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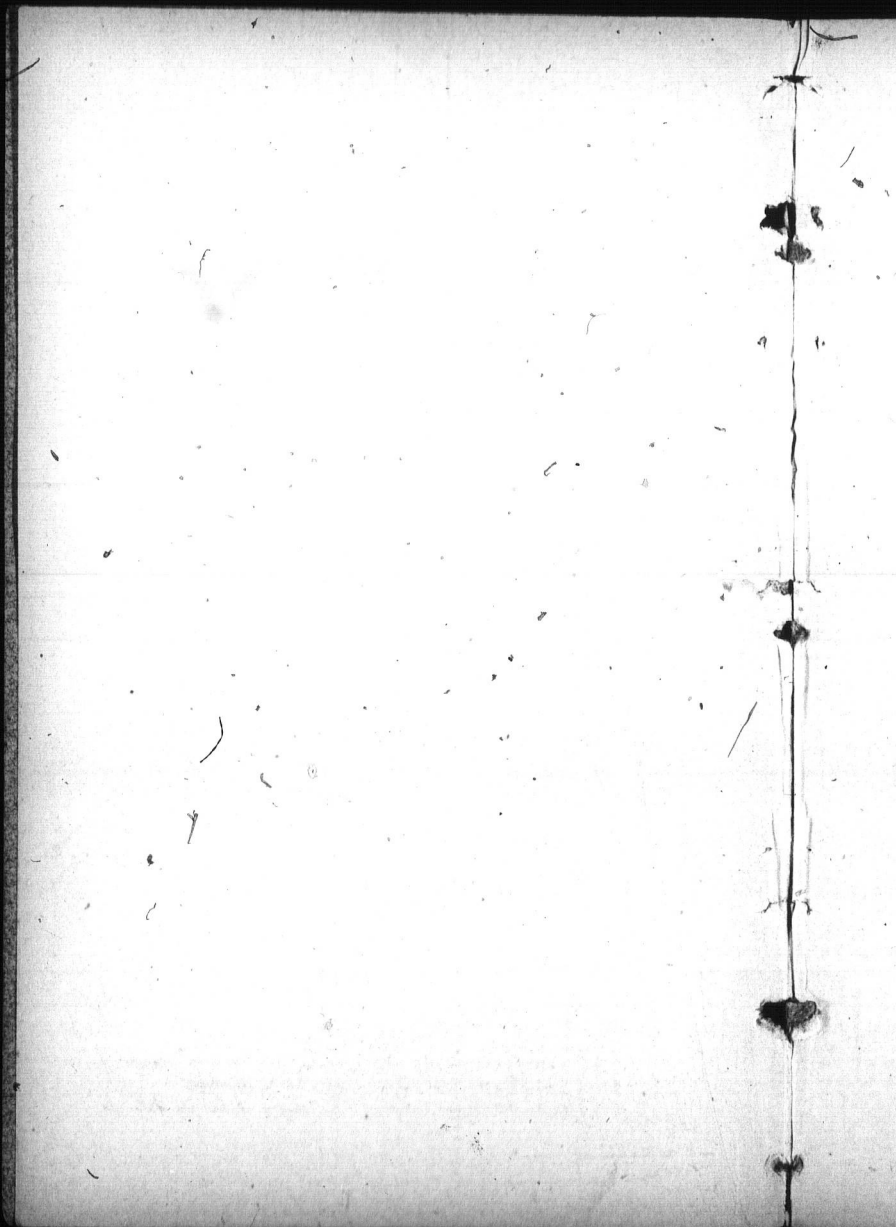
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EAST ONTARIO ASSOCIATION.
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SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST SESSION.

CLAREMONT, JUNE 25th, 1879.

The Association was called to order at 10 a.m. by the Rev. J. T. Dowling, when the Rev. Geo. Richardson was duly elected Moderator. After prayer by Rev. J. H. Best and a brief address from the Moderator, the Clerk of last year was re-elected, and the Association proceeded to appoint the following Committees :

BUSINESS AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revs. J. T. Dowling, T. Booker, and Bro. P. Hinman.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revs. W. K. Anderson, J. H. Best, and Bro. J. Dryden.

RESOLUTIONS.—Revs. D. A. MacGregor, W. Prosser, and Bro. Wm. Smith.

The following visiting brethren then reported themselves :—Rev. S. A. Dyke, representing Home Missionary Convention ; W. Westbrook, *Christian Helper* ; Prof. S. J. McKee, B. A., C. L. Institute ; Rev. W. Muir, *Canadian Baptist*.

The Clerk then proceeded with the reading of the church letters, until the following report was presented.

BUSINESS REPORT, NO. I.

1st. Reading of church letters until adjournment.

2nd. Reading resumed at 2 p.m., and continued until completion.

3rd. Fifteen minutes to Rev. Wm. Muir to present the claims of the *Canadian Baptist*.

4th. Annual Sermon at 2 45 p.m.

5th. Discussion of the Beneficence Scheme.

The reading of the church letters having already been completed, the report was received, and adopted from the third clause.

Bro. Muir accordingly presented the claims of the *Baptist*, and

fter some remarks by other brethren, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. K. Anderson.

SECOND SESSION.

The Association met again at 2 p.m., and after praise and prayer, proceeded to arrange the place of meeting for the next Association. Invitations were presented from the Port Perry and Sydney churches, and after a brief discussion the motion to accept the former was carried.

The following appointments were then made in connection with the meeting:—Preacher of Annual Sermon, Rev. W. T. Tapscott; Alternate, Rev. W. K. Anderson; Writer of Circular Letter, Rev. J. H. Best; Alternate, Rev. J. T. Dowling.

Rev. T. Booker next moved, "That the Annual Sermon be hereafter preached on the afternoon of the first day of meeting, at 3 p.m."

Having supported the motion, and set forth the advantages to be gained by the change, it was duly seconded and carried.

Rev. J. T. Dowling called attention to the fact that By-Law No. 15 had become a dead letter, and therefore moved, seconded by Rev. T. Booker, "That the said By-Law, No. 15, be stricken out, and the duties required thereby, devolve upon the Clerk of the Association." This was carried by the requisite two-thirds vote, and on motion the Clerk was instructed to provide the requisite means for preserving the records of the Association.

Prof. S. J. McKee, B. A., then appeared in behalf of the Canadian Literary Institute, setting forth briefly and clearly, the superior advantages offered by our School for the training of young men and women.

The hour having arrived for the delivery of the Annual Sermon, Rev. W. Lacey conducted the opening exercises, and Rev. Geo. Richardson preached from 2 Cor. 5: 20, 21—theme: "The Ministry of Reconciliation."

At the close of this interesting service, the Business Committee presented their second report.

BUSINESS REPORT NO. 2.

- 1st. Discussion of Beneficence Scheme, half an hour.
- 2nd. Report of Committee on Circular Letter.
- 3rd. Resolution on *Canadian Baptist*.
- 4th. Resolution on Canadian Literary Institute.
- 5th. Adjournment at 5 p.m.
- 6th. Platform Meeting at 7.30 p.m. in behalf of Home Missions—chair to be occupied by Jno. Dryden, Esq., M.P. Speakers, Revs. W. P. Hazelton, W. T. Tapscott, J. H. Best, and S. A. Dyke. Collection.
- 7th. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning from 9 to 10, led by Rev. A. Turnbull.

8th. Sermon by Rev. S. A. Dyke.

9th. Reading of Circular Letter.

The report was received and adopted.

The following resolution on Home Missions was then presented.
Moved by Rev. A. Turnbull, seconded by Bro. Jno. Dryden :

“Whereas, our denomination has, in the past, reaped great advantages through the instrumentality of the Home Mission Convention ; and also, in view of the lamentable inadequacy of the present amount raised for its support, Therefore be it

Resolved,—That, as an Association, we pledge ourselves to more strenuous efforts for its support, and heartily recommend the adoption by our churches of the Scheme of Systematic Beneficence recently introduced, as the most efficient means of stimulating them to increased liberality, and of relieving the financial embarrassment of the Convention.

The discussion which followed threw a good deal of light upon the working of the Beneficence Scheme, and resulted in the passage of the resolution by a standing vote.

The session closed at 5.20, after prayer by Bro. Dyke.

THIRD SESSION.

A large congregation assembled at 7.30 p.m. to hear the addresses on Home Missions. The chair was occupied by John Dryden, Esq., M.P., who, after appropriate opening exercises, gave a brief address and then called upon the appointed speakers. The important theme of the evening was unfolded in such a manner that the interest of all was maintained to the last, and Bro. Dyke's appeal on behalf of the Convention debt met with such a hearty response, that he was enabled to declare “the end in view.” Collection \$16.15.

FOURTH SESSION.

June 26th, 1879.

After a prayer meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. the Moderator took the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. Prosser, and the business of the Association proceeded with. The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read by its author and published with the Minutes. The report was received and adopted. The following resolution was then presented :

“CANADIAN BAPTIST.”

In view of the valuable services rendered to the cause of Christ

generally and to the work of our own body in particular by our denominational paper the *Canadian Baptist*.

Resolved,—That we do hereby record our high appreciation of the work already done, and also pledge ourselves to render the hearty support which the paper merits as an enterprise which specially contemplates the advancement of our distinctive principles and by its efficient management is largely instrumental in securing our denominational prosperity.

Mover—Rev. T. Booker.

Seconder—Dea. G. Winn.

Carried by a standing vote.

A motion was then made by Dea. G. Winn, seconded by Dea. P. Hinman, to reconsider the vote relative to the place of meeting for next year. After a brief discussion, marked by a genuine desire to further the best interests of the Association at large, the motion was carried by a standing vote; and the amendment to the motion thus brought under reconsideration was subsequently carried, making Sydney the next place of meeting. This was followed by a resolution on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Whereas, we have great reason to thank God for the blessings that have attended the labours of our missionaries in heathen lands, and, while recognizing the liberality of many in contributing to this object, be it

Resolved,—That we deplore the unfaithfulness of many in failing to aid in this glorious work, and also urge them to aid in providing the means requisite to carry the gospel to those in heathen darkness.

Mover—Rev. W. K. Anderson.

Seconder—Dea. W. Smith.

Carried.

Rev. S. A. Dyke then preached before the Association from Col. 2: 10—"Ye are complete in Him," and the Association adjourned at 12 m. with the benediction by the Rev. W. K. Anderson.

FIFTH SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p. m., and opened with singing and prayer. The Business Committee presented their third report.

BUSINESS REPORT, NO. 3.

1. Introduce various resolutions prepared by Committee.
2. Consideration of matters relating to Association *Forms*, Letters and *Minutes*.
3. Consideration of the advisability of compiling a history of the churches of this Association to be printed with *Minutes*.

4. Consideration of the desirability of appointing a Business Committee, a year in advance.

5. Introduction of a resolution respecting a doctrinal sermon to be preached yearly on the second day at 10.30 a.m.

6. Completion of business.

7. Programme for meeting in behalf of Foreign Missions. Moderator to take the chair at 7.30 p.m. Speakers—Revs. W. K. Anderson; A. Turnbull, W. Prosser; S. Tapscott. Fifteen minutes each. Collection.

Received and adopted.

After considering the questions raised in reference to Blank Forms and Minutes, the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the clerks of other Associations respecting the adoption of a uniform style.

In relation to the history of the churches it was first moved and carried that Dea. P. Hinman read the history of the Haldimand Church which he had prepared, and after a subsequent discussion it was also moved and carried that Rev. J. T. Dowling prepare a history of the Rawdon-Stirling Church for the next Association.

A Business Committee was then appointed, consisting of Revs. W. Lacey, J. T. Dowling, and A. Turnbull, to make such arrangements as might facilitate the work of our next meeting.

The Circular Letter on "Our Associational Gatherings" was read by its author, Rev. D. A. MacGregor, and on motion was received as the letter of the Association, ordered to be printed with the Minutes, and also sent to the *Canadian Baptist*.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Business Committee the Clerk next moved that the following be added to our By-Laws, and be known as "No. 15": "All church letters shall be forwarded to the Clerk not less than two weeks before the meeting of the Association." Carried by a two-thirds vote.

A discussion on the work of the newly appointed Business Committee resulted in the following motion:—"That the arrangement of the programme for next year, be, for that occasion; left to the discretion of the Committee." Carried.

A resolution expressing sympathy with the Rev. J. Finch was then presented, and the Clerk instructed to forward a copy to him.

RESOLUTION—REV. J. FINCH.

Whereas our esteemed brother, Rev. J. Finch, is, in the wise providence of our Heavenly Father, passing through the deep waters of affliction,

Resolved,—That we, as members of this Association, at whose meetings we have often been cheered and profited by his presence and counsels, would hereby express our loving sympathy with our brother

in this trying hour, and unite in prayer that he may be comforted and sustained by the spirit of all grace.

Mover—Rev. S. Tapscott.

Seconder—Rev. W. Lacey.

Rev. T. Booker led the Association in prayer on behalf of Bro. Finch.

HOSPITALITY.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the Pastor, the ladies of this church and the friends generally for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay here.

Mover—E. Mundy.

Seconder—Rev. J. T. Dowling.

Carried by a standing vote, after a general expression of hearty concurrence therein.

The passing of the subjoined resolutions completed the work of the Association.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT, WOODSTOCK.

Whereas the condition of our country and denomination demands that a thoroughly trained ministry should be provided for our churches; and whereas, our Theological Department at Woodstock is doing most effective work in meeting this demand—

Resolved,—That we commend it to the prayers, sympathy and liberality of all our members and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to maintain it in a state of efficiency.

Mover—Rev. J. H. Best.

Seconder—Dea. P. Hinman.

MANITOBA MISSION.

Whereas the rapidly increasing population of the North West Territory renders it highly important that we use all possible means to promote the diffusion of our denominational principles in that promising section of our country,

Resolved,—That we heartily commend the Manitoba Mission to the prayerful and liberal support of our churches,

Mover—Rev. G. Burns.

Seconder—Dea. Peter Fisher.

TEMPERANCE.

Resolved,—That, while we view with thankfulness the ever deepening interest manifested in the great temperance movement, and also look forward to the accomplishment, under God, of great results through this means, we do as an Association, heartily commend the temperance enterprise to the prayers, sympathies and efforts of the

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various congregations and communities which we represent.

Mover—Rev. W. P. Hazelton.

Secoñder—Bro. Mitchell.

After passing a motion instructing the Clerk to tender the thanks of the Association to the managers of the various railroads for reduced fares, the meetings of the Association closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. W. K. Anderson.

GEO. RICHARDSON,
Moderator.

ALEX. TURNBULL,
Clerk.

EAST ONTARIO S. S. CONVENTION.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

CLAREMONT, June 24th, 1879.

The delegates assembled in the chapel at 2 p.m., and were called to order by the President, John Dryden, Esq. A hymn was sung, followed by prayer, and after a brief address of welcome from the chair, the Convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: President, re-elected, Jno. Dryden, Esq., M.P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. W. Prosser and Dea. J. Bundy; Secretary, Rev. A. Turnbull; Treasurer, Dea. P. Hinman.

The following persons were then appointed as an Executive Committee, to prepare a programme for next year, and arrange the order of exercises for the evening session: Revs. G. Richardson, W. Prosser, J. H. Best, D. A. MacGregor, W. T. Tapscott, and Deacons H. Graham and P. Hinman.

In the absence of Bro. Mundy, Rev. W. Prosser then read for him his paper on "Grading Classes in Sunday Schools." The paper emphasized the necessity of arranging the classes and promoting scholars according to their attainments; but while agreeing in these general principles a difficulty was felt by all who spoke upon the subject, in

deciding what tests to apply, and various suggestions were offered, looking towards a proper consideration of the mental and moral qualifications of scholars and teachers, in carrying out this plan. After singing a hymn, the Rev. G. Richardson followed with a paper on the "Mechanism of the Bible," setting forth clearly the structure of "The Book," and furnishing a most convincing argument for the importance of this knowledge as a proper introduction to its study. The discussion which followed closed with a motion, unanimously carried, requesting that the paper be sent to the *Canadian Baptist* for publication. The hymn "He leadeth me," having been sung, Rev. D. A. MacGregor delivered an address on "Sunday School Literature," which was an earnest plea for proper care in the selection and use of books for Sunday School purposes. At this point the Executive Committee presented their first report, as follows.

EXECUTIVE REPORT NO. 1.

1. Meet at 7.30 p.m.
2. Opening exercises and reception of questions.
3. Paper on "Object Teaching," Rev. J. T. Dowling. Discussion.
4. Address—"The Reward System in Sunday Schools"—Rev. D. A. MacGregor. Discussion.
5. Question Box, Prof. McKee.

This report was received and adopted, and the discussion of Bro. MacGregor's theme then commenced. The dangers arising from "trashy literature" in S. S. libraries was set forth by several speakers, and the opinion was unanimously expressed in favour of devising some means whereby the efficiency of this important agency in S. S. work might be increased. A motion was therefore made and carried, instructing the Secretary to take some steps towards securing a list of good books for S.S. libraries. The session adjourned, after singing and prayer, at 5.30.

SECOND SESSION.

The President took the chair at 7.30. A hymn was sung, and the Rev. G. Burns led in prayer. Rev. J. T. Dowling then read a very interesting paper on "Object Teaching," illustrating several points by the use of the blackboard, and demonstrating by the sustained interest in his representations, how important a factor this means may be made in the instruction of children. The Executive Committee then presented their second report, which was received and, after amendment, adopted as follows :

EXECUTIVE REPORT NO. 2.

Programme for 1880. Addresses or Papers.

1. "The Bible a Book," Rev. W. Prosser.
2. "Qualifications and Responsibilities of Sunday School Teach-

ers," Rev. W. K. Anderson.

3. "The Best Method of Conducting an Infant Class," Rev. T. Booker.

4. The Legitimate use of Helps in Sunday School teaching," Rev. W. T. Tapscott.

5. "The Utility of Blackboard Exercises," Rev. J. T. Dowling.

6. Question Drawer, Rev. J. H. Best.

Each paper or address to be followed by discussion.

The Secretary having called attention to the necessity of more care in furnishing statistics, the Convention then proceeded to the consideration of "The Reward System in S. Schools," Rev. D. A. MacGregor delivering the opening address, in the absence of Mr. Craig, to whom it had been assigned. This subject produced a lively discussion, and while some inclined to abolish rewards altogether, others took the view, that inasmuch as the highest ends were often reached through this means, it would be well to retain it, with the exercise of due care in its use. A verse of the "Old, Old Story" was then sung, and Prof. McKee proceeded to answer the numerous questions that had been handed in at the opening of the meeting. Many useful hints were given, and much practical information elicited through this inquisitorial process, and the Professor vindicated his claim to a "good degree" in the ranks of Sunday School workers.

After passing a motion, requesting the Association to publish the Minutes of this Convention with theirs, the session closed at 10.30 with a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds," and the benediction pronounced by Rev. T. Booker.

JNO. DRYDEN,
President.

ALEX. TURNBULL,
Secretary.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

OUR ASSOCIATIONAL GATHERINGS.

The custom of Associational gathering has existed so long and is so generally adopted by our denomination, that there may be a tendency, on our part, to convene as a matter of course, when the appointed period returns, and yet we may have little thoughtful consideration of the reasons which justify us in so doing. The simple fact that this Association has had an existence for over sixty years is not in itself any reason why we should now be convened. Many things which were necessities of sixty years ago, can find no justification of their continuance in the changed circumstances of to-day. Many an organization which in its first existence was a living power, an indispensable good, has in its perpetuation degenerated into an empty form, and like a lifeless body would be better buried than remaining above ground. That brethren in like

precious faith, thus met in years gone by, or that many of our brethren do the same now, is no reason, in itself, why we should do so. Nor would any independent mind wish to follow in the course pursued by any body of people, however beloved, without seeing the reasons which justify the adopted line of conduct. Established custom and general consent, so far from being the infallible tests of right courses, are the main pillars on which the errors of Christendom rest. We do not make these statements in order to throw doubt upon the possible benefits connected with our Associational gatherings, but because we believe that a deeper interest may be infused into them and a higher profit be reaped from them, if attention is called away, more from the observance of the custom, to the reasons which make that custom desirable.

No one, we believe, will hesitate to accept the following statement, that some definite and adequate result must be secured in our annual convocations in order to justify such an expenditure of time and means as our Associational gatherings involve. The case is not one in which if there be only a little gain there can be only a little loss. When we think of the vast numbers attending such meetings of the denomination throughout the province, and multiply the numbers by the days spent and then add the large sum of travelling expenses we will find that there is almost as much spent in time and money yearly as would lift the burdens of debt under which our denominational societies are struggling. We do not present this as an argument against our annual gatherings, but simply say, that some definite and adequate result must be secured by them in order to justify their present existence.

What then is the result aimed at in our Associational work? It is not simply a respite from our ordinary occupations. The churches had higher ends than this in view when they appointed their delegates. It is not simply the happiness of meeting one with another and gaining a more intimate acquaintance. This pleasure is a real one, but if this were all then we ought to deny ourselves such an expensive luxury, especially when denominational enterprise is suffering from crushing financial embarrassment.

Neither can the purpose be to gain a fuller knowledge of the state of the various fields within the Associational limits. This would be a very cumbersome method for the gaining of such information, especially when the tabulated statements which could just as easily be prepared without such gatherings are sent among the churches, furnishing all with exacter knowledge than can be had by listening to reports while thus convened.

It cannot be that we meet to listen to appeals and give our contributions to denominational objects, for but a very small portion of the church members can be thus reached and those reached are generally those who are most willing to do their share at home, and who if they were not crippled in their home gifts by what they had

given abroad might be able by their larger offerings to stimulate their brethren to greater liberality. Besides, if the time and money spent in coming were given by all who come the amount would be ten times greater than that contributed, that is, if this were the purpose, nine-tenths of the money given would be spent in running the Associational machinery and only one-tenth would ever go to the result.

Believing as we do in the independency of the churches, our Associations cannot have the justification which belongs to the Synods and Conferences of other bodies. These latter having a legislative or executive authority over the churches, have a definite work to perform which necessitates such gatherings. We, laying no claim to such a prerogative, must then look for reasons different from those mentioned if we are to find in them a justification of the course we have adopted.

While thus rejecting the considerations referred to as insufficient in themselves, we believe that there are reasons which make it highly important that we should thus meet together. Among these we would mention first the possibility of gaining a deeper consecration to the work in whose interests we convene. It is well occasionally to break in upon the routine of labour which is apt to grow formal and upon the feelings of discouragement which weaken all effort. It is well to seek in gatherings like these for the kindling of a Christian enthusiasm which will cause many a weary worker to return to his field with a stronger faith in God and a deeper joy in life. We think such gatherings as these have possibilities connected with them, which, if realized, are pre-eminently calculated to secure this result, and if this end be secured it is in itself and in the results which flow from it more than a recompense for all the time and means expended for its attainment.

We believe that such gatherings are necessary for consultation on the best methods of advancing Christian work. There are fields within our Associational limits where we wish to see our principles planted. While we are thus convened have we not the best possible opportunity for deliberation and agreement upon some method of co-operation whereby this work might be prosecuted, while the fields are open for labour? Might we not form some plan whereby we could utilize more fully the talent of our good laymen who have so often in these meetings proved their ability to hold the interest of any audience and give valuable instruction to those who are generally accounted their teachers in spiritual things? God's favour has rested specially upon such workers in the evangelistic movement of the present day. While fields are opening for our labour and while such workers are available, ought we not in meetings like these to concert some scheme which will meet the demand and bring into fuller exercise that kind of talent which God is so signally blessing? Again, when such a question of denominational

interest comes before us as, for instance, that of the Systematic Beneficence Scheme, is it not possible, in such a representation of the churches as we find here, to do more to secure its hearty adoption and constant operation than by any other means we could devise? We believe that such meetings for consultation on Christian work are highly profitable and are requisites to enlarged prosperity.

Again, we think a high purpose would be secured in our Associational gatherings if there were some definite time set apart for the discussion of important topics of doctrinal or practical bearing. By this we mean that persons previously appointed should give most careful study to some allotted subject and bring the results of their mature investigations before the people. This might necessitate some change in our customary operations, but we believe the change would be beneficial. There is nothing gained by being too tenacious of old forms in an age of progress. It is better to be eclectic, and in this matter we might learn a lesson of profit from some of our smaller gatherings.

If then greater consecration to Christian work, better laid schemes for successful operation and fuller knowledge of the truth to be proclaimed be the great ends in view we are under obligation so to conduct our exercises as to secure their fullest realization. This may require that greater prominence be given to some departments of our Associational programme and perhaps in some cases a different appropriation of the time at our disposal. If our endeavour is to secure, as fully as possible, the above-mentioned ends, we believe that, first, as the best means to Christian consecration, a greater emphasis should be given to devotional exercises. Have we not reason to fear, brethren, that our meetings for prayer, placed as they are at the hours when it is most difficult to be present, are often looked upon as secondary in importance and are often suggested as a means of occupying the time while the people are gathering? If our meetings are to be characterized by spiritual power, if we are to gain from them warmer impulses in Christian life, then we must bring to them a special interest in the seasons of prayer. In reference to the second mentioned purpose of our meeting, that of consultation on Christian work, it may be objected that our time is now so fully occupied as to place such a meeting beyond our reach. We ask if the reading of church letters were dispensed with, or merely a synopsis of them given, and a meeting such as is proposed substituted, would there not be more advantage gained? We believe that there would be more benefit resulting to the churches if the combined wisdom of the Association were employed in deliberating concerning church interests, rather than in reading letters which, in the majority of cases, are written simply because letters are expected and not because there is anything special to communicate. Or if it be deemed advisable to continue the custom of letter-writing could not sufficient time for such

a meeting as is suggested be profitably spared from some other department? Any one by consulting the Minutes of previous meetings will observe, if he has failed to observe otherwise, that nearly one-third of our time is spent in the uninteresting work of drafting, moving and seconding resolutions. If this work were placed in narrower limits and a meeting for general prayer and praise, or for Christian consultation were introduced we believe the change would work favourably for the interest and profit of our gatherings.

We would now crave space for the last mentioned purpose of our meeting, viz., the discussion of important topics. Would it not be more profitable and more pleasant if thoughtful addresses were substituted for the extempore speeches generally delivered at our platform meetings? Would not the speaker prize the privilege of preparation? Would not the hearer find his situation greatly improved! Would such a course unfit the hearer for a hearty response to an appeal to his Christian liberality if any cause specially demanded his aid? Is it right that we should make arrangements only for about one hour's careful preparation in the two days of our Associational work? We refer to the regular provision made for two of the exercises a year beforehand. We think that the highest interests of the Association as well as the rights of the individual demand that any one who is called upon to deliver an address should be given the same opportunity for preparation as that accorded to the preacher of the Annual Sermon and the writer of the Circular Letter. Such a course would necessitate the appointment of a Committee of Arrangements a year beforehand, which would be quite as easy as making an appointment for the same day and yet would secure a much higher order of exercises than we could otherwise obtain.

Thus we have endeavoured to present what we believe to be the great aims of our Associational work and also have attempted to point out some methods whereby we think these aims might be more fully realized. We are fully aware that the subject chosen and the treatment given may not be in themselves the best calculated to kindle enthusiasm, yet, if they deepen any desire, or stimulate any effort to secure a higher efficiency in our exercises, in subsequent gatherings, the end will be gained for which the subject was chosen, and the importance of the work thus accomplished will more than compensate for any lack of interest resulting from the nature or the treatment of the theme.

NUMERICAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Reported last year.	INCREASE.				DECREASE			Present Total.	
		Baptism.	Experience.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Dropping.		
Belleville.....	56	8	2	5	1			70		
Bobcaygeon.....	52	1					3	50		
*Baillieboro'.....	32							32		
Brock.....	24						2	22		
Claremont.....	191	8	2		2	1	1	196		
Cramahe 1st.....	68		1		11	1	4	48		
Cramahe 2nd.....	55	1	1		1			55		
Fenelon Falls.....	65				2	8	1	54		
Goodwood.....		9	2		10			50		
Haldimand.....	81		1				3	79		
Kinmount.....	18	1	2					21		
Lindsay.....		1	1	2	4		1	62		
Manilla.....	42	4					1	45		
Ops.....	38	1	1					40		
Oshawa.....	49	2	4	8	2			61		
*Pickering.....	68							68		
Port Hope.....		3	4		6	8	2	87		
Port Perry.....	52	5			1	2		54		
Seymour.....	38	1				3	1	35		
Sidney.....	48	1	2		1			50		
Stirling.....		1			6	6	1	59		
*Somerville.....	12							12		
Uxbridge.....	60	73	4	2	3		1	137		
Whitby.....	27	4	1		1			31		
Whitby 6th Con.....	40	1			8	3		30		
Whitevale.....		2	1		6		1	73		
*Last year's report	Totals	124	19	30	2	65	3	33	21	1521

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FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Minister's Education	Gospel at Home.	Superintended Ministers.	Sabbath School.	Minutes.	Church & Fund.	Church Purposes.	Other Purposes.	TOTALS.
Belleville.....	\$95 47	16 46	9 16	300 00	40 00	1 00	110 00	375 00	\$ 877 59				
Bobcaygeon.....	22 00	6 95	76	130 50	56 79	1 50	28 45	206 30	353 04				
Brook.....	7 75	5 65	.....	750 00	10 15	3 00	10 15	1 35 13	206 30			
Claremont.....	48 25	37 00	.....	100 00	40 00	1 00	29 50	161 33	1 35 13			
Cramahc Ist.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	177 0
Cramahc 2nd.....	8 75	4 52	4 20	200 00	2 75	1 00	29 80	2 98	253 51				
Fenelon Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	35 00	16 00	56 00
Goodwood.....	4 00	3 00	1 50	200 00	.....	1 00	00 00	98 30	208 50			
Haldimand.....	4 20	13 00	.....	400 00	20 00	1 50	00 00	90 00	50 80			
Kimount.....	9 00	.....	2 30	45 00	.....	1 00	73 21	19 00	616 84		
Lindsay.....	13 00	10 00	.....	500 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	393 90
Manilla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	381 00
Ope.....	16 46	52	26	200 00	18 00	1 00	100 00	81 00	381 00				
Oshawa.....	200 00	200 00	50 00	300 00	10 00	2 00	350 00	.....	1787 00			
Port Hope.....	.....	.....	No report.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Perry.....	10 80	.....	.....	250 00	56 00	50 00	50 00	1 00	303 30		
Sarnia.....	9 00	.....	.....	300 00	15 00	1 00	1081 92	5 00	1411 92		
Sidney.....	5 00	5 00	.....	600 00	1 56	1 50	50 00	50 00	739 06			
Shirling.....	12 00	6 00	3 00	421 01	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	444 01		
Uxbridge.....	.....	.....	.....	188 00	.....	50 00	21 50	.....	209 50
Whitby.....	27 86	33 64	11 93	350 00	3 00	1 00	150 00	.....	447 18			
Whitby 6th Con.....	.....	6 00	.....	300 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	457 0
Whitevale.....				
Totals.....	423 34	344 74	88 16	6575 76	16 56	384 64	24 55	2 50	2519 06	87 26	11196 92		

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SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NAME OF SUPERINTENDENT.	No. on Roll.	No. in attendance.	No. of Classes.	Teachers & Officers.	Books in Library.	Papers taken	J'ned Ch. from Sch ^y	Amount subscribed for Convention.
Belleville.....	W. H. Worth, jr	128	75	9	9	235	105	4	50
Bobcaygeon.....	J. R. Robinson	45	25	5	5	75	34	0	25
Claremont.....	W. Watson....	68	45	9	10	238	80	4	1.00
Cramahe 2nd....	J. Phinn.....	25	20	6	6	800	40	..	.50
Fenelon Falls....	D. Curtis.....	80	40	5	5	270	25	..	..
Goodwood.....	Isaac Wagg... Haldimand.....	50	40	5	5	40	..	2	1.00
	Platt Hinman (Grafton)	96	80	12	12	100	72	..	1.00
*Lindsay.....	Geo. Matthews	158	90	14	14	235	70	..	50
Manilla.....	Jas. Ellis.....	40	30	4	4	..	30	..	..
Ops.....	Peter Fisher.. (Rushoro')	63	44	7	7	300	30	..	50
Oshawa.....	Fred. L. Fowke	85	60	10	10	..	..	..	..
Port Hope.....	W. Craig.....	140	120	11	14	200	250	..	..
Port Perry.....	Jno. Jury..... (Prince Alb't)	70	55	7	8	175	58	..	..
Sidney.....	Jno. Turner... (Halloway)	30	25	5	5	100	12	..	..
Sine Settlement..	Wm. Waller.. (Stirling)	33	40	3	3	120	..	..	1.50
Uxbridge.....	W. Smith.....	125	75	14	14	100	..	18	1.00
Whitby.....	S. W. B. Smith	20	13	4	4	76	10	..	..
Whitby 6th Con.	Jno. Dryden... (Brooklin)	69	45	6	7	300	80	..	1.00
Whitevale.....	D. McPhee....	72	54	9	9	50	..	2	1.00
Scotch Line....	Thos. Robertson (Dunsford)	30	18	4	4	62	20	..	25
* Last year's report	Totals	1427	994	149	155	2876	916	30	10.00

