Springs.
Chatham		W. H. Benson, Chatham.
Colchester	*A. J. Saunders	Solomon Iler, Arner.
Dresden	J. W. Hoyt	Jean King, Dresden.
Euphemia	C. Iler	G. A. Annett, Cairo.
Essex	M. P. Campbell	John Vosper, Essex.
Florence	Alexander Dewar	C. A. Sweet, Florence.
Harrow	*A. J. Saunders	R. McLean, Harrow.
Kingsville	*A. J. Saunders	Henry Arner, Kingsville.
Leamington	William Cletworthy	G. A. Doherty, Leamington.
Louisville	N. Dewey	E. Arnold, Leamington.

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CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, ETC.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION—Continued.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks and P. O.
Mosa		
Palmyra	* Geo. W. Young	Miss Ethel Eberle, Palmyra.
Ridgetown	Wm. Prosser	D. Waterworth, Ridgetown.
Rodney	H. W. Mack	Thos. C. Campbell, Rodney.
Thamesville	A. Dewar	Effie Singer, Thamesville.
Thorncliffe	J. W. Hoyt	A. D. Shaw, Thorncliffe.
Woodslee		
Wallaceburg	S. J. Farmer	W. J. McDonald, Wallaceburg.
Wheatley	E. D. Sherman	D. Ormstead, Wheatley.
Wilkesport	* Robert Robinson	Richard Hooper, Wilkesport.
Windsor	Wm. M. Corkey	F. H. Sellers, Windsor.
Zone	L. Iler	George Schoot, Bothwell.

* Student. Baptisms, 118. Present total of membership, 2,344.
Same as last year; no new statistics to hand.

WHITBY AND LINDSAY ASSOCIATION.

Churches.	Bap- tisma.	Mem- bers.	Organi- zation.	Clerks and P. O.
Brooklin	* J. F. Vickert	0	70	1827 M. Doolittle, Columbus.
Bobcaygeon	* A. G. Campbell	No report.		D. Cain, Bobcaygeon.
Brock	E. F. Bridgeman	8	22	1861 Thos. Reekie Vallentyne.
Claremont	A. White	0	200	1821 Fred. Farmer, Claremont.
Cannington	A. H. Brace	3	52	1887 Mrs. T. Grigg, Cannington.
Fenelon Falls	Jas. Fraser	1	99	1858 Dr. H. H. Graham, Fene- lon Falls.
Goodwood	* J. J. Ross	11	65	1876 Price Pugh, Goodwood.
Green River	M. E. Siple	0	23	.... Hy. Hopkins, Green River.
Kinmount	Jas. Munt	0	76	1877 H. Graham, Kinmount.
Lindsay	L. S. Hughson, B. A., B. Th.	4	126	1863 E. A. Hardy, Lindsay.
Manilla	A. H. Brace	5	48	1844 W. H. Carter, Manilla.
First Markham	P. C. Cameron	1	37	.... C. Gregory, Markham.
Oshawa	* D. Bovington	0	59	.... F. L. Fowke, Oshawa.
Port Perry	* P. G. Mode	0	53	1866 Miss M. Ebbels, Port Perry.
Reaboro'	* J. B. Grimshaw	9	66	1873 J. F. Calvert, Reaboro'.
Stouffville	P. C. Cameron	11	95	.... J. H. Ratcliff, Stouffville.
Somerville	James Fraser	2	30	.... Geo. A. Eade, Baddow.
Scotch Line	* A. G. Campbell	0	18	1889 T. B. Kennedy, Bobcay- geon.
Sunderland	E. F. Bridgeman	1	31	1880 Thos. Evans, Sunderland.
Uxbridge	* J. J. Ross	29	90	.... W. J. Anderson, Uxbridge.
Whitby	W. S. McAlpine	0	95	1876 L. T. Barclay, Whitby.
Whitevale	M. E. Siple	4	63	1864 Joseph Wilson, Whitevale.
Total		89	1418	
*Student.				

Alphabetical List of Baptist Ministers

ONTARIO, QUEBEC, MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES, AND CANADIAN MISSIONS AMONG THE TELUGUS IN INDIA.

NOTE.—Where no Province is named after the address, Ontario is understood. Quebec and Manitoba are indicated by Que. and Man. respectively. Students by an asterisk (*). Names of ministers not in active service are in *italics*. It will be noticed that the P. O. does not always correspond to the name of the church. The name of the church of which any pastor has charge is given in the list of Associations.

When Ordained.	Name.	Post Office.	Date of Present Settlement.
1895	Adams, Robt.	Shedden	May, 1896.
1873	Ainsworth, Wm	Brighton	
1861	Alexander, John	Quebec	
1876	Anderson, J.	Waterdown	
1851	Anderson, W. K. (ret.)	Vankleek Hill	
1885	Anderson, P. H.	St. Mary's	Oct., 1894.
—	Arms, A. L.	Abbott's Corners, Que	
—	Armstrong, J. A.	Canboro	
1885	Auvache, F. W.	Regina, N.W.T.	Aug., 1893.
1872	Baker, A. C.	Sawyersville, Que	
—	Baker, J. J., B.A.	Sparta	1896.
1865	Baldwin, J. A.	Arkona	1894.
1887	Banton, J. A.	Walkerton	Jan., 1896.
1884	Barker, J. F.	Hamilton	July, 1895.
1884	Barker, W. S.	Campbellford	
1881	Bates, S. S., B.A.	Toronto, 358 Markham st.	Feb., 1886.
1892	Bennet, T. J.	Hamilton	June, 1892.
—	Bennie, Robt., M. A.	Leamington	
1879	Best, J. H.	New Westminster, B. C.	July, 1885.
—	Best, A. R.	Springford	Jan., 1894.
1887	Bingham, Thos	Lyndoch	April, 1896.
—	Bill, I. E.	Toronto, 7 Czar St.	
1887	Blatherwick, John	Marchmont	Jan., 1896.
1855	Bone, T.	St. Catharines, Welland Canal Missionary.	
1895	Bonner, J. R.	Stirling	Mar., 1897.
1890	Boone, C. S. G.	Smith's Falls	Feb., 1895.
1862	Booker, Theop	Stouffville	1891.
—	Bornshlegel, G.	Arnprior	
1874	Bosworth, E.	Tilsonburg	
1887	Boundy, S.	St. Mary's	
—	Bowie, M. P.		May, 1896.
—	Bracken, J.	Binbrook	Feb., 1896.
1895	Brace, A. H.	Cannington	Oct., 1895.
1882	Bridgman, R.	Aylmer	

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When Ordained.	Name	Post Office.	Date of Present Settlement
1876	Brouillet, T.	Roxton Pond, Que.	Mar., 1876.
1889	Brown, J. G., B.A.	Vuyyuru, Kistna District, India.	
1894	Brown, G. B.	Salford	
1891	Brown, J. B.	Parkhill	1896.
—	Brunson, —	Sherbrooke, Que.	Nov., 1896.
1896	Buckberrough, W. S.	Forestville	Nov., 1893.
1892	Bullock, W. S.	Maskinonge	1895.
1896	Bunt, W. L.	Listowel	Feb., 1892.
1879	Burtch, D.D.	Villa Nova	April, 1896.
1850	Burns, Geo. (ret.)	Lamlash	Jan., 1889.
1896	Burns, Geo. I.	Bentinck	
1897	Burrell, C. E.	Westport	Jan., 1894. 1896.
1892	Cain, John	Parry Sound	Oct., 1897.
1869	Calder, J. G.	Alvinston	Feb., 1894.
1855	Cameron, J.	Tiverton	
1896	Cameron, C. J.	Vankleek Hill	May, 1896.
—	Cameron, P. C., B.A.	Stouffville	May, 1896.
1875	Campbell, M. P.	Essex Centre	1892.
—	Campbell, A.	Locharbar Bay	
1884	Carey, O. C.	Renfrew	
1874	Carey, P. R.	Port Burwell	Oct., 1895.
1871	Carey, W.	Goodwood	May, 1894.
—	Cesan, J.	South Ely, Que.	
—	Chandler, Jos. (ret.)	Coaticook	
1892	Charlesworth, T. W.	London, Grosvenor St. (Address 830 Waterloo St.)	Jan., 1893.
1884	Chittenden, George	Brantford	
—	Cheatham, W.	Brockville	
1893	Chute, J. E., B.TH.	Cocanada, India	1893.
1864	Clarke, J. W.	N. Lancaster	May, 1896.
1879	Clatworthy, W. C.	Leamington	1896.
1885	Cline, W. H., B.A., B.D.	Paris	Dec., 1891.
1882	Cohoe, D. B.	Scotland	Jan., 1893.
—	Coligne, J. E.	White Water, Man.	
1897	Cole, L. H.	Moe's River	1897.
—	Coltman, M. D.	Cumberland	
1857	Cook, R. E. (re.)	Acton	
1887	Cook, C. W.	Scotland	
—	Corkery, W. M.	Windsor	1897.
—	Cote, L. O. F.	Sorel, Que.	April, 1896.
1887	Coutts, J. R.	Ormond	
—	Coutts, James	Ailsa Craig	May, 1889.
—	Cowsert, V. H., B.A.	Belleville	Aug., 1894.
1876	Craig, John, B.A.	Akidu, Godavari Dis.	Sept., 1895.
—	Cresswell, J. R.	Montreal, Que.	
1882	Cripps, S.	Oak Lake, Man.	May, 1896.
1888	Cross, George, B.A.	Carleton Place	
1891	Cross, J.	Drummond	May, 1894.
1875	Cunningham, R. M.	Burgessville	Sept., 1896.
1865	Cunningham, S.	Waterford	1894.
1874	Curry, John	Cornwall	
1894	Cuthbert, Wm. F.	Delhi	Dec., 1895. April, 1894.

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1883	Dack, D.	Simcoe	1890
1876	Dadson, E. W., B.A.	Montreal	Sept., 1896.
—	Darroch, A. J.	—	—
—	Davies, J. A.	Stonewall	—
1878	Davis, G. B., B.D.	Poplar Hill	May, 1897.
1864	Davis, S. H.	Sandwich	Oct., 1886.
1887	Davis, J. E., B.A.	India	—
1882	Dayfoot, P. K., M.A.	Port Hope	Sept., 1894.
1848	<i>Dempsey, John</i>	Ingersoll	—
1886	<i>Dennis, R. S. (ret.)</i>	Burgessville	—
1891	Dewar, A.	Thamesville	Nov., 1895.
—	Dewey, C. N.	Louisville	April, 1896.
1897	Dingman, J. F.	Pilot Mound, N.W.T.	1897.
—	<i>Dougherty, G. A.</i>	Leamington	—
1894	Doolittle, Thomas	Thurso, Que.	1894.
—	Dorn, Julius	Ebenezer, Assin.	—
—	Dunlop, A.	Nee pawa, Man.	—
1880	Dunlop, J. C.	Stayner	—
—	Dutaud, L. R.	Quebec	—
—	Dowling, R. M.	Amherstburg	—
1859	Dowling, J. T.	Woodstock	—
—	Downing, G. W.	Sault Ste. Marie	1896.
1872	Dyke, S. A.	Toronto, 36 Lansdowne Ave.	Jan., 1893.
1881	Dykeman, A. T.	Peterboro	Jan., 1897.
—	Eaton, C. A.	Toronto, Bloor st	Nov., 1895.
1894	Elliott, O. C.	Park Street, Peterboro	April, 1897.
1866	Emerson, C. H.	Hamilton	Jan., 1896.
1892	Erb, H.	Lakefield	1897.
—	<i>Everton, G.</i>	South Spring Island, B. C.	—
—	Facey, A. M.	Kentbridge	—
—	Fanjoy, A. J.	Barnston, Que.	Nov., 1895.
1880	Farmer, S. J., B.A.	Wallaceburg	April, 1893.
1865	Fetzer, G.	Berlin	Nov., 1876.
1883	Freed, William	Lobo	1895.
—	Faulkner, J. W.	Sandwich	—
—	Fruske, Robt.	West Brenda, Man.	—
1888	Fothergill, T. M.	Strathroy	Oct., 1894.
—	Fraser, J.	Fenelon Falls	—
—	Frith, A. N.	Ottawa	Oct., 1892.
1894	Frost, T. A. P.	Calgary, N.W.T.	Feb., 1896.
—	Fox, E. T.	Toronto, 58 St. George St	—
1894	Gardiner, J. L.	Dalkeith	Sept., 1896.
1887	Garside, R., B.A., B.Th.	St. Catharines, Lyman St	Dec., 1895.
1880	Gibson, Jesse	Toronto	May, 1896.
1889	Gilmour, J. L., B.A.	Hamilton	April, 1896.
—	Gold, M.	Medicine Hat, N.W.T.	April, 1896.
—	Goodspeed, C., D. D.	Prof. T. B. C., 330 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto	—

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<i>Date of Present Settlement.</i>	<i>When Ordained.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	<i>Date of Present Settlement.</i>
1890	1877	Grant, Alexander	Winnipeg	July, 1890.
Sept., 1896.	1868	Grant, James	Ingersoll	Nov., 1895.
	1875	Grant, William (ret.)	Peterborough	
May, 1897.	1884	Grant, D., B.A.	Montreal	1890.
Oct., 1886.	1872	Gray, John	New Sarum	
	1889	Graham, W. T.	Montreal	May, 1892.
Sept., 1894.	1880	Gregoire, N.	St. Pie, Que.	
	—	Green, J. (ret.)	Montreal	
	—	Grigg, E.	Chatham	
	1858	Gruetzner, E.	New Dundee	Oct., 1896.
	—	Green, Thomas R.	Bolton, Que.	Dec., 1879.
Nov., 1895.	1889	Gregory, J. W.	Burk's Falls	
April, 1896.	1894	Gunton, W. A.	Nanaimo	June, 1897.
1897.				Nov., 1895.
	—	Hagen, T.	Almonte	
1894.	1886	Haines, E. J.	Leith	June, 1892.
	—	Hammett, T.	Holt	
	1890	Hamilton J.	Wingham	May, 1894.
	—	Hall, H. H.	Portage la Prairie, Man.	
	1883	Haryett, William	Toronto, Ossington Ave (Address, 22 Churchill Ave.)	Mar., 1884.
1896.	1876	Harris, E., B. A.	Toronto	Sept., 1889.
ne Ave Jan., 1893.	1874	Harris, S. G.	Shawmut	Nov., 1895.
Jan., 1897.	1890	Harris, E. J., B.A.	Clinton	Oct., 1895.
	—	Hartley, W.	St. Thomas	
	1849	Haviland, W. H.	Waterford	April, 1896.
Nov., 1895.	1890	Haviland, H. J., B.A.	Listowel	
April, 1897.	1888	Heinemann, F.	Killaloe	
Jan., 1896.	—	Helmrich, A.	Sabastopole, Que.	Oct., 1888.
1897.	—	Henderson, W.	Inverness	
B. C.	1866	Higgins, John	Ottawa	
	1883	Holbein, W.	White Lake	April, 1887.
	1878	Hollingshead, J.	Emerson, Man.	Jan., 1895.
Nov., 1895.	—	Holt, J. A.	Amherstburg	
April, 1893.	1874	Hooper, E., M.D.	Toronto, 106 St. Patrick St.	June, 1891.
Nov., 1876.	—	Holbert, J. D.	Amherstburg	
1895.	—	Hoyt, J. W.	Gladstone	
	—	Hulbert, W.	Langton	Oct., 1896.
	1889	Hunter, J. H., B.A.	Coaticook	Oct., 1895.
Oct., 1894.	1881	Hutchinson, D.	Brantford	April, 1886.
	1873	Huff, J. B.	Iona	Jan., 1897.
Oct., 1892.	—	Hughson, L. S., BA., B.TH.	Lindsay	1895.
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	1883	Iler, Leonard	Ridgetown	Nov., 1888.
Sept., 1896.	1851	Iler, Jacob	Cottam	
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May, 1896.	1863	Jackson, S.	Houghton	
April, 1896.	—	Jackson, J. R.	Kenmore	Nov., 1895.
April, 1896.	1873	James, Wm.	Cayuga South	Jan., 1893.
T. April, 1896.	1894	Jaunzen, A.	Neustadt	July, 1894.
Brunswick	1873	Johnston, T. S.	London	Oct., 1895.
	—	Johnston, W. A.	Harrow	Dec., 1896.

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1891	Keay, J. A.	Toronto, Parliament St.	Dec., 1894.
1886	Kelly, R. W.	Hillsburg	Jan., 1896
—	Kendall, J.	Burlington	Nov., 1895.
1890	Kelly, J. H.	Onondaga	Feb., 1896.
1887	Kennedy, J. B., B.A.	Toronto, 128 Palmerston Ave.	Dec., 1893.
1894	Kennedy, A. P.	Baker Hill	July, 1894.
1894	King, C. W.	Kingston	1894.
1896	Kirkpatrick, J. W.	Baillieboro	May, 1896.
1894	Kennedy, J. A.	Kemptville	Jan., 1897.
1869	Kimball, C. H.	Aylmer	Dec., 1894.
1866	Kose, H.	Hanover	June, 1884.
1887	Laflamme, H. F.	India	
1851	<i>Laflaur, T.</i>	Montreal, Que	
1879	Laing, Douglass	Kingston	1889
—	Lamont, D.	Carnduff, N.W.T.	1877
1897	Langford, O. G., B.A.	Georgetown	Jan., 1895.
1888	Lebeau, A. J.	Marieville	
1891	Leehy, G. M.	Goble's Corners	1897.
—	Lennie, R.	Mt. Forest	Nov., 1896.
—	Lewis, A. M.	Chatham	1886
—	Litch, J. W.	Boissevain	
1877	Luckens, T.	Sherbrooke, Que.	Feb., 1897.
—	Ludeke, Julius	Arnprior	
—	Lyman, W.	Sylvan	
1880	McArthur, D. D.	Hartney, Man.	1889.
—	McDonald, A.	Edmonton	1893.
1892	McDonald, A. P., B.A., B.TH.	Dundas	1895.
1882	McDonald, A. R., B.A., B.TH.	Hespeler	Nov., 1896.
1865	McDairmid, D.	Dominionville	Dec., 1887.
—	McDairmid, A. P., M.A.	128 Lenox St., Toronto	
1881	McEwen, James	Warton	Sept., 1895.
1873	McEwen, J. P.	9 Richmond St. W., Toronto	
—	McEwen, P. A.	Berlin	Dec., 1895.
1873	McEwen, P. H.	Spring Ridge, Victoria, B. C.	1892.
1895	McFaul, G. R.	Rockland	1895.
1873	McFayden, Alex.	Fullarton	Oct., 1893.
—	McFarlane, John	Sebringville	
1893	McGee, W. D.	Oil Springs	1897.
1878	McGregor, W.	Durham	May, 1894.
—	McIntyre, A.		
—	McIntyre, J. P.	Carman, Man.	Jan., 1895.
1888	McKay, W. J., B.A., B.D.	Stratford	Oct., 1892.
1887	McKay, R. R., B.A.	Woodstock	Dec., 1896.
—	McLatchey, E. B.	Morden, Man.	
1891	McLeod, C. E.	Peterboro'	
—	McLeod, A.		
1880	McKinnon, J. B.	Kemptville	
1891	McKinnon, L.	Glammis	
1843	<i>McLaurin, D</i> (retired)	Meaford	
1877	McLaurin, C. C.	Galt	Nov., 1894.
1886	McLennan, D.	Farewell	Sept., 1891.

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1896	McMaster, W. W. BA., B. TH.,	Tiverton	
.....	McMinnis, S.	Rosemont, Man.	1896.
1867	McNeil, D.	Toronto.	
1887	McNeil, A.	Cramahe	
1891	McQuarrie, H., B. A.	Vernon	July, 1895.
1892	McQuarrie, John	Strathaven	Aug., 1891.
1887	Mann, J. W.	Port Rowan	
1892	Mack, H. W.	Rodney	Feb., 1893.
1856	Mackie, James (ret.)	Beamsville	Dec., 1893.
.....	Maider, H.	Courtland	
.....	Marguardt, C. L.	Zurich	1897.
1876	Marshall, R.	.....
.....	Marshall, T. M.	Carman	July, 1895.
1877	Mason, George.	Bayham	
.....	Mason, W.	Rockford	April, 1877.
.....	Masse, S. F.	Montreal	
.....	Masse, A. E.	Grande Ligne.	
.....	Masse, G. N.	Grande Ligne.	
1886	Matzitch, J. F.	Neustadt	June, 1886.
.....	Mellick, H. G.	Winnipeg	
1896	Merrill, W. B.	.....
1881	Mihell, D. M., M. A., B. TH.	St. George	May, 1896.
1891	Miller, J.	Bancroft	July, 1895.
1895	Mitchell, C. N.	Forest	
.....	Mitchell, J.	.....	1895.
1888	Moore, J. B.	.....
1888	Morgan, Henry	Beachville	May, 1894.
1882	Movle, J. E.	Bracebridge	Nov., 1895.
.....	Muir, Wm	Toronto	
.....	Mulligan, G.	Chesley, Man	
1890	Munt, Joseph.	Kinmount	April, 1894.
1873	Murden, W.	Gladstone, Man.	
1892	Murdock, Thos.	Algonquin	June, 1892.
1871	Murdoch, A., M. A., LL. D.	Waterford	Mar., 1892.
.....	Myers, J. H.	Woolwich	
.....	Newman, A. H., D. D., LL. D.	Toronto, 116 Yorkville Ave., Prof. Mc- [Master University]	
1887	Newton, L. W.	Norwich	Jan., 1894.
.....	Norton, W. E.	Owen Sound	Feb., 1893.
1890	O'Neill, J.	Cheltenham	May, 1895.
.....	Parent, M. B., B. A.	Grande Ligne	
.....	Parker, A.	Dixville, Que	Jan., 1890.
1870	Parker, P. C.	Toronto, 429 Broadview Ave.	1890.
1889	Palframan, W. L.	St. Mary's	April, 1895.
1896	Palmer, W. H.	.....
1891	Parson, C. A.	Marshville	May, 1897.
1884	Peer, W.	Norwood	Sept., 1896.

<i>When Ordained.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	<i>Date of Present Settlement.</i>
—	Pengelly, J. H.	Leamington	
1884	Phillimore, C. H.	Chesley	
—	Phillips, E.	Bunyan	
1894	Pocock, W., B.A.	Clinton	
—	Pohlman	N. W. T.	June, 1897.
1892	Puttenham, J.	Delta	
1864	Prosser, W.	Ridgetown	April, 1896.
1862	Porter, W. H., M.A.	Brantford	June, 1894.
—	Priest, C. H.	India.	Feb., 1892.
1887	Pugsley, W., Jr. (Evan't).	Port Dover	
—	Pugsley, W., Sr.	Port Dover	
—	Pilkey, J. C.	Mt. Brydges	May, 1896.
1891	Porter, J. W.	Strathclair, Man.	
1895	Quinn, A.	Dunnville	April, 1894.
—	Randall, L. M.	West Lorne	
—	Radcliffe, F.	Stouffville	1894.
—	Redman, W. H.	Decewsville	
1896	Reeves, Jas. B., B.A., B.Th.	Pembroke	Oct., 1895.
1897	Reekie, A. B., B.A.	McMaster Hall, Toronto	1896.
1863	Richardson, G.	Buckingham, Que.	
—	Roberts, E. R.	Selwyn	1890.
1891	Roberts, J.	Woodstock	
1889	Roberts, Chas.	Petrolia	Feb., 1894.
—	Robertson, G. F.	London	Dec., 1895.
—	Robertson, J.	Ingersoll	
—	Robinson, J.	Dominionville	
1892	Robinson, T. C.	Owen Sound	Jan., 1895.
1883	Rock, G. C.	Perth	
1868	Ross, R.	Shoal Lake, Man.	1892.
—	Roughley, E. W.	Wood	
—	Russell, E.	Dixville, Que.	1897
—	Saunders, H.	Lachute, Que.	
—	Saunders, A. J.	Kingsville	Oct., 1896.
1893	Schmidt, R. A.	Hanover	
—	Scott, F. L.	Windsor	Feb., 1892.
1896	Scott, R.	Niagara Falls South	Apr. 1897.
—	Seaborn, J.	Coe Hill	
1895	Segsworth, C.	Wyoming	
1887	Shaw, Hugh	Brownsville	Dec., 1895.
1889	Shields, Thos.	Vittoria	Oct., 1893.
—	Shields Thomas, Jr.	Dutton	Mar., 1894.
1888	Sheldon, S. S.	Barrie	
1860	Sherman, E. D.	Wheatley	1896.
1882	Silcox, J. W.	Osnabruk Centre	
1890	Siple, M. E.	Whitevale	Dec., 1894.
1850	Slaght, Aaron	Waterford	Dec., 1893.
—	Smith, A.	Aylmer	
—	Smith, Eph.	Vienna	
1877	Smith, Ira	London	
1885	Smith, J. M.	Port Colborne	Jan., 1891.
—	Smith, J. T.	Simcoe	Oct., 1894.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MINISTERS.

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Date of Present
Settlement.

	When Ordained.	Name.	Post Office.	Date of Present Settlement.
	1801	Smith, H.	Walsh	
June, 1897.	1887	Smith, J.	Brigden	
	1887	Sowerby, J. H.	Guelph	
April, 1896.	1893	Smith, E. G., M.D.	Yellamanchili, India	June, 1896.
June, 1894.		Speller, H. C.	Sarnia	1895.
Feb., 1892.	1893	Spencer, Wm.	Freelton	Feb., 1895.
	1874	Spencer, D., F.R.G.S.	Brantford	1895.
	1887	Sowler, T. C.	Peterborough	Nov., 1895.
	1881	St. Damas, A. E. De.	Fonthill	
May, 1896.		Stillwell, R. J., B.A.	Cocanada, India	Feb., 1895.
	1895	Stillwell, H. E.	India	1884.
	1890	Stevens, W. H.	Paisley	1895.
	1849	Stewart, Alex.	Durham	Feb., 1896.
April, 1894.	1859	Stewart, Wm., D.D.	York Mills (Address 706 Spadina Ave.)	1892.
		Stevens, W. E.	Niagara Falls	
1894.	1866	Stobo, E. J., Sr.	Quebec	Jan., 1897.
	1896	Stobo, E. J., Jr., B. TH.	North Bay	
Oct., 1895.		Story, H.	Wilkesport	May, 1896.
1896.		Sweet, H. C.	Shoal Lake	Dec., 1893.
	1890.	Sycamore, J. C.	Brockville	Mar., 1890.
				May., 1896.
Feb., 1894.	1879	Tapscott, W. T.	Niagara Falls	
Dec., 1895.	1888	Tapscott, F. T.	Toronto	1893.
	1886	Tennant, John	Brantford	
		Terry, D.	Barston, Que.	
Jan., 1895.	1870	Therrein, A. L.	Montreal	1896.
		Therrein, M. O.	Sherbrooke, Que.	
1892.	1861	Thomas, B. D., D.D.	Toronto, Roxboro Avenue.	Oct., 1882.
		Topping, E.	Woodstock	
		Teal, J. H.	Victoria, B. C.	
1897		Treadwell, W. H.	Port Dover	
	1889	Trickey, J.	Selkirk	
Oct., 1896.	1880	Trotter, J. E.	St. Catharines	May, 1894.
	1893	Trotter, R.	Victoria, B. C.	1896.
Feb., 1892.		Turner, E. S.	Turtle Mountain City, Man.	
Apr. 1897.	1839	Vanloon, J.	Delhi	
	1889	Vansickle, M.	Moosomin	June, 1880.
Dec., 1895.	1893	VanTassel, S.	Selkirk, Man.	
Oct., 1893.		Vining, A. J.	Winnipeg, Man.	Mar., 1896.
Mar., 1894.				
1896.	1882	Walker, W. M., B.A.	London	
	1863	Walker, W. S.	Tavistock	Feb., 1891.
Dec., 1894.	1887	Walker, W.	Teeswater and Lucknow	Nov., 1896.
Dec., 1893.	1884	Walker, J. A. K.	Peddapuram, Godavari Dist., India.	May, 1893.
	1895	Walker, E. S.	Fullarton	
	1885	Wallace, O.C.S., M.A.	Toronto	1896.
		Wallace, R.	Belleville	
Jan., 1891.	1897	Wallace, W. H.		
Oct., 1894.	1863	Warnicker, J. B.	Point St. Charles, Que.	June, 1893.
	1866	Washington, J. H.	London	Sept., 1885.
		Watkins, J.	Hartford	May, 1896.

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1886....	Watson, Thomas	Colborne	May, 1892.
1889....	Weaver, R.	Fingal	June, 1897.
1894....	Weaver, S. S.	Brighton	Oct., 1896.
1884....	Webb, J. R.	Toronto Junction	1895.
1889....	Webb, Geo. T.	Brampton	April, 1897.
1880....	Weeks, J. W.	Guelph	Dec., 1894.
—....	Weeks, L. M., B.TH.	Orillia	Feb., 1896.
1886....	Weeks, W. W.	Toronto, Walmer Road	Jan., 1896.
1857....	Welton, D. M., PH.D., D.D.	Toronto	Prof. T. B. C.
—....	Welton, H. R., D.D.	Toronto	Feb., 1895.
1894....	Whidden, H. P., B.A.	Morden	July, 1894.
1895....	White, W. G.	Oskweken	1895.
1887....	<i>Williams, J.</i>	Vienna	
1892....	White Alex.	Claremont	1893.
1873....	Whyte, J. J.	Springfield	Mar., 1896.
1894....	Yorston, John	Jerseyville	June, 1894.

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MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST CONVENTION.

LIST OF CHURCHES, WITH THE INCREASE FOR THE YEAR, AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP.

Name of Church.	Pastor.	Received by Baptism During Year.	Total.	Present Membership.
Brandon.....	G. M. Leehey.....	31	58	243
Boissevain.....	J. W. Leitch.....	14	16	57
Barclay.....	H. P. Whidden.....	..	..	*9
Bay View.....	A. F. O. Chapman.....	..	..	25
Birtle.....	J. P. McIntyre.....	..	..	..
Calgary.....	M. Gold.....	5	7	75
Chesley.....	A. F. O. Chapman.....	..	..	18
Carman.....	T. M. Marshall.....	..	..	57
Carnduff.....	H. Saunders.....	2	5	32
Edenwold.....	Robert Fensake.....	35	41	80
Edmonton.....	A. McDonald.....	9	19	58
Ebenezer.....	J. Dorn.....	..	..	72
Emerson.....	J. Hollingshead.....	6	14	107
Griswold.....	E. W. Cripps.....	..	..	5
Grenfel.....	J. W. Payne.....	11	14	56
Hartney.....	D. D. McArthur.....	..	..	109
Heimstal.....	F. A. Miller.....	18	38	183
Kaleida.....	W. H. Wallace.....	..	..	*21
Langside.....	..	..	..	*7
Moosomin.....	A. T. Robinson.....	8	14	45
Moose Jaw.....	..	..	..	*23
Medicine Hat.....	Thos. Mulligan.....	..	3	23
Morden.....	H. P. Whidden.....	2	5	50
Manitou.....	W. H. Wallace.....	..	..	35
Melita.....	A. F. O. Chapman.....	6	12	30
Neepawa.....	R. Routledge.....	1	1	36
Ninga.....	J. W. Leitch.....	2	3	37
Oak Lake.....	S. Cripps.....	..	4	45
Olds.....	Jas. Samis.....	..	..	..
Portage la Prairie.....	H. H. Hall.....	11	24	150
Pilot Mound.....	W. R. Atkins.....	1	3	55
Qu'Appelle.....	J. Hannah.....	6	7	33
Regina.....	F. W. Auvache.....	2	8	..
Rosemount.....	..	..	..	81
Rapid City.....	..	..	..	*86
St. Peters.....	W. H. Prince.....	6	6	36
Strathclair.....	R. Ross.....	..	1	31
Shoal Lake.....	R. Ross.....	4	4	27
Stonewall.....	J. A. Davies.....	7	9	43
Treherne.....	..	..	..	*12
West Brenda.....	..	..	..	*7
Westbourne.....	P. C. Cameron.....	6	7	22
Winnipeg, 1st Church.....	Alex. Grant.....	43	62	526
" German.....	W. H. Mueller.....	16	39	90
" Scandinavian.....	N. E. Johnson.....	..	..	*22
South Edmonton.....	Alex. McDonald.....	..	..	*19
Gretna.....	..	1	5	20
Wolseley.....	..	..	..	..
			253	475
				2,841

*From report of 1895.

N.B.—Same as last year; no new statistics to hand.

Date of Present
Settlement.
..... May, 1892.
..... June, 1897.
..... Oct., 1896.
..... 1895.
..... April, 1897.
..... Dec., 1894.
..... Feb., 1896.
..... Jan., 1896.
..... Prof. T. B. C.
..... Feb., 1895.
..... July, 1894.
..... 1895.
..... 1893.
..... Mar., 1896.
..... June, 1894.

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES BY ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.						FOREIGN MISSIONS.						GRANDE LAGRE.						
	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young Peoples' Societies.	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young Peoples' Societies.	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young Peoples' Societies.	Total.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BRANT ASSOCIATION:	12 00					12 00						12 00							
Ancaster.....	12 00					12 00						12 00							
Bramford, First.....	186 14	10 00	35 00	250 00	15 00	807 84	488 76					37 00	2 28						2 25
" " " " " "	15 00		35 00	314 10	107 85	581 95	107 85					948 70	147 60						207 60
Burch.....	30 00	2 00	48 55			63 55	17 00					330 55	134 20	13 51					35 00
Drumbo.....	12 00		39 00			51 00						12 00	16 85						16 85
Governor's Road.....		80				80	7 50	1 00				10 00	68 25	12 00					19 00
Kedlinfield.....												8 41			1 00				20 00
Onondaga, 1st.....	7 00	2 00	10 03			19 03	51					3 25							5 00
" " " " " "	48 70	2 24	8 10			60 04	3 45					3 45							2 00
Paris.....	25 50	24 40				50 90	35 00	9 50	2 00			46 75	6 00						6 00
St. George.....	53 80	3 00	47 26			104 06	37 42	68 54	25			33 13	17 23						17 25
Tuscarora.....	23 05	15 00	19 00	50		57 05	46 90	43 15	12 00			150 73	13 31	6 21	25	2 00			35 00
Wolverton and Ayr.....	892 49	62 04	137 230 50	30 00	167 40	1229 66	772 54	77 93	839 85	19 00	50 00	1759 34	421 34	49 86	1 25	39 00	70 00		631 45
CANADA CENTRAL ASSOC'N:																			
Algonquin.....	30 00					30 00						45 41							4 00
Almonte.....	30 00					30 00						45 41							4 00
Amherst.....	9 80	5 00				14 80						21 00							2 00
Beckwith.....	11 50	4 00				15 50						14 50							2 00
Brookville.....	5 00	1 25				6 25						7 00							2 00
Carleton Place.....	68 50	11 85	70 55	10 00	115 68	276 48	13 79	110 00	30 00			423 79	49 40	14 10					73 00
Della.....	5 22	3 51				8 73						47 50	51 85	3 25					55 10
Drummond.....	10 00					10 00	22 73	17 92	35 50	5 00		57 92		95	5 00				5 95
Kingston.....	29 85	6 00	31 00			66 85	68 80	17 00				37 00							4 00
Union St. Mission.....	8 00					8 00	9 00	1 50	18 00			14 00		4 60					7 42
Lanark.....							9 00					17 00							4 00

CHURCHES BY ASSOCIATIONS.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young Peoples' Societies.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
McKenzieville.....	6 00					6 00
McNab.....	7 00					7 00
Perth.....	14 45					14 45
Phillipsville.....	53 25	20 00				73 25
Plum Hollow.....	7 25	1 00	18 00			26 25
Renfrew.....	5 00	3 00	10 00			18 00
St. Catharines.....	5 00					5 00
St. George.....	18 00	20 00				38 00
St. John's.....	89 45					89 45
St. Lawrence.....	55 25	9 74	50 00			115 00
St. Mark's.....	8 55					8 55
St. Paul's.....	9 74	50 00				59 74
St. Peter's.....	6 00					6 00
St. Thomas.....	18 00					18 00
St. Vincent.....	5 00					5 00
St. Xavier.....	18 00					18 00
St. Zeno.....	5 00					5 00
St. Andrew's.....	18 00					18 00
St. Basil's.....	5 00					5 00
St. Charles.....	18 00					18 00
St. Francis.....	5 00					5 00
St. James.....	18 00					18 00
St. Joseph.....	5 00					5 00
St. Luke.....	18 00					18 00
St. Mark.....	5 00					5 00
St. Matthew.....	18 00					18 00
St. Michael.....	5 00					5 00
St. Nicholas.....	18 00					18 00
St. Peter.....	5 00					5 00
St. Paul.....	18 00					18 00
St. Raphael.....	5 00					5 00
St. Rose.....	18 00					18 00
St. Stephen.....	5 00					5 00
St. Thome.....	18 00					18 00
St. Valentine.....	5 00					5 00
St. Vincent.....	18 00					18 00
St. Xavier.....	5 00					5 00

Beckwith.....	5 00	15 50	6 00	5 00	14 50	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 60
Buckville.....	15 25	7 00	5 00	11 00	11 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Causton Place.....	10 00	115 88	13 79	110 00	30 00	7 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Dallas.....	29 74	31 00	16 50	5 00	49 40	14 56	10 00	10 00	10 00
Douglas and Eganville.....	5 22	2 51	15 00	17 90	35 60	3 25	5 00	5 00	5 00
Drummond.....	10 00	20 00	10 00	68 82	4 50	14 00	137 37	7 42	4 60
Drummond.....	20 85	6 00	31 00	66 85	21 00	8 00	1 48	1 48	1 48
Lanark.....	8 00	3 00	3 00	21 00	9 00	8 00	1 48	1 48	1 48

Middleville.

Middleville.....	6 00	7 60	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Perth.....	14 45	5 55	20 00	18 00	89 45	55 75	9 74	28 00	18 00
Phillipsville.....	53 25	8 20	20 00	18 00	26 25	8 55	28 00	6 00	121 40
Plum Hollow.....	7 50	1 00	18 00	10 00	47 00	8 00	10 00	30 55	20 00
Senfrew.....	47 00	3 60	10 00	10 00	64 58	18 50	7 00	6 45	95 00
St. Albans Falls.....	54 50	16 25	10 00	10 00	1 35	5 00	16 00	21 00	31 00
Toledo.....	41 00	1 35	7 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	38 56	7 00
Westport.....	9 00	1 80	7 00	10 00	17 00	5 00	16 00	21 00	31 00
White Lake.....	20 50	1 80	7 00	10 00	17 00	5 00	16 00	21 00	31 00

EASTERN ASSOCIATION :

Abbott's Coopers.....	424 38	79 94	27 05	10 00	751 31	333 04	40 08	365 50	11 45	36 00	786 07	70 00	26 73	1 00	5 00	102 73
Baldwin's Mills.....	18 35	4 00	13 00	3 00	35 35	25 10	31 00	31 00	56 10	8 35	3 50	3 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	8 35
Barnston.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Bebe Plain.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Ber.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Clareville.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Coastcook.....	12 45	2 60	4 80	4 80	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Dalesville.....	27 00	5 00	4 80	4 80	42 20	24 14	14 30	17 00	38 56	5 25	9 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Drummond.....	45 50	2 00	10 00	10 00	38 00	10 00	40 25	2 00	6 00	48 25	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Ingersville.....	55 00	14 55	10 00	10 00	69 55	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Lachure.....	64 14	11 50	11 50	11 50	75 84	152 53	77 57	20 00	5 70	33 31	8 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Montreal, First.....	438 26	11 85	11 85	11 85	513 26	92 07	4 37	30 98	6 00	230 10	49 14	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Oliver.....	5 00	75 00	17 90	17 90	22 90	815 02	00 00	08 30	127 48	1081 61	44 59	20 00	1200 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Point St. Charles.....	31 38	10 00	10 00	10 00	22 90	3 00	7 65	7 65	12 85	10 00	6 53	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Potton.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	45 38	172 00	57 00	30 50	1 20	220 00	11 00	35	257 94	257 94	257 94	257 94
Quebec.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	25 66	64 45	30 50	30 50	6 55	90 50	6 12	4 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Shawville.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 50	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30	7 30
St. Charles.....	707 18	17 15	81 25	34 87	42 000 87	1439 02	217 74	382 50	28 00	10 22	2077 51	1159 24	69 87	26 93	402 77	1668 66

ELGIN ASSOCIATION :

Avon.....	65 70	10 00	67 60	10 00	153 30	65 40	89 38	154 78	49 00	49 00	49 00	49 00	49 00	49 00	49 00	49 00
Bayham and Houghton.....	25 31	3 50	5 00	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50	3 50
Dorchester.....	16 15	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00
Fulton.....	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00
Glenn.....	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Beckwith.....	5 00	15 50	6 00	5 00	14 50	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 60
Buckville.....	15 25	7 00	5 00	11 00	11 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	2 00
Causton Place.....	10 00	115 88	13 79	110 00	30 00	7 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Dallas.....	29 74	31 00	16 50	5 00	49 40	14 56	10 00	10 00	10 00
Douglas and Eganville.....	5 22	2 51	15 00	17 90	35 60	3 25	5 00	5 00	5 00
Drummond.....	10 00	20 00	10 00	68 82	4 50	14 00	137 37	7 42	4 60
Drummond.....	20 85	6 00	31 00	66 85	21 00	8 00	1 48	1 48	1 48
Lanark.....	8 00	3 00	3 00	21 00	9 00	8 00	1 48	1 48	1 48

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES BY ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.						FOREIGN MISSIONS.						GRANDE LIGNE.						
	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies.	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies.	Total.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ELGIN ASSOCIATION—Cont'd																			
Houghton and Jaffa.....	1 00				1 25	1 25		1 84				1 84							
Lake Shore Calvary.....	33 75	2 37	21 93		18 04	40 01		3 17	56 60	41 00		141 82							
Malahide and Eglham.....	20 54	8 54	11 66		4 61	30 00		0 12	18 50			54 62		22 46	4 59	9 70			36 45
Middlemas.....	9 30	2 50	12 37		10 18	7 00		2 51	37 75			7 00		3 25					3 25
New Sarnam.....	16 00	1 64	10 00		28 16	18 00		1 00	40 24			49 24		14 30	2 13				19 11
Port Burwell.....	7 50	1 00			10 00	5 00		7 77				12 07			1 85				1 85
Stoddien.....	8 42	2 39	12 44		23 25	5 00		1 25	10 98			10 98							12 00
Sturth.....	7 50	1 00			7 50	5 00		3 09				6 25		12 00					12 00
St. Arnold, and Springfield.....	3 00	2 00			3 00	3 00		1 76				1 76		4 00					4 00
St. Thomas.....	35 10	4 60	103 97		20 00	191 67		96 95	10 00	113 26	47 00	25 00	262 21	24 45	10 76				50 21
West Lorne.....	18 00	3 00			5 62	5 62		1 76				1 76							4 00
Yarmouth, 1st.....	28 50	10 38	49 26	95	33 00	628 54		351 61	26 78	143 58	88 00	35 00	903 96	141 21	31 51	11 25	33 50		218 09
GUELPH ASSOCIATION:																			
Acton.....	4 50				4 50	4 50		4 58		5 45		10 03							2 00
Baldwin.....	4 00	1 01			6 01	1 00		8 72		7 72		15 67							2 00
Berlin & English.....	12 85	6 25			19 10	20 84		4 20		10 00		28 34							7 50
Brampton.....	11 00	10 00	24 20		45 20	45 20		3 00	25 33			28 33		2 50	5 00				7 50
Cheltenham.....	23 00	3 00	14 60		40 60	40 60		1 00	19 22			20 22							2 00
East Flamborough.....	17 51	9 93			20 44	16 55		8 57		9 45		11 47							5 00
Edmonston.....	27 00	2 53			29 53	29 53		8 57		9 45		11 47							5 00
Erin.....	1 15	1 00			2 15	2 15		1 00				1 00							12 00
Fullarton.....	19 30	2 25	5 42		26 97	17 57		17 57		17 57		17 50							19 62
Galt.....	25 70	12 86	20 00		57 16	35 27		10 97	47 76			10 00	98 10	9 61	10 00				6 00
Georgetown.....	18 00	3 00	18 75		28 75	25 80		5 80		6 25		30 75		6 00					6 00
Guelph, 1st.....	19 00	8 00	18 75		35 00	35 00		15 00		15 00		15 00		8 00					20 00
Guelph, 2d.....	26 04	4 63	39 11		59 77	29 72		4 63	38 00			22 34		3 00					20 00
Trinity.....																			20 00

Hillsburg.....	5 67	1 95	11 73		2 00	21 31		7 61		4 00		3 50	15 43	8 20	3 00				1 85
Hesperia.....	16 00	4 00	16 85		36 75	14 20		14 20		6 85		21 05		5 23					15 43
Oranville.....	10 00	2 00			5 00	4 05		4 05		7 61		4 05		3 85					15 43
Preston.....	30 00	6 00			36 00	36 00		7 61		7 61		7 61		3 85					15 43
St. Mary's.....	30 00	12 15			42 15	42 15		7 61		7 61		7 61		3 85					15 43

Berlin - English	12 85	6 55	19 10	8 40	7 27	15 67	15 67	3 00	1 25	15 45
Brampton	11 00	10 00	24 20	45 80	3 00	25 3	70 64	2 50	5 00	7 50
Chateaufort	17 51	3 03	14 00	20 64	16 85	3 00	28 35	5 00	2 00	2 00
East Nissouri	1 00	1 23	2 00	2 23	8 27	9 43	18 22	5 00	5 00	5 00
East Flamboro	27 00	2 50	29 50	2 15	1 00	1 00	11 49	12 00	12 00	12 00
Edmonton	1 15	1 00	2 15	5 07	17 97	1 00	1 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Willsboro	19 30	11 85	31 15	50 97	10 17	11 16	10 00	6 00	10 00	10 00
Galt	22 20	11 85	34 05	50 97	10 17	11 16	10 00	6 00	10 00	10 00
Georgetown	18 20	3 00	8 75	70 25	25 20	4 75	10 00	8 00	8 00	8 00
Guelph, Ont.	17 10	0 50	47 75	7 00	78 35	55 80	7 00	13 46	13 80	13 80
Trinity	26 04	4 62	29 11	59 77	29 75	4 62	72 34	23 00	3 00	26 00

CONTRIBUTIONS

Hillsburg	5 67	1 95	11 73	7 01	7 01	6 83	4 00	3 50	15 43	3 00	1 25	15 45						
Hesperer	12 00	4 00	16 85	36 85	14 20	6 83	4 00	3 50	21 05	8 20	3 00	1 25						
Oranville	3 00	4 00	7 65	5 00	4 05	7 65	4 00	3 50	4 05	5 23	3 00	3 85						
Freston	10 00	7 00	17 00	17 05	2 25	7 65	3 00	3 00	6 00	21 15	5 00	3 85						
Schrippingville	26 30	3 00	13 15	6 05	27 15	2 30	30 70	3 00	60 21	10 15	10 00	11 45						
Stratford	3 00	3 00	22 60	70 20	22 32	17 00	14 00	28 00	24 22	15 31	8 00	8 00						
Tavistock	30 60	17 00	22 60	3 29	35 00	17 00	14 00	38 00	24 22	15 31	8 00	8 00						
HAMILTON ASSOCIATION:	302 72	87 30	221 43	9 00	622 92	331 23	86 26	270 91	14 00	90 30	753 60	139 46	35 45	5 00	10 50	1 25	190 66	
Fronte	3 23	1 15	4 38	4 38	3 71	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	4 38	
Burlington	3 00	4 31	7 31	17 70	6 50	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	10 45	
Freleton	10 00	8 70	18 70	11 50	8 00	28 10	12 52	48 60	3 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	1 25	
Hamilton - Ferguson Ave.	122 34	20 00	40 99	152 33	49 00	20 00	96 59	13 25	169 84	26 07	111 00	2 00	5 25	2 00	5 25	2 00	5 25	
Herkimer St.	2 00	8 00	12 00	54 78	80	8 68	32 15	40 23	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	
McNab St.	6 00	1 05	7 05	3 31	31 02	2 90	21 68	30 00	34 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	
Victoria Ave.	5 50	2 05	16 25	2 00	4 65	14 00	14 00	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	21 01	
Wentworth St.	1 85	80	2 65	5 31	374 99	66 51	59 68	189 20	1 00	43 25	359 73	29 32	5 80	111 00	2 00	148 12	2 00	148 12
Waterdown	182 07	49 36	138 05	36 95	180 00	20 03	225 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	180 00	
GRANDE LIGNE ASSOCIATION:	4 00	4 00	8 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	
Grande Ligne	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Montreal	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Mariville	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Mashington	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Naugog City	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Knoxton Park	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Rockland (French)	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. John	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Ely	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Ely	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Michael	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Constant	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Phillips	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. George	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Eustace	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
St. Eustace	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
Waterloo	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	
TOTAL	889 25	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	20 75	910 00	

TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES BY ASSOCIATIONS.	HOME MISSIONS.						FOREIGN MISSIONS.						GRANDE LIGNE.						
	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies.	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies.	Total.	Church.	S. School.	Circles and Bands.	Individuals.	Young People's Societies.	Total.	
NORFOLK ASSOCIATION—Cont'd.																			
Langton.....	15 57	4 35				19 92	5 06					8 06		70					70
Lynnville.....																			
Middletown, North.....																			
Port Rowan.....	8 88					8 88	16 02					16 02							16 02
Pine Grove.....	5 28	1 50				6 78	2 50					9 28							9 28
Round Plains.....	18 25	8 00				26 25	11 00					37 25							37 25
Selkirk.....	2 70	2 73	4 05			9 48	2 00					7 50							7 50
Strong Arbor.....																			
Sumner.....	30 00	5 75	12 36		5 50	53 61	60 00	4 00	17 87	2 00		83 87	26 07	4 00				90 97	
Tyrell.....	33 44					33 44	18 85					52 29							71 14
Vittoria.....	7 50	3 71	23 00			34 21	7 50					41 71							49 21
Wana Nova.....	60 15					60 15	94 00	3 00	21 04			178 00	1 00						180 00
Waterford.....	59 90		28 75		5 00	93 65		25 43			22 00	50 43	13 61						73 61
NORTHERN ASSOCIATION:	430 47	28 77	223 22	25 00	14 00	721 46	370 75	12 18	151 25	14 00	42 50	790 68	110 99	12 72					912 61
Barris.....	10 00	3 45	20 58			34 03						34 03							34 03
Bellevue.....	8 24	1 40				9 64	5 00	19 70				14 64	2 28	4 03					18 92
Helle Ewart.....	15 00					15 00	7 53					22 53	5 00						27 53
Bracebridge.....	15 00	8 00				23 00	10 00					33 00	2 80	1 00					36 80
Burk's Falls.....	5 10	2 40	8 00		1 00	16 50						16 50	3 10	1 80					21 30
Collingwood.....	2 50	2 00	3 00			7 50	5 00	1 30				13 80	7 35	7 30					28 45
Deer Lake.....	10 00	2 38				12 38	4 60	1 50				18 48	3 70						22 18
Dwight.....			4 00			4 00						4 00							4 00
Gravenhurst.....	4 87					4 87						4 87							4 87
Kenvale.....	14 25					14 25						14 25							14 25
Marathon.....	20 00	1 10	11 25			32 35						32 35	4 25						36 60
Midland.....	6 50	4 00				10 50	2 00					12 50	5 00						17 50
Mining.....	11 00	5 00	0 00			16 00						16 00	3 80						19 80
Madora.....	5 00					5 00						5 00	50						55 00

North Bay.....	23 37	3 00				26 37	11 10	1 00				38 47	5 00	1 75					45 22
North Widdifield Mission.....	25 00	4 50				29 50	12 25	3 27				45 02	3 70	3 00					51 72
Oro, East.....	2 25					2 25	5 00					7 25							7 25
Perry West.....	2 25					2 25						2 25							2 25
Port Ashland.....	2 50	2 07	6 10			10 67						10 67	5 00						15 67

Collingwood.....	5 10	2 40	3 00	8 00	15 50	7 00	3 00	1 80	3 00	8 10
Creemore.....	10 00	2 50	3 00	3 00	9 50	7 00	6 30	9 55	1 00	29 03
Doe Lake.....	10 00	2 50	3 00	3 00	9 50	7 00	6 30	9 55	1 00	29 03
Gwilt.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Elmvale.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Fort William.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Marchmont.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Midland.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Minsting.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37
Madonia.....	4 00	4 00	4 50	4 50	4 00	4 60	6 10	3 00	3 00	37

North Bay.....	23 37	3 00	5 00	1 00	11 10	1 00	12 10	5 00	1 75	6 75				
North Widdfield Mission.....	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24	1 24				
Ottila.....	3 00	4 50	5 00	5 00	9 50	13 25	3 37	16 25	3 37	5 57				
Oro, East.....	3 00	4 50	5 00	5 00	9 50	13 25	3 37	16 25	3 37	5 57				
Parry Sound.....	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25	2 25				
Port Arthur.....	3 80	2 97	6 10	12 00	15 87	4 1	2 59	9 01	1 82	4 75				
Sault Ste. Marie.....	3 45	5 00	12 00	14 00	27 45	5 80	31 10	36 10	1 82	1 82				
Spicedale.....	10 00	3 75	14 00	14 00	27 75	1 25	1 00	11 08	4 14	8 05				
Stroud.....	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25				
Sundridge.....	15 00	2 75	6 80	6 80	24 55	1 80	6 80	1 80	6 80	4 14				
Uthoff.....	10 00	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 20				
Uthoff.....	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15	5 15				
OTTAWA ASSOCIATION :	228 38	31 23	109 51	5 00	395 12	53 43	25 81	103 25	182 49	57 50	39 79	1 66	14 87	113 82
Avoca.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Billerica.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Breadallane.....	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75	23 75
Bristol.....	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00
Clarendon.....	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00
Cornwall.....	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00
Cumberland.....	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75	27 75
Dunlop.....	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10
Dunlopville.....	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54	23 54
East Templeton.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Grenville.....	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00
Kemptville.....	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00
Kenmore.....	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50	40 50
Morrisburg.....	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86	2 86
Mulgrave.....	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00	14 00
North Clarendon.....	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00	16 00
North Lancastr.....	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50	6 50
Ormond.....	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17	104 17
Osgoode.....	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09	54 09
Metcalfe Mission.....	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75	3 75
Osnabruck.....	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23	402 23
Ottawa, First.....	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45	90 45
St. Charles Memorial.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Papineauville.....	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Riesville.....	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mar.	30 00	2 60	3 00	19 67	9 74	5 00	14 74	9 31	9 31
Meadford.	4 00			10 00			3 15	1 36	1 36
Norley.	3 00	1 10	4 00	7 00	3 15	3 00	19 01	4 00	1 30
North Bruce.	18 60	3 00	4 00	11 65	14 45	1 00	12 25	7 36	5 35
Orillia.	3 00			10 00	12 25	3 00	18 25	7 36	7 36
Orillia Sound.	38 60	3 00	18 72	59 34	242 50	13 116 34	384 90	115 70	134 10
Paisley.	75 15	6 50	35 88	79 26	45 68	18 55	64 43	12 00	25 78
Port Elgin.	49 60	14 34	10 00	18 40	54 09	1 63 11 75	95 40	12 93	3 85
Priceville.	6 72	9 1	2 00	6 31	1 03	2 00	3 00	2 00	2 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			27 50	4 00	3 00	18 00	6 00	2 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			23 68	4 00	3 00	27 10	6 30	6 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			49 60	9 85	11 00	18 00	6 00	2 30
Sutcliffe.	7 00			32 40	14 30	7 50	21 80	2 30	1 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			49 48	31 50	30 78	68 30	10 00	4 50
Sutcliffe.	7 00			17 2	6 00	7 45	31 97	2 00	5 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			30 20			10 00	4 50	2 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			40 20			12 00	7 56	2 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			13 65		19 55	20 21	11 47	8 19
Sutcliffe.	7 00			171 98	73 37	50 7 21	10 21	40 00	1 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			38 00	4 00	15 30	158 17	40 00	65 18
Sutcliffe.	7 00			15 00	100 04	55 00	19 30	35 00	65 13
Sutcliffe.	7 00			8 81	5 50	171 98	79 02	35 00	15 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			8 81		8 00	18 00	36 11	35 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			1 04		5 00	5 00	3 60	17 11
Sutcliffe.	7 00			9 57	3 12		5 00		5 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			74 180	367 46	62 4336 37 473 000	3 12	1 50	3 10
Sutcliffe.	7 00			6 25		26 35	125 23	83 23	1 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			36 81			59 00		21 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			24 72			3 50		5 22
Sutcliffe.	7 00			5 32			11 00		3 61
Sutcliffe.	7 00			8 62			40 24		11 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			10 00			7 00		11 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			8 62			3 00		11 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			3 00			3 00		11 00
Sutcliffe.	7 00			9 10			71 26		8 50
Sutcliffe.	7 00			71 34			3 00		8 50
Sutcliffe.	7 00			15 50			5 00		5 00

S. Sydenham.
 Spring Bay.....
 Tara.....
 Wainbury.....
 Woodford.....

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION:
 Belleville.....
 Bewley.....
 Brighton.....
 Cobouellford.....
 Colborne.....
 Crumake.....
 Dummer.....
 Gimellia.....
 Haldimand Memorial.....
 Havelock.....
 Hubble Hill.....
 Nersfield.....
 Noerfield.....
 Peterborough.....
 Peterborough Park St.....
 Fort Hope.....
 Selwyn.....
 Sibley.....
 Stirling.....
 Warsaw.....

TORONTO ASSOCIATION:
 Aurora.....
 Baker Hill.....
 Bethel (King).....
 Dixie.....
 Ebenezer.....
 Egli ton.....
 Highfield.....
 King, 151.....
 Markham.....
 Providence.....
 Schomberg.....

CONTRIBUTIONS.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ONTARIO AND QUEBEC
FOR 1896-'97.

ASSOCIATIONS.	ASOCIATIONS.									
	Pastoral Support.	Current Expenses.	Building and Repairs.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Grande (Ligne).	Manitoba and North-West.	Educational.	Sunday School.	Other Denominational Objects.
Canada Central	9,057 68	2,094 85	\$5,021 04	8,537 59	7,09 49	227 00	296 54	138 29	730 50	135 00
Edwin	6,767 00	2,012 97	3,113 34	1,755 25	5,993 18	1,269 46	191 40	481 63	261 63	1,200 00
Edwin	6,899 87	2,012 97	3,113 34	1,755 25	5,993 18	1,269 46	191 40	481 63	261 63	1,200 00
Guelph	9,968 76	3,583 35	3,372 02	773 85	873 46	203 45	172 36	479 15	187 31	363 24
Hamilton	4,366 45	3,305 84	7,541 02	439 39	370 11	98 18	75 72	8 25	898 05	
London	7,917 91	2,056 01	1,728 63	437 94	469 82	92 45	229 40	8 25	1,418 10	414 47
Niagara	7,516 83	2,134 51	2,680 88	647 36	699 78	143 97	88 36	10 30	185 10	137 54
Norfolk	6,040 88	1,798 09	3,303 04	372 07	222 53	85 98	102 02	7 10	569 26	36 85
Northern	6,040 88	1,798 09	3,303 04	372 07	222 53	85 98	102 02	7 10	569 26	36 85
Owen Sound	5,404 45	1,194 45	3,742 52	436 30	388 81	138 87	123 78	2 80	162 83	1,012 82
Oxford and Brant	15,979 43	7,888 22	6,927 40	2,440 80	2,388 55	864 24	786 14	123 35	271 58	253 96
Peterborough	6,513 33	2,272 20	2,510 32	651 13	825 42	205 08	187 69	38 46	311 36	236 27
Port Hope	4,875 00	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76	1,574 76
Walkerton	4,138 54	1,072 47	1,038 73	406 49	375 46	95 33	178 69	38 46	1,111 10	1,146 01
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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS OF BAPTIST CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

COUNTRIES.	Churches.	Pastors and Missionaries.	Members.	Scholars in Sunday Schools.	Baptisms.
EUROPE.					
England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Channel Islands	2,917	1,935	353,967	513,638	15,795
Austria-Hungary	8	7	2,953	1,534	1,020
Belgium	1	1	60		
Denmark	25	18	3,310	4,089	251
Finland	28	28	1,589	591	148
France	55	25	1,994	795	264
Germany	144	106	24,571	18,364	1,928
Holland	19	10	1,273	1,666	77
Italy	62	39	1,423	1,187	150
Norway	29	26	2,244		
Roumania and Bulgaria	4	5	384		
Russia, including Poland	102	73	17,066	4,530	32
Spain	6	3	87		1,079
Sweden	553	430	37,601	40,353	2,595
Switzerland	8	5	677	743	24
ASIA.					
Ceylon	3,961	2,713	449,669	588,238	23,369
China	103	8	1,059	1,589	28
India, including Burmah & Assam	252	164	5,318	1,444	582
Japan	985	557	105,696	29,066	4,607
Palestine	20	60	1,073	2,036	188
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AFRICA.					
South	1,367	791	113,858	34,186	5,495
Central	25	29	2,780	2,160	104
West	30	88	1,401	757	312
St. Helena and Cape Verdes	39	10	1,685	2,640	67
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AMERICA.					
Dominion of Canada—	66	129	5,977	5,673	483
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Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island	523	396	43,687	36,139	2,186
United States	402	177	45,738	27,813	3,066
Mexico	44,037	28,820	3,950,089	1,500,822	205,157
West Indies and Central America	32	30	1,120	629	226
South America	310	96	45,173	31,414	2,821
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AUSTRALASIA.					
New South Wales	44,820	29,538	4,116,535	1,596,983	213,589
New Zealand	36	24	2,313	3,277	235
Queensland	30	18	1,066	4,732	148
South Australia	22	22	2,023	3,016	91
Tasmania	59	35	4,210	6,829	152
Tasmania	12	8	566	1,077	15
Victoria	65	46	5,911	8,630	466
Totals	230	153	18,089	27,561	1,107

N. B.—The above statistics are taken from the English Baptist Handbook for 1897, with the exception of those pertaining to Ontario and Quebec, which are compiled from our Associational returns.

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Baptist Periodicals in Canada.

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THE CANADIAN MISSIONARY LINK, a monthly Baptist paper, devoted to the interests of the Women's Foreign Missionary Societies of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces; published in Toronto. Price, 25 cents per year. Mrs. Newman, 116 Yorkville Avenue, Editor and Business Manager.

BAPTIST VISITOR, a monthly Baptist paper, devoted to the interests of the Women's Home Missionary Societies of Ontario and Quebec. Published at Toronto. Mrs. A. R. McMaster, Editor.

THE BAPTIST YEAR BOOK, of Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and the North-West Territories; published annually, under the direction of the denominational Societies. Rev. D. M. Mihell, M.A., B.Th., Editor.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY, a monthly magazine; published by the McMaster University.

MESSENGER AND VISITOR, amalgamated January, 1885, a weekly newspaper, published every Wednesday, at No. 8 Pugsley Building, Prince William Street, St. John, N. B., by the Maritime Baptist Publishing Co.; Rev. S. McC. Black, M.A., Editor. \$1.50 a year.

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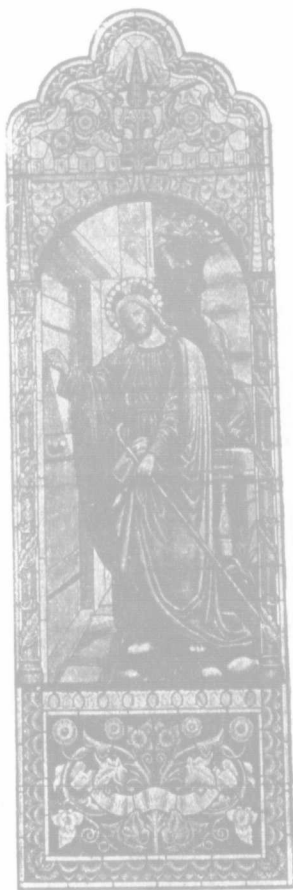
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