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OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH SESSION

OF THE

ONTARIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE CHURCH OF THE

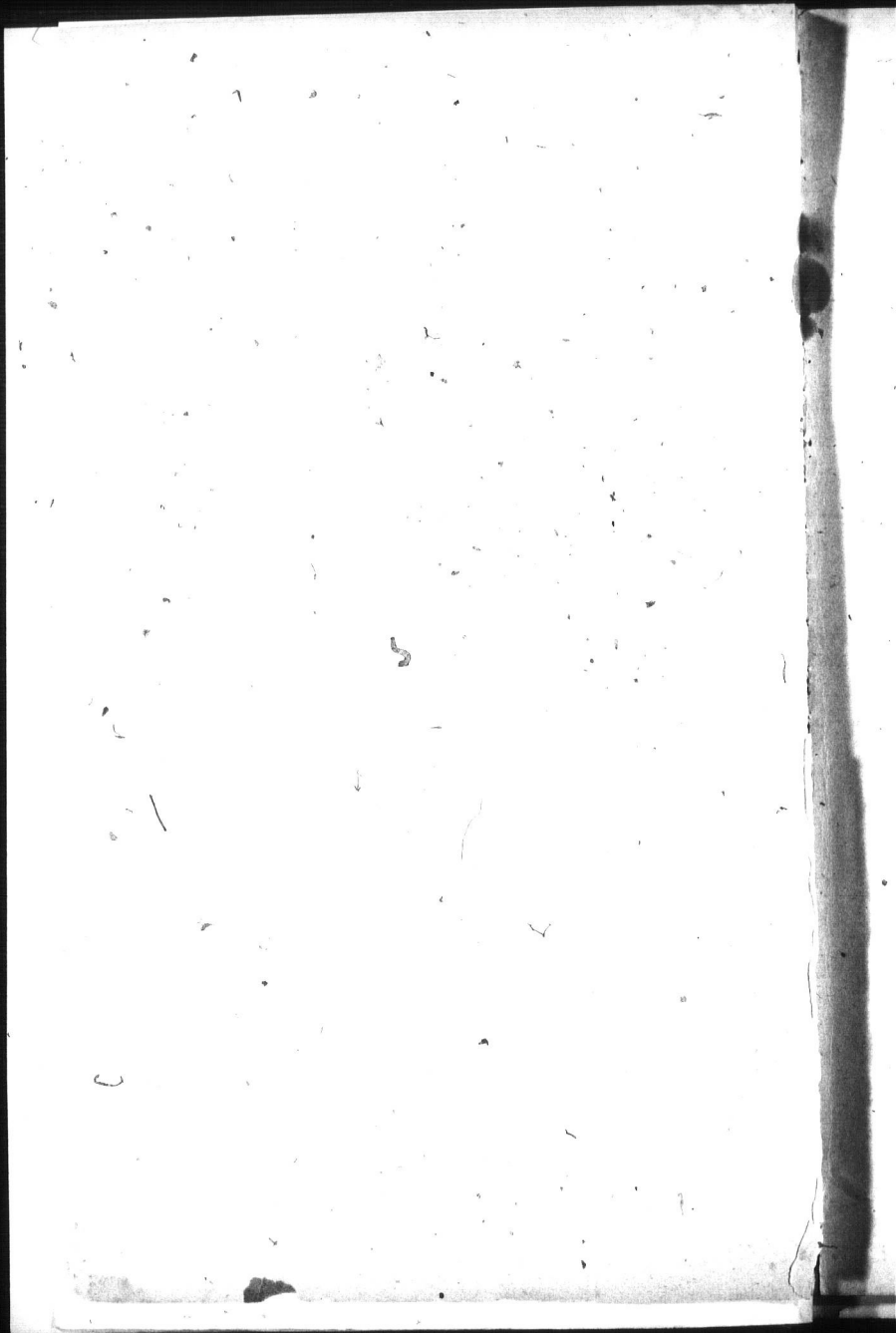
United Brethren in Christ,

HELD AT

U. B. CHURCH, BERLIN, ONT.,

OCTOBER 13th to 15th, 1898.

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By Order of Conference.



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SUPERINTENDENT—Bishop E. B. Kepphart, D. D., L. L. D.  
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 G. H. BACKUS—Vice-President.  
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J. SHOWERS—President.  
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 J. U. CLEMENS—Treasurer.

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L. STAUFFER.....	Term expires 1899.
C. D. BOWMAN.....	" " 1900.
WM MICHINER.....	" " 1901.

### Standing Committees for 1899.

ON MISSIONS—D. C. DAFOR.  
 CHURCH ERECTION—R. Jamieson.  
 PUBLISHING INTERESTS—C. H. Elliott.  
 EDUCATION—G. H. Backus.  
 SABBATH SCHOOLS—W. A. Robins.  
 YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN UNION—J. U. Clemens.  
 RESOLUTIONS—J. Mager.

### ON COURSE OF READING.

FIRST YEAR—J. F. DURKEE, G. H. Backus.  
 SECOND YEAR—J. Geach, J. Mager, J. B. Backus.  
 THIRD YEAR—J. Showers, G. W. Houseman, I. W. Groh.

## Roll and Classification of Members.

### ACTIVE MEMBERS.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Admitted</i>	<i>Relation.</i>	<i>Address</i>
Kepphart, E. B., D.D., L.L.D.		Bishop	Annville, Penna.
Groh, I. W., P.E.	1889	E. I.	Berlin, Ont.
Backus, G. H.	1880	E. I.	Attercliffe Station, "
Backus, J. B.	1880	E. I.	Griffin's Corners, "
Durkee, J. F.	1885	E. I.	Listowel, "
Dafoe, W. H.	1895	E. I.	Markdale, "
Dafoe, D. C.	1896	L. I.	Gobles, "
Elliott, C. H.	1895	L. I.	Sherkston, "
Geach, J.	1889	E. I.	Shelburne, "
Houseman, G. W.	1891	E. I.	Bloomingtondale, "
Jamieson, R.	1896	L. I.	Fork's Road, "
Mager, J.	1880	E. I.	Berlin, "
Newberry, J. W. H.	1898	L.	Novar, "
Robins, W. A.	1897	E. I.	Port Elgin, "
Robins, J. W.	1898	L.	Scotia, "
Showers, J.	1884	E. I.	Sheffield, "

### SUPERANNUATED.

Cornell, Wm.	1877	E.	Straffordville, Ont.
*Charlesworth, Wm.	1881	E.	Vienna, "
*McCombs, J.	1864	E.	Franconia, "
*Davy, J.	1898	E.	Corinth, "

### SUPERNUMARY.

*Cooper, A.	1892	E.	Vienna, Ont.
*Comfort, M. I.	1894	E.	Dayton, Ohio
*Head, R.	1892	E.	Westerville, "
*Ferguson, D. H.	1897	L.	Westerville, "
*Michiner, J.	1859	L.	"
Rott, G.	1865	L.	West Montrose, Ont.

### LAY DELEGATES.

Berlin	Levi Stauffer	Sheffield	E. B. Washburn
Gainsboro	L. Vaughn	Shelburne	H. Sanderson
Listowel	S. Kilgore	Port Elgin	Miss J. Richardson
Markdale	J. Walker	Vienna	*E. W. Gamble
New Dundee	S. Cornell	Waterloo	I. Hilborn
Niagara	J. P. Zavitz	Zion	Wm. Marr
Novar	*G. Fisher		

Explanation—E, Elder; I, Itinerant; L, Local Licentiate; \* Absent;  
 † Student, U. B. Seminary.

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# Ontario Conference.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

### FIRST DAY.

Ontario Conference of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ convened to hold its forty-fourth annual session in the church at Berlin, Waterloo Co., Ont., Oct. 13th, 1898, at 9 a.m. Bishop E. B. Kepphart, D.D., L.L.D., of Annville, Pennsylvania, presiding. The Bishop read a chapter and commented on it. He said he was also pleased to be with the Ontario Conference again. He briefly reviewed the work of his diocese, in which he spoke very encouragingly of the increase of membership and finance. He also referred to the marked increase in fraternal spirit existing among the various branches of the Christian church, emphasizing the work of the Y. P. C. U. as one of the great causes in bringing about this spirit.

The roll was called by the Secretary of last year, and seventeen ministers and twelve lay delegates answered to their names. A ballot was taken which resulted in the re-election of I. W. Groh as Secretary.

The bar of the Conference was made to include the two rows of seats across the church.

Time for meeting was arranged for at 8.45 a. m. for devotional exercises and 9 o'clock for business, and 1.45 and 2.00 p. m., to adjourn on motion.

It was agreed by common consent that the Bishop appoint the various committees.

I. Hilborn was appointed to report the Conference proceedings to the local papers.

R. Jamieson was appointed to receive the following funds:—Conference Collection, Education Beneficiary, Biblical Seminary, General S. S. Fund, College Funds, General Conference Expenses.

The Bishop then announced the following committees:

On Devotion—L. Stauffer, J. U. Clemens.

On Candidates for Ministry—J. F. Durkee, J. Geach, D. C. Dafoe.

On Boundaries and Finance—I. W. Groh, G. H. Backus, W. A. Robins, I. Hilborn, G. W. Houseman, L. Stauffer, J. P. Zavitz.

On Elders' Order—J. Showers, W. A. Robins, J. Mager.

The names of Revs. J. Davy, J. U. Robins and J. W. H. Newberry were referred to the Committee on Credentials, and upon their report they were received into the Conference.

The names of the ministers without charges were called—Revs. Wm. Cornell, Wm. Charlesworth, J. McCombs, A. Cooper, M. I. Comfort, R. Head, D. H. Ferguson, J. Michiner and G. Rott. Their characters were passed. The name of G. Backus, Sr., was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The report of I. W. Groh, Presiding Elder for Ontario, was submitted and passed.

## U. B. CONFERENCE.

### *To the Ontario Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN,—In presenting to you this general report, I acknowledge the presence of the triune God, and the courtesy and faithfulness of the ministers and people.

The District is composed of two mission stations, four missions, and seven circuits—thirteen in all. These were served faithfully as arranged by the last Conference.

The ministers were well, with the exception of Bros. Geach and Robins, they having been incapacitated for work through sickness for a couple of weeks, but had their fields supplied very satisfactorily.

The business and general interests have been looked after carefully. The revivals on some of the fields have been good and have resulted in quite a number of additions to the Church. There is an increased interest in the Sabbath Schools. The Young People's Societies quite fair.

The Ministerial Association and Young People's Convention were held at Windfall, New Dundee Mission, both of which were well attended, and were very interesting and profitable.

Two new churches are in course of erection, the one to be dedicated by our honored Bishop the Sabbath following Conference. The other will be ready for dedication shortly after.

The church, ministry and laity are in a good measure earnestly at work.

The quarterlies, fifty-two in number, were all held in person, except one which was held by Bro. Mager.

#### PERSONAL.

I have received the kindest treatment from all. I have travelled by rail four thousand miles and by private conveyance about two thousand and sixty miles. Have delivered two hundred and thirty-seven sermons and addresses. Baptized forty-six. Licensed four. Brother Newberry is recommended to Annual Conference.

Salary assessed to District .....	\$ 442 00
Salary received on District .....	\$ 422 91
Deficit .....	\$19.19
Value of presents received .....	2 25
Received from Parent Board .....	175 00
Total amount received .....	\$ 600 16

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. GROH, P. E.

Adjourned on motion.

Dismissed by benediction.

#### First Day—Afternoon Session.

A quarter of an hour was devoted to devotional exercises.

The examination of character was resumed.

G. H. Backus, J. B. Backus, J. F. Durkee, W. H. Dafeo, D. C. Dafeo, J. Geach, G. W. Houseman, R. Jamieson, J. Mager, J. Showers, H. S. Cooper, C. H. Elliott, and W. A. Robins. Characters passed.

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The Conference adjourned to give the different committees an opportunity to meet.

Dismissed by the benediction.

### SECOND DAY.

#### Morning Session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. B. Backus. The Bishop called the meeting to order; the Secretary called the roll. Dr. Bell, Dayton, Ohio, was granted an advisory seat. Committee on Second Year's Course of Reading reported and report was adopted.

#### Report of Committee of Second Year's Course of Reading.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:*

DEAR BRETHREN,—We had before us Brothers C. H. Elliott, D. C. Dafoe and R. Jamieson. We examined these brethren in writing and found them proficient as indicated in the arranged grades as follows:—

C. H. Elliott .....	85
D. C. Dafoe .....	80
R. Jamieson .....	75

We recommend that they be passed to the Third Year's Course of Reading. D. H. Ferguson did not appear for examination. We recommend that he be retained in the Second Year's Course of Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SHOWERS,  
I. W. GROH,  
G. W. HOUSEMAN.

Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading reported, and report was adopted.

#### Report of Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading.

*To the Bishop and Conference:*

We, your Committee on Third Year's Course of Reading, beg leave to make the following report:

We have examined the candidate that came before us, W. H. Dafoe, and found him clear on some subjects, and not so clear on others. He having read the books required, we have rated him medium and recommend that he go before the Committee on Elders' Order.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DURKEE,  
G. H. BACKUS.

The secretary of the committee on Candidates for the Ministry read his report, which was adopted.

#### Report of the Committee on Candidates for the Ministry.

*To the Bishop and Conference:*

We, your Committee on Candidates for the Ministry, would report as follows:

We have examined J. U. Robins in the regular disciplinary way.

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and have found him well prepared to answer the prescribed questions. This brother comes to us from the Methodist church and has his standing as follows. He reports to have passed:—

1st. The regular Quarterly Conference Course.

2nd. A written examination upon which he was received into the Hamilton Annual Conference, from this he was transferred to the British Columbia Conference where he passed a third examination on the First Year's Course of Reading. We grade him good. Bro. Robins unfortunately not having his credentials, I quote the following from the Christian Guardian, of June 8th, 1898:—"There was also a withdrawal of a probationer, J. E. Robins, who desisted on account of ill-health, a letter being granted him to this effect, over the signatures of the President and Secretary." Rev. I. W. Groh has seen his papers.

We have also examined J. W. H. Newberry after the above manner and also found him well prepared to answer the questions proposed. We grade him good. We recommend that these brethren be received into the Annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DURKEE,

J. GEACH,

D. C. DAFOE.

It was decided to attach the Stevensville property, Black Creek church and Garrison Road church to the Niagara Circuit.

On ballot, I. W. Groh was re-elected Presiding Elder.

D. C. Dafoe, of the Committee on Church Erection, read his report, which was adopted, and discussed by Dr. Beil, Bishop Kepphart, and Revs. Geach, Dafoe and Robins.

### Report on Church Erection.

*To the Bishop and Brethren:*

Your Committee on Church Erection wish to report as follows:

We have thought it well to allow our report to take the form of a short history of the Society.

In this way we may give our people (through the minutes of the Conference) a more accurate knowledge of the object, work and need of this important institution of the church. We will accordingly notice: FIRST,—Its object is to help those who cannot help themselves and thereby save our Church from many losses which it must otherwise suffer. Men profit by experience. The pioneer farmer hews down the forest, sows and reaps, but having no barn he piles his grain in stacks, and by the following spring he has sustained great loss, and regrets that he is not able to provide a place to protect the fruits of his labor. Even so with our grand Missionary Society. It has gone forth into new fields, sown the seed, reaped the harvest, but how often at a loss to know how to provide a place of worship for this new class of a church, and having to worship in barns, private houses, halls, etc., we find many of them seeking more comfortable quarters in other more favored denominations.

The object of the Church Erection Society is to step in at this crisis and, with a loan of a few hundred dollars, assist and encourage this new born family in making a home for itself. For the want of timely aid our Church has in the past lost scores, yes hundreds, who might have been useful builders in our section of God's Zion.

SECOND.—The work of this Society, especially of late, has met with pleasing results. In the former part of its history (which began in 1869) it being under the management of the G. M. Board, and this Board, with growing demands and increased duties and care, was unable to give it the attention it deserved, and accordingly the collections were small. However, during the first quadrennium, \$1215.30 was placed to its credit. With this, four loans had been made, aggregating \$1000 and thereby helping four societies to homes for themselves.

The next four years brought better results, \$3401.23 being added to its treasury and twenty societies aided.

The work moved along moderately well until 1889, when the officers of the General Missionary Board were unable to manage all the work of both Societies.

The General Conference then in session at York, Pa., thought it wise to have one General Officer to attend to the Church Erection work, and accordingly elected Rev. J. Hill, who took hold of the work with an earnest purpose to succeed, but at the end of one year, finding the collections below his hopes, he resigned, not wishing to take a salary for work that did not yield sufficient results.

Again the General Conference of 1893 elected a General Secretary, the choice falling upon Rev. C. I. Brain, who entered the work vigorously, but meeting with less success than he had hoped for, followed Rev. Mr. Hill's example.

Finally in 1895 Rev. W. M. Weekly was elected to this office and he has met with encouraging success, inasmuch that in 1897 this Society had gathered into the treasury the considerable sum of \$42,000, and two hundred and sixty-five churches have been aided.

All this has been accomplished with but little expense to the Society.

THIRD.—Its needs are apparent, since our Church embraces so large a territory, and is, strictly speaking, a missionary church. Is it wise for us to send the missionary to gather souls into companies, only to be scattered abroad among other denominations, or, in some instances, to wander away altogether for the want of a church house?

We emphatically say no; we should increase our contributions to this Society, so this heaven-born ambassador may go hand in hand with the missionary and, with a timely loan from his treasury, assist in garnering that which his brother has spent the gifts of God to gather.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. DAFOR.

Adjourned on motion.

Benediction by J. Mager.

#### SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. Showers.

R. Jamieson reported having received:

Bishop's Salary .....	\$ 86 00
Church Erection .....	21 50
Beneficiary Education Fund .....	8 65
U. Biblical Seminary .....	16 95
Preachers' Aid .....	36 00
General S. S. Fund .....	12 56

Wm. Michiner, Treasurer for Preachers' Aid, not being present, but sent his report, which was adopted, and Bro. Michiner was re-elected Treasurer.

#### Report on Preachers' Aid Society.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Annual Conference:*

I, your Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Fund, beg leave to submit the following report:

Am't on hand last year .....	\$ 170 24
Int. for one year .....	10 21
Money charged to Miss. Board .....	70 00
Total Cash on hand .....	\$250 45

WM. MICHINER, Treas.

The officers of the Preachers' Aid Society are: President, J. F. Durkee; Vice-Pres., G. H. Backus; Secretary, R. Jamieson, Treasurer, Wm. Michiner.

J. U. Clemens, Treasurer Church Erection Fund, reported. Report was adopted.

#### Report on Church Erection

*To the Bishop and Members of the Ontario Conference:*

I beg leave to submit to your honorable body the following financial statement of the Branch Church erection Society:

Oct. 1892, $\frac{1}{2}$ Cash per assessment .....	\$ 8 88
Interest on same till date .....	2 13
Oct. 1893, $\frac{1}{2}$ Cash per assessment .....	5 53
Interest on same till date .....	1 10
Oct. 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ Cash as per assessment .....	7 54
Interest on same till date .....	1 20
Oct. 1894, Cash last Treasurer .....	16 46
Interest till date .....	2 63
Oct. 1895, Full assessment .....	11 53
Interest till date .....	1 38
Oct. 1896, Full assessment paid to Parent Board less .....	20
Oct. 1897, $\frac{1}{2}$ Cash per assessment .....	10 25
Interest till date .....	40
Oct. 1898, Cash as per assessment .....	10 75
Cash on hand .....	\$79 9

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. CLEMENS, Treas.

The Board of Church Erection is as follows:—President, J. Showers; Secretary, pastor on Berlin charge; Treasurer, J. U. Clemens.

J. Mager and Dr. Brewster were appointed Auditors to audit the Branch Missionary Treasurer's account.

I. W. Groh, Committee on Missions, reported, and report was adopted and discussed by Dr. Bell. The paper was amended by attaching the paper presented by Dr. Bell. Report passed.

#### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Christianity is through and through a missionary religion. The missionary spirit of the New Testament struck its root in the Old Testament; so that in this respect also Christ came to fulfill. The missionary spirit is one of the essential features of the Gospel. All men stand in need of salvation. God will have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. The Gospel must therefore be proclaimed to all nations. This great truth Christ embodied in his last command (Matt. 28, 19.) "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The Saviour of mankind says "Go," and who can gainsay the words of the Master? This plain and emphatic command removes every doubt of the necessity of mission work.

Missionary activity is the vital law of the christian church and the outgoing of the missionary spirit has a healthful and strengthening effect upon the church itself, as the history of the past hundred years plainly shows.

The most intense and burning missionary spirit existed in the apostolic age. In this period of its first love, the whole church was a missionary organization, and although the number of missionaries was not large, their enthusiasm was vigorous. The missionaries followed the public roads which God himself had laid out and occupied the stations which his hand had indicated. The great commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature". In this first place he is to go when called and sent; second, he is to preach the Gospel to every creature, saying to them: "Repent and believe the Gospel." He is to preach the word.

As Jesus was journeying through the thickly populated Galilee, teaching, preaching and healing, his compassion was moved by the condition of the multitudes, for they were like so many sheep without a shepherd; like a mighty harvest ready to be gathered in but no laborers.

Josephus says of Galilee: There were two hundred and forty cities and villages, the least of them containing fifteen thousand inhabitants with synagogues and scribes or teachers, and yet there seems to have been a spiritual famine. So much so that the great and loving heart of Jesus was moved with compassion and he asks the disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into his harvest.

Note first that the harvest is the Lord's, and that he only can qualify and commission true laborers.

The Master went where the masses were and the wealth was so that those whom he called might be sent. He would have the church at Galilee pray, knowing that if the home church became interested, the foreign field would be looked after.

I. W. GROH.

#### Paper.

In view of the fact that this quadrennium is to have special emphasis in missionary giving and labor, and inasmuch as the Board of

Bishops have just issued a proclamation to the church touching the observance of a week of prayer, fasting and self-denial therefor.

Resolved, FIRST,—That we express our approval of the proposed observance of said week of prayer, etc., as indicated in the Bishops' address.

SECOND,—That we approve and pledge ourselves as ministers to preach on Sabbath, Nov. 6th, and Sabbath, Nov. 13th, in all our pulpits upon the duty of fasting, self-denial and prayer.

THIRD,—That we pledge our best efforts to the realization of the largest possible sum toward the \$50,000 twentieth century fund by the offerings of our congregations on the above named Sabbaths.

FOURTH,—That as per the advice of the Missionary Executive Committee we will not present the regular thank-offering this year.

W. M. BELL.

J. U. Clemens, President of the Conference Young Peoples' Society, presented the Conference with an address and a purse of sixty dollars in behalf of the Young People of the Ontario Conference. I. W. Groh, G. H. Backus, D. C. Dafoe and Bishop Kephart spoke on the paper presented by the President. Paper passed.

#### Address

Beloved Bishop and members of the Ontario Conference of United Brethren in Christ.

Greeting:

The Y. P. C. U. of the Ontario Conference, at their last Annual Convention formed a Home Mission Society and a resolution was passed that three quarters of the money collected for the Mission Fund be paid to the Ontario Conference to be used especially for Home Missions. We now ask your honorable body to accept the sum of Sixty Dollars as a donation from the Y. P. C. U. of Ontario, to be used as stated for Home Missions. Although the sum is not as large as we hoped it would be, yet we look forward with great hopes that the missionary zeal and spirit will be implanted into the young of the church, which church we dearly love, and hope that the time will soon come when the Y. P. C. U. will be a great lever in helping the church to forward the cause of Missions. Our prayers accompany the donation, hoping that the Almighty Father will most abundantly bless the church in all her interests, but more especially the Mission Cause.

Respectfully submitted,

J. U. CLEMENS, President.

On motion of G. H. Backus, the suggestions of Dr. Brewster were adopted.

#### Suggestions.

That Charles Sherck, David S. Sherck and Dr. N. Brewster of the Sherckston class, be constituted a committee, with full power and authority from this Conference to sue for, recover, manage, sell or lease, and generally to as fully control, as this Conference could do, the church and parsonage properties at Stevensville, church properties at Garrison Road and Black Creek, as they may deem for the best interest of this Conference and the church.

That the said Committee be authorized to use any monies they may

receive for the sale or rent of any of said properties, toward the cost or expense they may incur in any suit for recovering said properties.

That the Stevensville Mission be attached to and form part of the Niagara Circuit.

That the Conference shall not become responsible for any cost incurred in excess of the value of monies received for the sale or rent of such properties.

N. BREWSTER.

Adjourned on motion.

Rev. J. Showers pronounced benediction.

### THIRD DAY.—Morning Session.

The devotional exercises were conducted by G. W. Houseman. The Conference was called to order by the Bishop and he called for miscellaneous. The secretary of Committee on Elders' Orders reported and on motion of J. Geach the report was adopted.

#### Report on Elders' Orders.

We, your Committee on Elders' Orders, beg to submit the following report:

We have examined the candidate, W. H. Dafoe, and find him sound in doctrine, having given satisfactory answers to all questions, and we do recommend him to be ordained.

J. B. BACKUS,  
J. MAGER,  
J. SHOWERS.

Dr. Sanders of the Otterbein University was granted an advisory seat.

Dr. Henderson, Methodist church, was also introduced to the Conference.

The Branch Missionary Treasurer, I. Hilborn, reported and report was adopted.

The officers of the Branch Missionary Society are: President, I. W. Groh; Vice Pres., J. H. Shepherd; Secretary, J. U. Clemens; Treasurer, I. Hilborn.

#### Treasurer's Report.

##### RECEIPTS.

Rec'd last Annual Conference.....	\$ 301 96
“ Conference collection.....	8 00
“ of Bro. Stauffer.....	122 45
“ W. M. Karstedt, cash.....	20 00
“ “ “ note.....	20 00
June 20, 1898, loan of Jos. B. Snyder.....	600 00
Oct. 13, “ Missionary collection.....	620 87
“ 14, “ Y. P. C. U., special to Home Missions..	60 00

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## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid ministers last Conference.....	\$ 184 31
" printing reports, minutes.....	27 42
" ministers during year.....	435 97
July 1st, J. B. Snyder's note.....	600 00
Interest.....	29 75
Postage and Exchange.....	1 00
Cash on hand, including Bro. Karstedt's note.....	474 83
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I. HILBORN, Branch Treas.

J. MAGER. }  
 N. BREWSTER. } Auditors

W. H. Daffoe, Committee on Publishing Interests, reported, and report was adopted and discussed by Dr. Bell, D. C. Daffoe, Bishop Kephart and Dr. Sanders. Report passed

## Publishing Interests.

*To the Members of the forty-fourth session of Ontario Annual Conference:*

Your Committee on Publishing Interests beg leave to submit the following:

Our church literature is a great power for good and supplements the work of the pulpit by carrying forward into the hearts and homes the spirit, gifts and companionship of the best mind and character, of the church, giving to its members a far more extended view of the noble principles advocated and producing harmony in its various departments as representatives of the church. We point with increasing delight to our periodicals, which are of the best possible quality and possess a high intellectual as well as religious tone, thus at all times recommending themselves to the Christian world, and we would say that the United Brethren literature is the literature for the United Brethren people, and should be read during the week and especially on Sabbath in preference to such other literature as would tend to destroy the sacredness of the day. Your Committee would recommend all our people to read the Telescope and learn church news in general throughout the dominion of the United Brethren Church. Read the Watchword and find out what the young people are doing for God, the church and themselves. Read the Search Light and know something about Missions and the work of the Missionary Societies and their need of help. Read the Woman's Evangel and you will know what the women are doing toward sending the Gospel to the heathen. If you want food for thought read the Quarterly Review. To have a good Sunday School we must have plenty of literature and shall not make a mistake in using our own publications. Let us as a Conference, work without ceasing for a greater circulation of our literature and thereby show our appreciation of the tireless efforts of our worthy editors and publishers.

Respectfully submitted,

H. DAFOE.

C. H. Elliot, Committee on Sabbath Schools, reported and report was adopted, and discussed by G. H. Backus, Dr. Henderson, J. B. Backus, Bishop Kephart, Dr. Sanders and Dr. Bell. Report passed.

#### Report on Sabbath Schools.

*Beloved Bishop and Brethren:*

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools wish to report the following:

What is the function of the Sabbath School? It is to store the memory of the children with useful knowledge of Gospel truths and instill into their minds the great necessity of living for God and eternity. This is a day of activity and advancement. Arts and science flourish, commerce is extended, organizations and institutions of various kinds are making rapid strides forward. In fact, almost everything that comes under our observation is in a state of improvement and advancement. In face of this fact we are compelled to ask the question, Is our Sabbath School enterprise keeping pace with other things in the great field of advancement? Yes, for when we retrospect the past we rejoice to learn that every year is in advance of previous years. But can we not yet make greater and more rapid strides? Have we used every available means and are we fully equipped for the work?

What we want to-day is a band of energetic, wide-a-woke, consecrated workers who are ready and willing to make use of the means in reach and improve every opportunity.

No school can be built or kept up without constant, persistent, intelligent, united efforts on the part of the people and the representatives.

No man or woman who does not intend to do serious work should ever be found in possession of a class in the Sabbath School. It is true that we have helps in abundance, but is it not a lamentable fact that the so-called helps to some people prove to be great hindrances? I refer now to the Sabbath Schools where both teachers and scholars look on them as a means of escaping mental effort and snuggle down thereon as soft pillows of indolence. If our helps are rightly used they will afford great assistance, if used wrongfully, better put them away and blunder along in the old way, so long as the Bible itself has its own honored place. I say this with the hope of inspiring loyalty to the Book of Books. In conclusion, knowing that the boys and girls of to-day shall be the men and women of to-morrow, who shall fill our pulpits, our schools, our legislative halls and other responsible offices and positions of authority, what is more important than that we as workers in this enterprise put forth every effort to educate them in these things that tend to make them men and women in the deepest and truest sense of the word?

Resolved, therefore, that we as ministers and workers in the Sabbath School, earnestly as before God ask ourselves the following questions:

- (1) Do I earnestly plead for God's blessing on my labors?
- (2) Do I labor as one who expects to give an account?
- (3) Is my heart thoroughly in my work and is my work thoroughly in my heart?
- (4) Do I feel the worth of a soul?

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. ELLIOT.

Dr. Howell, of Waterloo, was introduced to the Conference.

Adjourned on motion.

Dr. Sanders pronounced the benediction.

### THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

J. Geach conducted the devotional exercises.

The Chairman called for miscellaneous business.

On motion of I. W. Groh and R. Jamieson, the treasuries of the different funds will be deposited in the bank.

I. W. Groh was elected to edit the Conference minutes.

On motion of R. Jamieson and J. Geach, the matter of securing a place to hold our next Annual Conference, was left in the hands of I. W. Groh.

L. Stauffer, Secretary of Boundary and Finance Committee, reported, and report was adopted. Report passed.

### Report of Boundary Committee.

We, your Committee, beg to report:

Gainsboro Circuit, Listowel Station, Markdale Mission, Niagara Circuit, Port Elgin Mission, Sheffield Station, Shelbourne Circuit, Vienna Circuit and Zion Circuit remain as they were.

Freeport to be detached from Berlin Station and attached to Waterloo Circuit.

New Dundee Mission be called Blenheim Mission. Parry Sound Mission to be divided into two mission fields, named Novar Mission and Scotia Mission.

Scotia and Kearney are to compose Scotia Mission and the other appointments of Parry Sound Mission to compose Novar Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI STAUFFER, Secy.

I. W. GROH, Chairman.

R. Jamieson, Committee on Education, reported. Report was adopted, and discussed by J. B. Backus. Bishop Kephart gave us an address on "Higher Education." Paper passed.

### Report on Education.

*To the Bishop and Brethren of Ontario Conference.*

Greeting.—In coming to you to-day with this report I am conscious of my inability to deal with a subject of such vital importance as this. Let us notice that the cry of the church is to evangelize and bring the world to Christ. This was the object for which she was brought into being, her mission is to preach the Gospel, this she must do or die. Her work is to make humanity more like Christ, make earth more like heaven; to do this we must have knowledge. How or where is this to be obtained? We are glad to note that this church is to-day in the front rank, imparting to its sons and daughters the education which the age in which we live requires. It takes the combined effort of God and man

to bring to maturity the physical powers which God has given us. Thus the complete man is the educated, the drawn out, the trained, the disciplined and developed man, the workmanship of a sublime co-partnership. There is a God-appointed order in the education of man. The church needs educated men to carry on her work. Our educational work may be compared to the water in a standpipe of the city system of water-works. The water in the standpipe gives the pressure. The higher the head of water in the standpipe the greater will be the pressure of work done. The educational standpipe pressure with us may be too low, we may be spread out too thin for effective work. Our army must have a stronger base of supplies. It is possible to project oneself to death. So of a denomination, our watchword seems to be quantity rather than quality. Such is not God's order. He is all for quality. We are glad to know that in our own educational institutions men and women are coming up to that standard which is needed in the age in which we live. Let us not forget the words of the wise man, "With all thy getting, get understanding." This God-given knowledge is needed to win, to uplift and save. Acquired talent and oratory are too often exalted above true piety and godliness. There never was a time when there was a greater demand for spiritual culture and equipment for service than the present time. We need to emphasize the necessity of a regenerate life being born of the Spirit. The church has caught up the spirit of the age. The one great need is vitality. John Wesley once said, "Give me one hundred men who fear nothing but God, who hate nothing but sin, who are determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified and I will set the world on fire." It is only men so equipped, so trained and so filled can meet the demands of the day. We need mental culture and must have it and so we need spiritual culture. The voice of the church is train, train, train.

R. JAMIESON.

It was moved by I. W. Groh, that we reconsider the part of the Boundary Committee's report relating to the New Dundee, Mannheim and Roseville appointments. It was moved that J. U. Clemens, Levi Stauffer and Isaac Hilborn be the trustees of said churches, and was so adopted.

At this time the Committee on Memoirs read a splendid paper on the life of G. Backus Sr. Remarks were made by J. Mager, W. A. Robins, C. H. Elliott, I. W. Groh and Bishop Kephart. Several appropriate hymns were sung to the memory of Bro. Backus.

#### Memoirs.

We, your Committee on Memoirs, beg leave to submit the following on the death of Bro. Backus Sr.:

Bro. Backus, one of the Lord's laborers in this church, has during the past year been called from time into eternity. He was converted to God about 1832, and in 1837 he was licensed to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. In 1878 he passed his course of study and was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he served well until 1882, at which time he came into the U. B. Church in Christ, and in 1883 was ordained as an elder by Bishop Glossbrenner. He was appointed to the Canning Circuit, which he travelled for one year, God's

blessing resting on his labors. At the close of that year he located at Vienna, where he served the Lord faithfully at local work until Nov. of 1897, when at the age of eighty-four, his Heavenly Father beholding his life work done, called him across the Jordan of death to his home in heaven. Bro. Backus' life was one devoted to God, his work and his family. He used every advantage to thoroughly equip himself that he might efficiently preach the Word of God, it being the one great text book of his life. He left behind him six sons, three of whom to-day are in the active ministry. One, Bro. G. H. Backus, has held the position of Presiding Elder for three successive terms. Thus truly "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them." We, the Committee, recommend that a memorial service conducted by the Elder be held this afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. DURKEE,  
J. U. ROBINS.

The Bishop called for a collection for the secretary.

Rev. Mr. Knechtel, Evangelical Church, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of J. Geach and R. Jamieson, G. Rott was appointed to assist the Stationing Committee.

#### Special Resolutions.

That this Ontario Conference of the U. B. Church requests the General Church Erection Society to appropriate the sum of \$500.00, (Five Hundred Dollars), toward the building of a new church house in the village of Markdale, County of Grey. The above sum to be returned to the Church Erection Society at the end of five years, without interest.

W. H. DAFOE,  
R. JAMIESON.

Resolved, that we tender our thanks to the good people of Berlin for the hospitality shown to the members of the Conference and visitors during their stay among them.

2nd. That we are grateful to our kind Heavenly Father that He has spared our beloved Bishop Kephart to meet with us and preside over this Conference once more, and for his wise counsel. We trust he may long be spared to serve the Church for many years to come.

G. W. HOUSEMAN.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks from this Conference be tendered to the Young People's Society for the most magnificent sum of sixty dollars to be used for Home Missions, also that each pastor convey to the societies on his charge the gratitude of said Conference.

J. SHOWERS.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Dr. Sanders and Dr. Bell for their visit among us.

On motion of W. H. Dafoc, Conference adjourned to finally adjourn on Sabbath evening after service.

Benediction by J. B. Packus.

**Evening Meetings.**

J. U. Robins conducted the services on Wednesday evening.

W. A. Robins on Thursday evening.

Dr. W. M. Bell on Friday evening.

Dr. Sanders gave us an address on "Higher Education" on Saturday evening.

**Sabbath Services.**

Bishop Kephardt preached a sermon full of power and pathos which held the attention and moved the hearts of his large congregation. After the sermon one received ordination as elder in the church, viz. W. H. Dafoc.

The annual Sabbath School re-union was held at 3 p. m. Addresses were made by several of the brethren.

The evening service was conducted by Dr. Sanders.

The services were all well attended.

I. W. GROH, Sec.

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## FINANCE.

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Berlin	H. S. Cooper.	\$ 301 25	\$20 00	\$ 73 92	—	\$18 00	\$50 00	\$2 00	—	\$1 25	\$27 00	\$95 25	2 00	—	\$1 00	\$3 27
New Dundee	D. C. Dafee.	315 55	24 00	31 11	—	23 86	23 25	1 00	47 Ont.	30 82	6 00	30 82	2 00	—	3 25	—
Gainsboro	G. H. Backus	384 25	40 00	130 00	—	61 11	78 02	3 00	2 00	5 50	—	89 02	1 00	—	—	7 62
Listowel	J. F. Durkee	314 22	30 00	76 66	—	46 84	22 25	1 60	2 00	—	2 00	29 15	2 00	—	1 00	—
Markdale	W. H. Dafee	395 00	22 20	132 00	—	10 00	32 75	2 50	1 75	—	—	37 00	1 00	—	—	—
Niagara	C. H. Elliott	341 79	50 00	23 45	—	34 95	35 27	2 00	—	—	12 75	51 82	3 00	2 43	1 55	—
Parry Sound	G. W. Houseman	344 28	42 00	75 00	—	50 00	40 00	4 10	—	—	5 00	29 65	1 00	—	—	—
Port Elgin	W. A. Robins	303 11	24 00	19 41	—	—	24 65	—	—	—	—	89 19	1 00	—	—	—
Sheffield	J. Showers	534 00	40 00	100 00	200 00	60 95	75 00	2 40	1 79	—	1 00	70 30	2 00	—	2 00	—
Shelburne	J. Geach	405 00	32 30	232 07	—	42 90	66 80	7 00	1 00	56	—	14 00	—	—	—	—
Vienna	J. B. Backus	120 32	18 41	64 64	—	14 00	14 00	3 50	—	—	—	106 63	3 00	—	2 00	—
Waterloo	J. Mager	322 05	44 00	71 00	—	69 00	90 41	3 50	5 74	1 52	5 00	65 00	3 00	—	2 00	5 00
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		Bishop's Salary.	Preachers' Aid.	Beneficiary Education	Union Biblical Seminary Assessment.	Bible Cause.	For Subscriptions, Book Acct. and Notes.	For Vienna	Total for all purposes.	No. Church Houses.	New Churches Built.	Value of Church Houses and Grounds.	Debt on Churches.	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Debt on Parsonages.	Months Employed.	No. of Minutes Wanted.	Remarks.
Berlin	H. S. Cooper	\$7 00	\$3 00	\$1 00	\$1 00		\$	%	\$ 540 69	1							12	25	
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Parry Sound	G. W. Houseman	8 00	50	50	50		38 00	1 10	707 13	5	5500		211				12	30	
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Waterloo	J. Mager	8 00	5 00	1 00	3 00			2 26	649 63	4	4500						12	40	
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# MISSIONARY REPORT.

## MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

### NIAGARA CIRCUIT.

C. H. Elliott, Pastor.

#### SHERKSTON CLASS.

Misses Nettie Sherk and Jennie Barnhart, collectors.

J. O. Wismer and wife, David Sherk and family, Dr. Brewster, each \$2.00; Benj. Shery and wife, Eman Zavitz and family, each \$1.50; J. P. Zavitz and wife, \$1.25; Chas. Sherk, D. I. Robins and wife, Mrs. C. Noxel, each \$1.00; Gilbert Sherk and wife, Miss C. Zavitz, Miss Mary A. Zavitz, each 50c; Harding Zavitz, Oliver Sherk, A Friend, C. Chambers, W. Chambers, C. Weaver, L. Learn, E. Michael, Carl Sherk, Miss C. Barnhart, Alex. Learn, J. Morningstar, J. E. Webber, each 25c; I. Michener 10c; collection \$1.11.—Total \$19.21.

#### FONTHILL CLASS.

Miss Cora Robins, collector.

E. H. Damude, Mrs. Jacob Damude Sr, each \$1.00; Mrs. Willis Damude, Mrs. N. Robins, each 50c; Willis Damude, Avery Clark, David Smith, Miss Ellen Singer, Naaman Smith, Jacob W. Damude, Mrs. David Smith, John Hill, each 25c; Miss Eva Damude, Miss Ella Henderson, J. Crysler, Wm. Wilson, Mattland Damude, each 10c; Miss Jennie Smith, (by card) 51c; collection 35c.—Total, \$6.86.

#### YOUNG'S CLASS.

Miss Grace Sibbitt, collector.

Miss Semie Biggar, \$1.00; Miss Mary Young, Miss Hester Biggar, Jacob Carl, each 50c; Miss Aggie Carl, Mrs. L. Young, Miss Fannie Young, each 25c; Miss Grace Sibbitt, 15c; collection, 55c.—Total, \$3.95.

#### McKENNEY CLASS.

Miss Victoria Green, collector.

Geo. Staath, Wm. Learn, Mrs. W. R. McKenney, each 50c; C. Weaver, F. Reilly, E. Sherk, J. Orr, J. W. Nidle, Jas. Orr, H. E. Dunn, Mrs. Geo. Staath, Mrs. R. Green, each 25c; Alex. Learn, 15c; K. Dell, E. Dell, Miss M. Green, each 10c; Miss R. Barnhart, 5c.—Total \$5.25.

Grand total, \$35.27.

#### PARRY SOUND MISSION.

G. W. Houseman, Pastor.

#### NOVAR CLASS.

G. W. Houseman and family, \$3.00; F. Welsh, Thos. Soper, D. S. Vincent, W. McLean, A. Brooks, Mrs. A. Brooks, J. W. H. Newberry, each \$1.00; Wm. White, Vernon Taplin, each 50c; Bell Parker, 25c.—Total \$11.25.

#### SCOTIA CLASS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Clearwater, \$3.00; Chas. Defoe, \$2.00; Clinton Clearwater, (by card), \$1.35; Ethel Defoe, (by card), A. L. Defoe, Geo. A. Defoe, J. S. Clearwater, Geo. Shammerhorn, each \$1.00; Miss R. Brooks, 75c; Mrs. J. Shammerhorn, Mrs. Wm. Bice, James Udell, (by card), each 25c; James Udell, 10c.—Total \$12.95.

#### KEARNEY CLASS.

George Gold, \$2.00; Isabella Gold, (by card), John Ford, each \$1.00; Mrs. G. Gold, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Sims, each 50c; Geo. Groom, Mrs. L. Groom, Mrs. Frank Groom, Fred Tall (by card). A Christian, each 25c; Edward Sims, (by card), 21c; Pearle Groom, 10c.—Total, \$8.06.

## BETHSEDA CLASS.

Wm. Roe, Albert Warner, Nelson Draper, Nelson Egerton, (by card), each \$1.00; James Boxall, (by card) 52c; John Egerton, 50c; Thos. Roe, Robt. Fogal, James Beattie, each 25c; Mrs. Wm. Curtis, 15c.—Total \$5.92.

## EAST RIVER CLASS.

Miss A. B. Bennet, \$1.10; Martha Rutherford, 44c; Collection 28c.—Total, \$1.82.

Grand Total, \$40.00.

## GAINSBORO CIRCUIT:

G. H. BACKUS, PASTOR.

Grand Total, \$89.02.

## VIENNA CIRCUIT.

J. B. BACKUS, PASTOR.

Grand Total, \$14.00.

## LISTOWEL MISSION.

J. F. DURKEE, PASTOR.

Grand Total \$29.15.

## MARKDALE MISSION.

W. H. DAFOE, PASTOR.

## MARKDALE CLASS.

J. Gibson and wife, \$1.25; Robt. Bowers & wife, a Friend, a Friend, Eliza Clocke, each \$1; Charlotte Theaker, Thos. Shears, J. Symns, John Walker, each 50cts; Small sums and cash collections, \$5.15; Thank offering and special \$1.60.—Total \$14.

## CHERRY GROVE CLASS.

Geo. Myers and wife \$2; Henry Spaleling and wife, Mrs. Wm. Brady, each \$1; John Dickey, W. Meyers, Walter Taylor, Miss Hill, John Hethers, Mr. Hutchinson, each 50c; Small sums and cash collections, \$5.07; Thank offering and special, 93c.—Total \$13.

## WALKER'S CORNERS.

Jos. Walker, \$1; Richard Noble, Wesley Bell, John Love, Andrew Love, James Page, Mr. Gibson, Miss Effie Croft, each 50c; Small

sums and cash collections, \$3.77; Thank offering and special, \$1.73. Total \$10.00.

Grand Total, \$37.00.

## NEW DUNDEE CIRCUIT.

D. C. DAFOE, PASTOR.

## GOVERNOR'S ROAD CLASS.

Juvenile—Eva Rawson, \$1.40; Lulu Maus, \$1; Mabel Andrew, 75c; Jessie McCrindle, 60c; Myrtle Andrew, \$1.60.—Total \$5.35.

Jas. Seaborn, Betsy Kipp, Mrs. Backus, Mrs. D. C. Dafeo, each \$1; Mrs. Culliford, Mrs. McKay, collections, each 25c; Mrs. Kipp, Fr. Maus, each 10c.—Total \$10.35.

## WINDELL CLASS.

S. Cornell, \$2; Mrs. G. Tottle, \$1; Mrs. Sims, Rev. D. Hagey, W. Whittrich, D. Prentiss, J. Workman, C. Thompson, J. Belfore, each 50c; Mrs. Adams, M. Woods, Mrs. Burbank, W. Hutcheson, J. Pemberton, J. Bonham, Mr. Chisholm, Wm. Pigott, W. Hurley, each 25c; A. Wesley, a Friend, each 10c; Collection 40c.—Total \$9.35.

Juvenile—Lillie Sims, \$2; Stanley Tottle, 55c; D. S. Dafeo, \$1, Sub. and Collection, \$9.35.

Grand Total \$23.25.

## SHELBURNE CIRCUIT.

J. GEACH, PASTOR.

## SHELBURNE CLASS.

J. Geach and family, \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. Stone, \$1.50; Wm. Watts, Mr. Harrison, sr., Mr. Harrison, jr., David Knisley, Thomas Stephens, Richard McAllister, Wallace Snyder, John Theaker, Mrs. F. Dowkes, J. Sleighton, each \$1.00; John Dowkes, Joseph Dowkes, Richard Norsely, J. U. Robinson, Frank Muskley, each 50c; D. Middleton and wife, 75c; Bertie Stephenson, Millie Marlatt, Bertha Volle, Jennie Tippling, Vina Candelson, John Norsely, Miss Durkee, Florence McAllister, Mrs. Munn, Mandy Bunting, John Mulligan,

each 25c; Collection, 77c; Roy Geach, (by card), \$2.60.—Total, \$25.37.

#### MAPLE GROVE CLASS.

Mrs. Scott, Francis Myers, Chas. Cook, each \$1.00; James Connor, \$3.00; Mrs. N. McVannell, Duncan McVannell, Chas. Blackwell, Ethel Richardson, each 50c; Mrs. New, 40c; Nellie Richardson, Mrs. Don-ey, W. G. Haney, C. J. Collingburn, M. Loney, Albert Myers, Thomas Wells, Charles Wells, Jos. Fennell, David Williams, Mrs. James Connor, each 25c; Wm. Richie, 30c; Harry Marley, Elgin Connor, Herbert Connor, each 15c; J. A. Myers, Mrs. Davis, each 10c; Collections 40c.—Total \$13.00.

#### SHRIGLEY CLASS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spanhouse, \$2.00; James Spanhouse, Thos. Kitching, W. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis, John Spanhouse, jr., John McKinzie, Edward Bell, Robt. and Kate Bell, Ennis Allin, Emma and Gladys Spanhouse, Geo. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Pearen, J. Norris, Geo. Kitching, Robt. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Philips, each \$1.00; Bessie Sharpe, John Bell, Mrs. James Philips, Laura Bell, Maggie Scutty, Geo. Jamieson, each 50c; Mrs. Jas. Coulter, Mrs. Wm. Westicott, J. U. Westicott, Jane Jamieson, Jane McDonald, Mrs. W. Crosby, Mrs. Jas. Steward, Mrs. U. Mitchell, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Jos. Mitchell, Mrs. Andrew Hood, Wm. Aitkin, Chas. Lock, Mrs. W. Cameron, Mrs. J. Cameron, Mrs. Josh. Bell, Fannie Kitching, Jas. Ellis, Fred Bell, Robt. Bailey, Jennie Aitkin, W. Spanhouse, each 25c; small sums and collections, 37c; Y. P. C. U., \$1.00; Collection 56c.—Total, \$29.43.

Grand Total, \$67.80.

#### ZION CIRCUIT.

R. Jamieson, Pastor.

#### ZION CLASS.

R. Jamieson and wife, \$12.24; W. J. Marr and wife, \$3; J. Schwoob and wife, \$2; J. Glaves and wife, \$1.50; J. R. McCombs and wife, L. Shralts and wife, James Gilmore, Mrs. J. Priestman, Wesley Marr, Abr. Lampman, Ezra Moore, Benj. Winger, Robt. Gilmore, Leonhard Traver, each \$1; Mr. Doan, Mrs. Shantz, each 50c; Zenas Marr, 45c; Thos. Marr, 25c. Juveniles—Martha Marr, \$1.15; Ella Marr, 58cts; Pearl Devitt, 50c; Collections \$1.06; General Missions, 75c; Home Mission, \$1.38; Vienna, 90c; Zion Sunday School, \$1. Total \$37.76.

#### LOWBANKS CLASS.

Mr. Speck, \$1; Geo. Brown, C. Lesley, John Burgett, D. A. Furry, Thos. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Furry, each 50c; David Dodge, Maude Minor, Joseph Minor, Frank Smith, Arthur Leslie, Mr. Glendenning, Warren Lee, M. C. McGregor, each 25c. Juvenile—Ollie Dodge 50c; General Missions, 93c; Home Missions, \$1.23; Vienna, 56c; Sunday School, 58c; Collection 52c. Total \$11.32.

#### MOULTON CLASS.

J. Dickson, \$1; Will Cook, Steve Robinson and wife, Mrs. M. MacCombs, Jesse McCombs, Arthur Stanley, each 50c; Sarah Anthony, Minnie Snyder, J. M. McCombs, Mrs. B. Foster, E. J. Burth, Robt. Petit, Geo. Burtch, S. Wardell, each 25c; C. Putman 20c. Juveniles—Ward McCombs, \$1.10; Frank Dickson 55c; Harold McCombs, 30c; General Missions, \$1; Vienna, 67c; Small sums and cash collections, 46c. Total \$10.92.

Grand Total \$60.00.

## SHEFFIELD STATION.

J. Showers, Pastor.

## SHEFFIELD CLASS.

Nelson Culham, \$3; Chas. Hooker, \$2.50; J. E. McCrimmon, Aaron Main, each \$2; Rev. J. Showers, Freeman Cornell, Sylvester Main, Mrs. George Misener, Dr. J. F. Manes, D. W. Smith, J. W. Steele, Levi Schatz, Walter Smith, Jordan Main, E. B. Washburn, J. W. Hay, Wilbur Sweet, Wm. Spong, Smith Williard, W. Main, each \$1; Y. P. S. C. E., \$25; Jr. P. P. S. C. E., \$4.34; Small sums and cash collections \$19.16.—Total \$75.00.

## FREEPORT CLASS.

Elias Hewitt, \$1; Small sums and cash collections, \$2.—Total \$3. Grand total, \$78.

## BERLIN MISSION.

H. S. Cooper, Pastor.

J. U. Clemens, \$10.00; Chas. Reichert, \$4.00; Mr. and Mrs. Groh, Levi Stauffer, Mrs. Levi Stauffer, each \$3.00; Rachel Weaver, Lizzie Weaver, each \$2.50; Wm. Wiegand, Mrs. Chas. Reichert, H. S. Cooper, each \$2.00; M. Turrel, Emma Reichert, each \$1.50; Elma Groh, Lottie Groh, Sylvester Wiegand, Mrs. Woolner, Mary Stauffer, Jessie Stauffer, Mrs. J. B. Oberholtzer, S. Groh, each \$1.00; Dr. Wright, Lorne Stauffer, Simpson Shoemaker, Mrs. D. Shoemaker, each 50c; Mrs. Gofton, Mr. Gottslaben, Mr. Meck, Annie Uttley, Mary Gottslaben, Lillie Gottslaben, Miss E. Hallman, Mr. Gofton, each 25c; Sunday School collection, \$1.19; Prayer Meeting, \$5.81.—Total \$60.00.

## Y. P. C. U.

J. U. Clemens, \$10.00; Mrs. Groh, R and L. Weaver, each \$5.00; Mary Stauffer, Emma Reichert, H. S. Cooper, each \$2.00; Violet Mager, Armina Mager, Lorne

Stauffer, each 50c; Wm. Wiegand, \$1.00; Levi Stauffer, Charles Reichert, Mrs. Woolner, each 25c. Total \$29.25.—Sabbath School special to Japan, \$5.00.

Grand Total, \$94.25.

## WATERLOO CIRCUIT.

J. Mager, Pastor.

## BLOOMINGDALE CLASS.

J. Mager, J. Bingeman, \$5.00; J. H. Sheppard and wife, \$4.00; H. Spiesman, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Fellows, \$2.00; Geo. Carr, \$1.00; Fanny McKay, \$1.00; C. McKay, \$1.00; A. C. Oberholtzer, \$1.50; Beulah and Irwin Shephard, \$1.50; In remembrance of Edith Shephard, \$1.00; Floyd and Florence Shephard, \$1.00; Talmon Mager, \$2.00; Mrs. J. Mager, \$1.00; Armina Mager, Violet Mager, Malissa Snyder, Alice Snyder, each \$1.00; William Bedford, \$1.50; Mrs. Wm. Bedford, \$1.50; Miss Good, Mrs. Thos. Bedford, John Clemens, each \$1.00; Mrs. O. Oberholtzer, 75c; John Kirkpatrick, Will E Wray, D. Bemis, each 50c; small sums, \$3.81; cash collections, \$1.76; Gertie Bedford, juvenile card, \$2.00; Ethel Bedford, juvenile card, \$1.10; Y P C U, Ontario Mission Fund Christian Endeavor, Mrs. H. Shephard, \$5.00; J. Mager, \$2.00; Collection, \$3.46, Thank offering, \$1.91; Special to Vienna, \$1.67.—Total \$63.46.

Collectors, Misses M. Snyder and C. McKay.

## HAWKESVILLE CLASS.

W. Woodward, \$3.00; Mrs. Schiefly, Mrs. Alex. Anderson, Nellie Lackner, each \$1.00; George Lackner & wife, \$2.00; Maud Peterson, Hannah Peterson, each \$1.00; Geo. F., \$2.00; T. Cunningham & wife, \$1.50; Mr. and Mrs. Hallman, Mrs. F. Donald, each \$1.00; Mrs. Ahrens, Miss Dymond, Russel

Showers, W. Martinson, Mr. Snider, Sarah Bricker, J. C. Shelly, Dr. Bennett, each 50c; small sums, \$1.75; Cash Collections, \$1.06; Laura M. Lackner, juvenile card, \$1.25; Thank offering, 84c.—Total \$24.40.

Collectors, Misses M. Peterson, and Shelley.

#### WEST MONTROSE CLASS.

I. Hilborn and wife, \$5.00; C.D. Bowman and wife, \$4.00; I. Letson, \$2.00; W. J. Letson, P. Richert and wife, G. Rott, Mrs. Elsley, each \$1.00; Mina Hill, 50c; small sums, 50c; cash collection, 83c; Lida Bowman, juvenile card, 60c; Thank offering, 75c; special to Vienna, 59c.—Total, \$18.77.  
Collector, Miss M. J. Letson.

Grand total, \$106.68.

#### PORT ELGIN MISSION.

W. A. Robins, Pastor.

#### ABERDOUR CLASS.

A. Pollock, Mrs. E. Pollock, Clifford Schell, Alex. Campbell, each \$1.00; Maggie Fleming, Theo. Kelly, J. C. Pollock, Mrs. Geo. Schell, Mrs. Gibbons, P. A. Mc-

Kinnon, Mrs. Kelly, G. Muir, each 50c; smaller sums and collections, \$3.50. Total \$11.50.

#### NORTH BRUCE.

W. A. Robins and wife, \$2.00; John Botteril, wife and family, \$1.50; Janet Richardson, \$1.00; Mr. John Carmichael, wife and son, 75c; smaller sums, \$1.25. Total \$6.50.

#### ORANGE HALL.

J. U. Robins, Mrs. M. A. Trav-  
is, Wm. Rawn, Robert Scott, each \$1.00; Joshua Vennard, John Caldwell, Orin Shoemaker, Joseph Cotteril, Thomas Atkinson, each 50c; smaller sums, \$1.50.—Total, \$8.00.

#### FOURTH BRUCE.

Richard Westman and wife, Joseph Hyde, wife and family, each \$2.00; John Roeth and wife, Henry Roeth and wife, John Hyde, each \$1.00; Geo. Downey, 50c; smaller sums and collection, \$1.15.—Total \$8.65. Grand total, \$34.65.

Applied on other assessment, \$10.00.