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is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ; and pleads for the union of all believers in the Lord Jesus in harmony with his own prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and on the basis set forth by the Apostle Paul in the following terms: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."—Eph. iv. 1-6.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Time has, by the mercy of our God, brought us to our Annual Meeting of 1891. I trust we realize that another year of earth has gone since we last met. All the labors and sacrifices we have made for the furtherance of the cause of the Master, and all of our forgetfulness, and neglect of duty, our selfishness which is idolatry, our every shortcoming, and all our sins are recorded in heaven, our Saviour who is on the right hand of God, He who is touched with a feeling for our infirmities, who knows us altogether, advocates our cause with God. In Him we trust for forgiveness, and enjoy hope for blessings to rest upon our efforts in the future. During the past year the work by your Board has been done under the pleasurable influence of the co-operation of an increasing and earnest brotherhood, who recognize the fact that they are stewards of God's blessings to them, and who have contributed liberally for the support of the laborers in the different fields. I feel satisfied that, while in the past we may have neglected our duty, forgotten the cause of Christ in our calculations, we in Ontario, as a body of people, are fast coming up to a clearer understanding of our duty as individuals, and as churches, toward the cause of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and I believe we realize that God will hold us responsible for the time we waste disputing over plans of work, neglecting the admonition to work while it is day, for the night soon cometh when no man can work. It is in the neighborhood of fifty years since our Co-operation was organized by our fathers, who desired that the fulness and clearness of the Gospel might be known beyond their immediate localities. Few now remain who were engaged in the work at that time; many have gone to that "rest that remaineth for the people of God;" they are at rest from their labors and their works follow them. It is a source of pleasure to know that, almost without exception, our fathers, those who have gone, and those who remain, were, and are, in sympathy with the work of the Co-operation. While it is human to differ in opinion, we must all rejoice that the Gospel of Christ is preached, and the church drawn nearer to the

Son of God, and sinners are made to rejoice in His salvation. The oneness of the faith of the gospel, which enabled our fathers to co-operate, to advance the cause of Christ, is clearly leading us along the path of duty to-day. The inspiration of our work, as a religious people, is this: the oneness, the union in faith and practice of all God's people. The prayer of the Saviour is not yet answered; divisions mar the power of the church. The dear Saviour saw the danger of coming divisions and prayed "that they all may be one; as thou Father art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me," (Jno. xvii.—). How can the professed Christian world of to-day attain to this desired object? By a return to the authority of Christ and His apostles, by which the oneness of the church was preserved in the beginning. For "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." I am not in doubt, yet I trust and hope that nothing will ever move us, in the least, away from that grand old Book, the Bible, the Word of God, which changeth not, but which liveth and abideth forever.

A deep religious awakening, is manifest throughout the world; man appears to be reaching out toward God. Ecclesiastical and priestly power is losing its hold upon the masses, and the races of men who dwell on the earth appear desirous to know and participate in the joy of that holy communion through Christ, of man coming nearer to his Creator. I trust we realize that we have a high calling of God, to the high and holy privilege of being co-laborers with God in the great work of bringing the world to Christ,—work is the order of heaven. I don't think either earth or heaven has any place for a man or a woman who will not work. Through every age God has conditioned his dispensations of mercy and blessings to man, by making man a co-worker, a partner in the labour, in order that he might participate in the blessings promised. Shall not we, upon whom God has bestowed His richest blessings, devote our lives and all that He has entrusted us with in striving to further the cause of the truth we believe.

No cross, no crown, should be ever before our minds. The missionary spirit must be cultivated, enlarged and invigorated, before we can understand, realize and enjoy its fruits. There are no downy cushioned beds of ease in the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus. From the commencement of His public ministry to the last scenes of His life, our Saviour went continually about doing good and healing those whom Satan had oppressed. Let us not neglect our exalted privileges; let us work, work while we have such grand opportunities that we may have joy and rejoicing in the triumph of the Gospel of Christ.

I am glad to refer to the work done during the year by your assistance; the outlook is very hopeful at all points; wherever work is done under the guidance of the Word of God, our

Divine and Holy Father will assuredly give His blessing. The future for the cause of Christ is exceedingly hopeful for many reasons.

(1) The churches in Ontario are becoming imbued with the missionary spirit. We are awakening to the fact that we have a work to do that is not being touched upon in the broad, catholic sense, that *the people of God should be one*, by any other body of professed Christians.

(2) We have a number of excellent, earnest, young brethren, who have devoted themselves to the ministry of the Word and are actively engaged in furthering the cause. The world hopes much from the youth of our land; should not the church of God hope in our "young men because they are strong and have overcome the wicked one?" I pray that God will richly bless our young brethren with His wisdom to guide them, with pure hearts, an earnest desire to strengthen the feeble, preach the Gospel of the Crucified One to a perishing world, and a constant, living, loyalty to the word of truth.

(3) Our sisters, who a few years ago were doing but little for the work of spreading the Gospel, have now an active band of God-fearing, earnest, soul-loving women, in nearly every church in Ontario. They are to-day doing a great work in this Province; they are contributing systematically and liberally for the furtherance of the Master's cause; and they are training and teaching the young in our churches the duty of consecration to the cause of Christ.

(4) We have in many churches "Children's Mission Bands" where the children are being trained to be useful, by doing work, and are taught their duty in the grace of giving for the cause of Christ; which will most assuredly, when these boys and girls become men and women, give an army of trained, consecrated workers, to carry forward the plea to "preach the Gospel to every creature."

(5) I feel it a duty and a pleasure to refer to THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, which is doing indispensable service in our mission work. It is a constant advocate of the cause we plead; an able auxiliary to the work being done by the Board. Without the assistance of THE EVANGELIST it would be a matter of great difficulty to carry on the mission work in which we are engaged.

I trust we may enjoy while together here a foretaste of the lasting joy that is awaiting the faithful, in the land beyond. And that a spirit of harmony consistent with active work may prevail in all our deliberations.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Dear Brethren of the Annual Meeting.—The Board of Managers rejoices to be able to meet you in this commodious and substantial house in the city of Toronto, and has pleasure in presenting an account of its efforts to carry out the recommendations of the last Annual Meeting, and also of the way in which it has dealt with the unforeseen and unprovided for matters, which have arisen during the year now closing. The Board has sought with all faithfulness and dili-

gence to carry out the instructions received and believes that the results of our united efforts in this co-operation will be acknowledged to be such as to lead us to thank God and take courage and to stimulate us to increased activity during another year.

### REPORTS FROM MISSION POINTS.

#### Muskoka.

As arranged for prior to last Annual Meeting three young brethren went to Muskoka last summer and spent the coll-ago vacation preaching there; their names are A. O. Gray, D. H. Stewart, J. D. Stephens. As the treasurer's report will show that the Board paid their travelling expenses, it is a pleasure to record that their services were highly valued and that they enjoyed the work among the somewhat primitive circumstances of the district. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon Bro. Gray to induce him to remain until the first of June of this year, and an earnest appeal was made to the Board to assist in supporting him. One hundred dollars was promised, whereupon Bro. Gray was engaged. The following statement of the result of his labors is here given:—

Report of the Southern District of Muskoka.—In the southern district we have three places as mission points, viz., Macaulay, Ridout West and Ridout East. In Macaulay we have to meet in a dwelling-house, as there is no public building central enough for worship. In Ridout West we have a snug, neat little church building of our own. In Ridout East we meet in a school-house. The present membership in Macaulay is 18; in Ridout West, 8; in Ridout East, 7; total number of additions, 17; losses, 7; net gain, 10. I may say that the greater number of these additions took place during the labors of Bros. Crowson, Stephens, Stewart and myself last summer. Since my return in October, 1890, four have been added—three by confession and baptism. Money raised in Macaulay during the year, \$18.61; Ridout West, \$6.14; Ridout East, \$1.20.

Of the mission point in Ridout East I have nothing more to say. In Ridout West there is quite a number of those who once were in full fellowship with the church, but have fallen away. There is a fine prospect for doing good at this point. We have good reason to believe that there is a desire among those who have fallen away to return to Christ.

Macaulay is the best mission point we have in all Muskoka. We have very staunch members here. They live in perfect harmony and have nothing to mar their good feeling to another. It is true that this vicinity is in more comfortable circumstances than any other at which we have a mission point in Muskoka, yet it is my firm belief that our work here can never become self-supporting unless we are able to build up a congregation in the town of Bracebridge. Let us get into the towns if we can. We can use them as radiating centres. The prospects for building up a congregation in Bracebridge are good, but to get even a fair start in the town, a considerable outlay of money must be made. From a financial point of

view the prospects here are not good. But from every other point of view they are encouraging. The people are kind-hearted and willing to give all they can, but, unfortunately for themselves, they are not able to give much.

Bro. Crowson sends the following account of his work: "My work at present is mainly in Bruce Tp. and Huntsville village—going occasionally to other places; Baysville, Menominee, Emberson, Ridout, Dorset, McLean and Macaulay, come in for a share of attention. But Bro. A. O. Gray has been in charge of Macaulay, McLean, Ridout and Dorset for some time. We have had about twenty additions during the year by confession and baptism. The young men who came to assist me last summer did good service by their earnest work and good conduct. The outlook is encouraging; the people are coming to value our presentation of the truth, and to look favorably upon us and give us a better hearing; so we get a better chance. Hope the Board may be sustained in its efforts to maintain the footing already gained here and elsewhere."

#### Collingwood.

The church in Collingwood sends the following statement:—

"The church in Collingwood has to report for the year about to close: First, that we have great reason for thankfulness. Besides the regular Lord's day services, morning and evening, Bro. Sinclair takes charge of the Sunday school and the Bible class. He also takes a series of meetings during the winter, assisted for two weeks by Bro. Lediard. On account of the elections taking place at that time and interfering with the interest of the meetings they were not so successful as we could have wished. However, we had a great deal of good teaching and as prejudice seems to be gradually giving way we hope for greater success in the future. Bro. Sinclair is greatly respected both personally and as a preacher and our new converts as well as our old ones are being "built up in the faith." We have had several additions during the year, but we, like some other churches, have lost a number by removal, which leaves us numerically much the same as last year. We are pleased to acknowledge from the Co-operation to the extent of \$182.50 to date. There is still a balance due us of \$67.50 on their pledge which we hope the Board may have funds enough to meet. The fact of our congregation's contributing to the Co-operation does not indicate any particular ability to do so, but it is thought well to educate our people in the matter of giving as well as receiving.

If this point is to be sustained we require a preacher or some one who can speak to a congregation and lead in church work; consequently we are still compelled to ask the Board for \$250.00 for next year, and in asking this it is something we cannot do for ourselves, as our congregation can only raise \$300.00 for the year. We regret exceedingly having to ask for so much again, but we do not see how we can get along without it."

Hamilton.

The Board was authorized to assist the church in Hamilton to support a preacher as soon as their new home would be opened. The house was opened on the fourteenth of September, and thereupon the Board took steps to carry out the instruction of the Annual Meeting. Bro. M. Putman was employed about November 1st, and continues to labor with the church. The following statement of membership and additions for the period June 1st, 1890, to May 20th, 1891, shows that substantial progress is being made. Number of members, June 1, 1890, 25; additions since then, by baptism 11, by letters 5, total 16; lost by removal 3; net 13, present membership 38.

The present financial position of the church will appear from the subjoined statement:—

Assets table with columns for item and amount. Includes Church building \$2,500 00, Lot 650 00, Furniture, etc. 416 00, Cash on hand 68 00. Total \$3,632 00.

Liabilities table with columns for item and amount. Includes Mortgage \$900 00, Furniture, etc. 182 00. Total \$1,082 00.

Balance in favor of church \$2,600 00.

The following items will illustrate the fact that the church in Hamilton is not sparing itself:—

Expenditures from June 1st, 1890, to May 20th, 1891, not specifying contributions to building fund:—

Table of expenditures: Preaching \$500 00, Mission wood 57 00, Furniture, etc. 281 00, In support of S.S. 76 00, Incidental Expense 150 00. Total \$1,070 00.

The Ladies Aid Society raised \$70.00.

The church is thankful to be occupying a new house; encouraged with the results since the opening, and hopeful for the future. Continued assistance from the Co-operation is requested during the coming year. Bro. Joseph Franklin held a meeting for the church in Hamilton last winter. Reference will be made to that elsewhere in this report.

Owen Sound.

The church in Owen Sound presents a report extending from May 1st, 1890, to May 1st, 1891:— Number of members May 1st.

Table of membership: 1890 48, Added during the year 15, Lost by death 1, Lost by removals 11, Net gain 4, Present membership 62.

In addition to these we have had no less than 13 students, all members of churches in other places, worshipping and working with us during the year.

The amount of money raised during the year by the congregation is as follows:—

Table of money raised: In liquidation of church debt \$350 00, Preaching 400 00, Home Missions 20 00, Incidental Expenses 97 00, Sunday School 80 00. Total \$897 00.

This is an average of about \$17.00 per member.

The church at the present time is in good condition, and marked by an activity that promises well for the future. A good hearing is being gained, the prayer meetings and the meetings for Bible study are largely attended, and so is the young people's meeting for prayer on Lord's day morning, which is proving a blessing to us. The Sunday school and Bible classes (of which there are two) are

doing well. We have just added a S. S. library of over two hundred volumes. Our student members are a great help to us; in so far as their studies will allow, they are faithful workers for the interest of this congregation, while the church to them is a blessing for which they are truly thankful.

Of the importance of Owen Sound as a large and growing town, the great educational centre of the northern part of the Province, a railway and steamboat terminus, we need not speak as the brethren are well acquainted with these facts.

Bro. Lediard's ministry began with us November first last. His labors have been marked by great earnestness and are highly appreciated both by the congregation and by the citizens of the town. He is a member of the local Ministerial Association, and his services are often sought after and freely given to the Y.M.C.A. in Bible class teaching and public meeting work and also to the various temperance societies in Gospel temperance work. He is ever ready for every good work calculated to advance the Master's kingdom.

We may also mention that our Woman's Mission Band is an earnest, active body of Christian women, who are not only interested in mission work generally, but are a power for good in the home church.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Co-operation for the help so cheerfully given this year, and trust they may be as able as we feel sure they are willing to help us continue the services of Bro. Lediard during the coming year. With regard to the amount of assistance we require it was decided at our annual meeting last night (May 21) to ask the Co-operation, if possible, to grant us \$200, with which we expect to be able to continue our work in its present very favorable form.

Welland.

Considerable attention has been paid to Welland during the year. The efforts of the Board for a good while were in the direction of helping to get the work into such a shape that it would be safe to assist. Towards the end of the winter Bro. Alex. McMillan agreed to go to Welland and remain a length of time. Since then matters have taken a more hopeful aspect and there is now reason to believe that with patient and persevering efforts the cause can be put on a solid footing in that town. The treasurer sends the financial statement here given:—

Assets table for Welland: Church property—original cost \$1,200 00, Repairs 153 00, Cash on hand 7 52, Pledges receivable 27 75. Total \$1,388 27.

Liabilities table for Welland: Mortgage held by Mrs. North \$1,048 00, Due Bro. Young on note given by him 46 00, Dno G. & J. Cutler, repairs on building 97 25. Total \$1,190 25.

Balance \$198 02.

A letter recently received from Bro. Alex. McMillan gives a clear idea of the present condition of the church. He writes:—

"Yours of May 26 is at hand. I will send you herewith as full a report as possible of the condition of the church. I am sorry that we cannot make a more definite statement, but you will see that in the circumstances we cannot be very definite.

"There is no membership roll here. The original register has disappeared and accounts vary as to the time of its disappearance. There has not been

any account kept of the membership or finances of the church for at least two years; at least none can be found. Our now roll is not completed yet; but at the present shows an active membership of forty three. Of those we are likely to lose three, by removal and otherwise, in the near future, and five are to be added to the church by baptism next Wednesday. Our membership is at least forty and all active. No elders or deacons, in fact no officers at all, have been appointed. The attendance at our Lord's day morning meetings averages about forty, at the evening meeting about ninety, and both are growing very satisfactorily. We have weekly prayer meetings and have lately organized a society of Christian Endeavor. I believe the brethren here are exceptionally willing, but it is impossible to say what they can do financially as they have never made a trial of their strength before. The amount of the cash pledges for the current year so far made is \$77 50. Besides this two of the members have promised that they will each board a preacher for one month. They cannot expect to raise more than \$150.00 at most and probably not that.

Our work here has heretofore been almost entirely among those not rich in this world's goods and we cannot expect to be self supporting until our strength is considerably increased. But the prospects for increase are good. We are centrally located in a quarter of the town where no other Protestant church holds regular meetings. We have a good brick building which ten years ago cost about \$6,000.00 and is now in good repair; moreover the people are willing to hear the Gospel."

As the treasurer's report will show the Co-operation has only made a small contribution this year to Welland.

Georgetown.

As an instance of the value to the cause of the Co-operation it may be noted that when during the winter a company of Disciples in and near Georgetown determined, with the assistance of Bro. W. G. Charlton, to open up and continue services in Georgetown and arrange to have Bro. W. D. Campbell come to hold special meetings, and it was found that Bro. Campbell could not remain as long as was desirable unless some one was sent to take his place in Dorchester and Aylmer.

Bro. D. H. Stewart agreed to go, but the brethren in Georgetown could not pay his expenses as the rent of the hall and other charges were all they could then undertake.

The Board was appealed to and promised to pay Bro. Stewart's expenses while he occupied Bro. Campbell's place. Accordingly Bro. Campbell remained in Georgetown, concluded the series of meetings and did a good work. As the treasurer's statement will show the sum contributed in this way towards the Georgetown work is not great, yet it seemed to be what at the time was necessary to insure the success of the effort.

London.

The Board regrets to have to report that it was found impracticable to make a start in London. To have a reasonable prospect of success in such a place it is necessary to have a large financial backing.

A suitable hall for holding services would be difficult to get, and expensive if secured. An able and experienced preacher would require to be located there, and preparations made for a long, strong pull.

After giving the subject a good deal of attention the Board decided that it would not be well to put forth an effort

which might end in failure and discouragement.

In the course of a year or two it is hoped that the Co-operation will be able to undertake the work in the Forest city with adequate means and forces.

Toronto, Cecil Street.

From this church we have the following report:—

1. The report of this congregation to the annual convention one year ago gave the membership at 167, including 13 who were engaged in the West Toronto work, and who have since taken out letters.

Table showing members added during the year: By baptism 20, By letter 22, By statement 5. Total 47.

There were also during the year seven members who have not taken formal membership with us for reasons, two of these live at West Toronto. The others are in sympathy with our work, and we hope they will find their way to membership. This makes 27 baptisms.

Table showing dismissions: Dismissed by letter 10, For cause 13. Total 23.

Leaving a net gain of 24.

And a membership of 168.

2. There are a half a dozen or more Disciples meeting with us and working, whose names are not in formal membership, but ought to be, and no doubt will be before long. Since we have been meeting in our new house our hearing has largely increased; many are expressing themselves as favorable to us, and as our teaching and work are better understood we will reap richly.

3. It is proper to note in this report two things (1) That figures of gains and losses do not always fairly represent the actual status. Gains are sometimes merely a gain in names, and losses more a loss in names, and which side is the heavier in this nominal scale depends on circumstances in a city like Toronto, where population rapidly changes, the conditions are felt more than in smaller places and in the country. Here people come and go very rapidly, and in a large city area removals from point to point make changes. In this report, while we have gained a few, no doubt, who are soon lost as to actual help, though blessed, no doubt, spiritually, the most of the losses are so only in name. (2) One of the most difficult things in our city work is the positive lack in many Disciples of feeling the responsibility of local church membership, and consequently of thoroughly organized local work. The necessity of building up strong local congregations in order to strengthen the cause at large needs to be deeply impressed. The bond of local fellowship needs to be strengthened.

1. The Cecil Street church does not forget that it has been dependant largely for three or four years on the Ontario Board, and for this liberality we are deeply grateful. Were it not for the fact that in order to meet essential requirements of our work we are compelled to bear heavy financial burdens, both in paying principle and interest toward our new house, we would feel nearly, if not wholly, able to meet our current expenses. But, taking the fact as it meets us, our official Board weighing their embarrassment feel compelled to beg assistance of the Co-operation for the coming year to the extent of last year's generous allowance.

STATEMENT OF DISBURSMENTS AND RECEIPTS OF TORONTO CHURCH FROM 1st JUNE, 1890, TO MAY 31st, 1891.

Disbursements table: J. R. Gaff, on acct. salary \$920 00, Foreign Missions 24 85, Home Missions 47 33, Rent Denison Ave Bldg. 300 00, Janitor 90 00, Fire 68 80, Gas 50 58, Water 3 35, Sundries, Printing, etc 72 52. Total \$1,583 83.

Receipts table: General Weekly Collections \$1,103 32, Foreign Mt. Collection 21 85, Home Mission Collections 47 33, Received from Co-operation 320 00. Total \$1,195 50.

Balance due Treasurer \$38 83.

Amounts due by Church and unpaid: Balance due Treasurer \$48 33, J. R. Gaff duo on salary 380 00. Total \$428 33.

Amount due to Church: By Co-operation 228 00.

Balance due by Church \$10 35.

This statement does not include any interest on mortgage in connection with Cecil Street Building, of which about three months have now accrued, or any sums received or paid out on account of erection of same.

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Treas.

STATEMENT OF THE BUILDING FUND OF CECIL STREET CHURCH.

Table of building fund: Cost of building and furnishing and lot about \$26,723 38, Amount still owing on building and furnishing 17,032 00.

Amount paid on account of building and lot \$9,671 33.

Table of donations: Donations by members of the Church \$9,021 99, Donations by other brethren 919 26.

Total donations \$9,971 55.

Amount paid on account of building and lot 9,671 33.

Balance in Treasurer's hands \$300 17, Amount still owing on Church \$17,032 00.

Pledges by members of Ch. not yet redeemed \$1,533 00, Pledges by other brethren not yet redeemed 665 00.

Total pledges not yet redeemed \$2,198 00.

Balance yet to be provided for \$11,454 00.

We are under interest on, say \$17,000, at, say 6 per cent. per annum, which, of course, would amount to \$1,020 a year.

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Treas.

In General.

It is no part of the business of the Board to report the progress of the cause in general throughout the Province, nor is there any desire to make such reference to it as would be misunderstood; yet it will not be out of place to express gratification at the evidences of prosperity both among the churches that support this Co-operation, and those that do not,—new houses erected, old ones repaired, new churches organized, old ones revived, young preachers set to work and the older ones kept busy; continued and growing interest in Sunday school work, young people's work, and woman's mission work, and very considerable additions to the churches in many places. All these things may be noted and rejoiced over without offence to any.

Neither has the Board any desire to set up a middle wall of partition between the churches that work with the Co-operation and those that do not. No such sectarian purpose is entertained. It is fully recognized that the churches which do not see fit to join in the Co-operation have a perfect right not to do so, and at the same time it is thought that there can be nothing unpleasant in expressing the hope that they will not fail to do all they can to extend the cause of Christ in some other way, which they may deem more effectual or more Scriptural. The Board, for its own part, and on behalf of the Co-operation, desires to say that those connected with the Co-operation have no other design than to do what they can to make disciples of Christ, and to teach them to observe all things whatsoever the Lord Jesus has commanded. They are unwilling to waste time and foster bitterness among brethren in a wearisome and fruitless discussion of methods, but are rather anxious, as the days hasten by, to use their best endeavors to further the truth as it is



in Jesus, by such means as they believe to be in accord with the New Testament, and which are found to be at least moderately successful, and by pursuing such a purpose and cherishing such a spirit, they trust to commend themselves to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and to the Master Himself.

The Evangelist's Guarantee Fund.

In harmony with the action taken by the Annual Meeting at Owen Sound the Board promptly undertook to secure a first-class evangelist to hold protracted meetings in large towns and cities. A number of wise brethren in the United States recommended Bro. J. M. Vanhorn, then on his way from England, where he had been successfully laboring for some years. Correspondence was entered into with him, and for a few weeks the Board felt confident of obtaining him. However, for personal reasons, he at last decided not to come. A number of other supposed suitable men were then written to, but invariably the reply was equivalent to this: "Can't go, busy here." As the time went on it became more and more evident that it is not easy to induce our eminent preachers in the United States to come to this country; their services are in such demand at home, and possibly they have some dread of the reputed rigors of the climate, if not also of the peculiarities of the people.

Finally the Board concluded that as the year was passing, and most of the occasions where it was expected the evangelist would be employed had passed or were provided for, it would not be prudent, even were it possible, to engage a man for a lengthened period. It was thought that perhaps the best thing in the circumstances would be to arrange to employ preachers for single series of meetings, without any further obligation. In this way Bro. Joseph Franklin, of Bedford, Indiana, was engaged to conduct special services in Hamilton, which services, it is believed, while not followed by large immediate results, were productive of great good in placing the Disciples in Hamilton in a more favorable light before the public. No call was made upon the subscribers to the Guarantee Fund for this effort, inasmuch as the entire expense of it was met by the church. No further attempt was made to carry out the purpose of the Guarantee Fund.

What the consequences would have been had such a man as was contemplated been engaged, say, the first of September, no one can tell, but one thing has been made evident, viz., that the congregations of Disciples in Ontario are not dependent upon any combined effort for the carrying on of evangelistic work among them. Established and self-supporting churches can and should manage their own special services. For example, the church in St. Thomas had Bro. Robert Moffet for some weeks; Bowmanville had Bro. F. M. Rains; Toronto Junction and Blenheim had Bro. E. J. Hart and daughter, and Toronto, Cecil Street, Bro. A. M. Gilbert.

The Board seriously questions whether in our present circumstances an able and expensive preacher could be safely and profitably employed in the way intended when the Guarantee was projected.

Let the self-supporting churches select and pay their own preachers for special efforts, and, of course, manage their own meetings. If the Co-operation wishes to put forth an extra effort at some central point, let a competent man be obtained for that particular work. By these means a number of superior evangelists might be working

simultaneously at different places in the Province at the seasons most suitable for such work.

For general and less ambitious efforts a plan that has been adopted to some extent by a few churches, it is judged, would be beneficial and economical. It is for stationed ministers to exchange with one another in holding protracted meetings. The Board would therefore respectfully draw the attention of churches employing preachers all the time to this method.

Churches not able or not caring to keep preachers all the time are usually quite able to pay for their own protracted meetings, and, when they are, there is no reason why any outside party should choose the preacher, manage the services or pay the expenses thereof.

When a church is unable to bear the expense of a special effort and makes application to the Co-operation for aid, perhaps the best way would be for the Board to give such assistance from the General Home Mission Fund when possible and desirable. Too much stress cannot be laid upon this point, that the Co-operation does not exist to help churches to do what they are well able to do for themselves; but that it does exist to assist when possible churches to do that which is believed would be advantageous, but which the church alone cannot do.

Another thing may as well be mentioned here as elsewhere. The Co-operation has no authority over the churches and desires none. This remark is intended for two classes. (1) Those who think, or affect to think, that the Board seeks to rule the churches; (2) those, if such there be, who think that it would be well if the Board were authorized to exercise more or less ecclesiastical power, and right here it may not be improper to say that churches should be self-supporting, manage their own business and settle their own difficulties.

This is all it is thought needful to say under this head. Should any one desire further information or greater details, he can be accommodated at another time.

Sundry Matters.

(1) With regard to points recommended to the favorable consideration of the Board by last Annual Meeting and to which no reference has been made yet, the Board has simply to report and to regret its inability to do anything for them. Galt, Manitoulin Island, Montreal and Manitoba were among the places indicated. Whether anything can be done for them next year is for the brethren to decide.

(2) As committees will report on the matters of Incorporation, Union, Obituaries and Education, it is not needful to take space dealing with them here.

(3) Ways and means. The great question under this head is to every Disciple so much interested in the work that he will without urging give all he can afford to. No one should be asked to give more than he can afford to. If all the Disciples would but do that much more would be done than there is. The way to interest a man is to inform him of the nature of the work; many are not interested because they do not understand the work. This enlightening process should be carried on by every friend of our mission work, but unless the elders and preachers lend a hand the results will be small. The work will bear examination; if it would not, it would either be an evil work, or a good one improperly managed. The Board is of the opinion that considerable time during this Convention might usefully be spent in a conference on this subject.

(4) Are the Disciples of Christ in On-

tario a stingy people? Certainly they are, you can't find a more illiberal people anywhere. They have never been taught to give, they don't give, and they never will, so some say.—But it has not been proved. The idea grows out of an unfair method of comparison—comparing the Disciples in Ontario with the large and wealthy denominations. We are not numerous in Ontario and not many rich people are among us. It is not just to compare us with a denomination whose membership runs up into hundreds of thousands and contains many wealthy people. Such comparisons have no tendency to develop liberality. For illustrations of cheerful and self-sacrificing giving consider this report, and since we are here it will not be accounted invidious to specify this congregation. It is believed that a statement of all the contributions of this church would present a record not to be discounted by any congregation anywhere. And among the Disciples throughout the Province there are many who are now conscientiously doing all in their power for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad. It is safe enough to grant that there are stingy people among us, but that we are a stingy people, this report does not admit.

(5) The Mission Idea. The individual Christian who is not interested in the salvation of his fellow-men is not worthy of the name Christian; the church that is not interested in the extension of the cause is not worthy of the name—Church of Christ, which is a way of saying that selfishness is utterly foreign to the religion of Jesus—the mission idea is essentially Christian. The preacher who takes no interest in the spread of the Gospel will soon find himself a victim of his own selfishness. This does not mean that the preacher who is not interested in this Co-operation is anti-missionary, but the preacher who is not interested and does not seek to interest others in the advancement of the cause, instead of continuing acceptable to the people, will become uninteresting, as they will feel if they do not declare it, that he is not fully declaring to them their duty.

(6) "The Cause." By "the cause" we do not mean something general and indefinite—general religious work and doctrinal indefiniteness. We mean the making of disciples as the Lord Jesus commanded the Apostles to make them, and the establishment of true churches of Christ which demand no more and accept no less as conditions of membership than what the Lord Himself specifies and approves. No one can understand this Co-operation who does not understand "the cause" of our efforts.

Some principles that should regulate our Co-operation Work.

- 1. That churches should not ask aid from the Co-operation when they can possibly do without it.
2. That churches desiring assistance should furnish all particulars necessary to the formation of a correct judgment as to their needs and prospects.
3. That when the Co-operation has once undertaken to aid a point it should continue to do so until the church is self-supporting, or until it is seen that it cannot be made so in a reasonable time.
4. That the most economical methods should be adopted both in the collection and distribution of the mission funds.
5. That the Co-operation and the Board, as representing the Co-operation, should in the future as in the past resolutely keep in their own sphere, avoiding even the appearance of a desire to exercise authority over the churches.

Recommendations

1. With regard to the mission points now receiving assistance, and other places asking aid for next year, the Board thinks it better without prejudice to any of them to leave the matter of granting help to all or some of them, without recommendation, in the hands of the Annual Meeting.

2. It is recommended that Children's day for Home Missions be the first Lord's day in September instead of the first Lord's day in October as during the last two years.

3. The recommendation of last year's report with reference to young men is repeated, viz., to encourage and assist them in every reasonable and possible way.

In Conclusion.

That the blessing of the Lord has been upon us during the year we devoutly believe; that He may be with us in the future we fervently pray; that He will be with us we do not doubt if we continue faithfully in His service. And let us remember, brethren, that success is not our affair, but service is—God will give the increase if we do work. Let us work while it is called to-day.

May "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit" be with us in this Convention, go with us to our homes and abide with us there, strengthening us for the Master's service, and fitting us for His everlasting kingdom.

On behalf of the Board. Geo. Munro, Hon. Black, Cor. Sec. Pres.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Resolutions.

- 1. That this Co-operation gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of the managers of the various railways to the delegates attending this convention.
2. That it acknowledges the courtesy of the city press in giving favorable notices of its meetings.
3. That the members and delegates hereby express their thanks to the Misses Joy for their assistance in song and excellent music rendered, truly adding much to the pleasure of all.
4. That this convention records its lasting and unqualified condemnation of the liquor traffic as the increasing enemy of God and man and that it is the urgent duty of every Christian to constantly use every righteous means for the total prohibition of the same, for beverage purposes.
5. That the churches of Christ everywhere should carefully abstain from the use of fermented wine at the Lord's table, and use only the pure fruit of the vine for that purpose.
6. That the delegates and visitors to this convention are sincerely grateful to the brethren and sisters of this church for their very kind and hospitable entertainment, and express their high appreciation of their faithful labors, and earnestly pray for their success in advancing the cause of Christ in this city.
7. That a message of sympathy with Lady Macdonald be sent to her by telegraph.

T. B. KNOWLES, P. BAKER, Geo. MUNRO, } Com.

On Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries have the painful duty to report the death of three brethren, viz., W. A. Stephens, Chas. McMillan, and F. W. Baughman. The first, Bro. Stephens, lived over the three score years and ten, and had been a member of the body of Christ the greater part of his life and was appointed an evangelist years ago; but while in Owen Sound acted as overseer of the church. He was intelligent and faithful, and seldom, if ever, absent

from his place in the assembly. He leaves a beloved "sister wife" and several sons and daughters, all, save one, in the church and good faithful workers.

The second, Bro. McMillan, died suddenly in Toronto Junction to which place he removed from Guelph. He went to Guelph from Erin; he lived at the latter place nearly his whole life. A member of a large family who with him came to Christ through the preaching of our honored and departed brother, James Black, who labored much and successfully in Erin. Bro. McMillan was firm in the truth and was an elder in the Erin church. He took warmly the side of temperance, working to the close of his life faithfully and consistently, and was always generous to the cause of the Master. He, too, leaves a beloved "sister wife" and several children, all, save two, in the church—one a preacher of the Gospel.

Third, Bro. F. W. Baughman, of Bowmanville, was drowned while bathing in Stony Lake, August 1, 1890. He was born in Frankfort, Indiana, and entered the Bible College of Kentucky University in the fall of 1861, completing the course in the spring of 1868. Soon after he came to Ontario to labor for the church in Guelph, and continued there one year. He was then called to the church in Bowmanville. In the person of our beloved Bro. Baughman the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ has lost a warm friend and an earnest, faithful worker. He was much loved by the church in Bowmanville for his work's sake. He has left an excellent and devoted Christian wife whose heart is in the cause of Christ. The prayers of this convention are asked in behalf of Mrs. Baughman and the families of Bro. Stephens and Bro. McMillan.

O. SINCLAIR, J. K. UESTER, CHAS. J. LISTER, } Com.

On Time and Place.

The Committee on Time and Place recommended that the next Annual Meeting be held with the church in Bowmanville, commencing Thursday, June 2, 1892.

On Missions.

- The Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:—
1. Your Committee have had laid before them the interests of the church at West Lake in the county of Prince Edward by Bro. James M. Hyatt and Bro. Byron Hyatt.
2. Bro. John Fleming, of Kilsyth, interviewed your Committee with a view to obtaining a grant of \$40 to supplement the efforts of the church at Kilsyth in sending Bro. Lieter to labor for some three or four months on Manitoulin Island.
3. The claims of the church at Wolland have been presented to your Committee by Bro. Alex. McMillan, who is now laboring with the church there, and also by Bro. D. Munro, who is conversant with the conditions and needs of said church.
4. The rising young church at Georgetown also has claims which were presented to your Committee by Bro. Charlton and Bro. Bingham.
5. The church at Grand Valley and the mission point at Providence, some seven miles apart, were represented before your Committee by Bro. Peter Thompson and Bro. Duncan Sinclair, who presented their claims for help to maintain a preacher at these two points.
6. Bro. D. A. Sinclair, in the interests of Blenheim, pressed your Committee to recommend a grant to assist in the establishment of a church in Blenheim.

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**The Convention.**

As this number of THE EVANGELIST is practically given up to the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation, we do not propose to say much about it in this department now. It is hoped that our friends will find a satisfactory account of the business transacted. Should any matter of importance be overlooked in this issue it will be attended to in next number.

That the Convention was a gratifying success is the constantly expressed opinion of those who were present. The business was disposed of fairly well. As usual at such meetings, it was not found possible to consider as desirable some of the subjects on the programme; but probably no interest connected with our mission work will seriously suffer because of insufficient discussion. The sermons and addresses of Bro. A. N. Gilbert were uniformly able, interesting and appropriate. Sister Jessie H. Brown on three separate occasions addressed public meetings, and as many times did she impress the minds and stir the hearts of those who heard. The number of brethren and sisters from all parts of the Province in attendance was a striking demonstration of the fact that the Disciples of Christ in Ontario are determined to maintain their position and extend their influence in behalf of the doctrines and practices of the religion of Jesus Christ, as taught in the New Testament. Aged brethren present informed us that the congregation that assembled in the Cecil Street church on Lord's day morning was probably the largest number of Disciples that ever sat around the Lord's table together in the Province of Ontario. A lady of intelligence not connected with us was heard to say that it was the most impressive service she ever attended. It was a genuine proclamation of the Lord's death, and a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

The generous hospitality of the Cecil Street church was extended in so hearty and gracious a manner as to be beyond all praise. The experiment of holding the Annual Meeting in Toronto has been made and we have reason to be proud and to be thankful. Such a concourse of intelligent-looking people assembling for four or five days in a model church building in the city of Toronto could not fail to attract favorable attention to us and the principles we advocate. We should not crave notoriety, but we should seek to commend the truth to our fellow-men in every lawful way, and the holding of the Annual Meeting in this city has undoubtedly done much in the way of bringing us and our teaching before the people of Ontario.

With regard to the special objects of the meeting, viz, the development of the missionary spirit and the devis-

ing of ways and means to carry on mission work, we are confident that a very great deal was accomplished, and that the enlarged contributions of our brethren during the year will bear constant testimony to the fact. We venture to think that all those who were in attendance went home with higher conceptions of their duty and their privilege of advancing the Lord's work.

**Annual Meeting Notes.**

The Convention was favored with perfect weather throughout.

The Board of Managers for 1890-91 was re-elected. A vote of thanks was tendered them for their past services.

One of the busiest men about the convention was Bro. C. M. McMillan, Secretary of the Billoting Committee. The large number of visitors received courteous attention from him.

Dinner and supper each day of the convention were served in the basement of the church. As the sisters had this department in charge it goes with the saying that nothing was lacking in the line of quantity, quality and service. The Cecil Street sisters have every reason to be satisfied with their efforts to entertain the large number of visitors.

Bro. Knowles' address on the topic—"Churches of Christ, Independent and Dependent," was a valuable paper on an important subject. It gave rise to an interesting and profitable discussion. As it is to be published in THE EVANGELIST in full we need not refer further to it here.

An abstract of the Treasurer's statement will be published in next paper, and also an account of the monies paid and subscribed during the convention.

Reports of the labors and meetings of the O. C. W. B. M. and Children's Mission Bands will be found elsewhere. The sisters are going forward year by year, quietly, steadily, surely. The indications of vitality exhibited by them are matter of congratulation to us all.

**Church News.**

**GUELPH.**—Three more additions to the church at this place since last report, two by letter, and one by confession and baptism. J. K. HESTER. June 1, 1891

**DORCHESTER,** May 29th.—We have had a very fine meeting, commencing second Lord's day in May. Bro. W. D. Campbell did the preaching. There were fourteen additions, twelve by baptism and two from the Baptists. We have all been very much strengthened in the work of the Lord. J. R. CHARLTON.

**SELKIRK.**—Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Aylmer, was the chief speaker at the Annual Meeting at this place. Special services were continued for about two weeks and five were added to the church. Bro. Campbell went from Selkirk to Jordan, and is now conducting a protracted meeting there in connection with the June meeting of the church.

**WELLAND,** June 10th.—At the close of the prayer meeting, June 8rd, there were four baptisms. Bro. Brown, of Ridgetown, was present and gave a short address. A society of Christian Endeavor has been organized with the following officers: Pres., A. McMillan; Vice, Miss Carrie Blanchard; Sec., Miss E. Batt; Treas., Miss A. Richardson.

ALEX. McMILLAN.

**WAINFLEET.**—Our series of meetings in Wainfleet continued one week longer, resulting in thirty-three making the good confession, thirty-one of the number being baptized. Seldom have I enjoyed myself better than during this visit to my old field of labour. It revived tender memories of the long ago, and carried me back to the sunny days of boyhood; when only eighteen summers old, I occupied the pulpit, and preached to the people in Wainfleet: O, what a change has since taken place! Later on, fifteen years ago, I was here again, holding a series of meetings which resulted in twenty-five or thirty being added to the church. O, how I rejoiced to meet them again, and I was pained at the thought of parting. Never have I met a more kind and amiable people. In fact, this is one of the most beautiful parts of Ontario, and one could scarcely visit this locality without enjoying himself. The church presents many indications of prosperity, and we trust that a bright and joyous future awaits them. They certainly have a very prosperous Sunday school, and Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor, which in some measure prepared the way for such a large ingathering into the church. Among the members added were only four who were heads of families, the majority, however, being under twenty years of age. In all my travels I have never seen before a church that was so largely composed of young people. Bro. R. M. Ainsworth, of Dunnville, has preached regularly here for about two months, and did very much in the healing of church difficulties, and also in the general awakening of the people. He is a good preacher and is doing a good work. We also enjoyed the society of Bro. Donald Munro, with whom we met for the first time. He was working in the interest of THE EVANGELIST, and at the same time lent a helping hand to the upbuilding of the church in Wainfleet. We hope, trust and pray that his life work may be crowned with abundant success. At present the Disciples are without a preacher in this parish, but they are expecting one here in June from the United States, a young man from Kentucky, and we most earnestly pray that he will receive the sympathy and hearty support of the entire church, and thus be enabled to lead the embattled host on to victory.

We are now in the midst of a series of meetings in Rainham. The prospects are bright for glorious results. One made the good confession last evening, and the church was scarcely half large enough to seat the people. Every available space was occupied, and a part of the congregation was compelled to remain outside. In the afternoon of yesterday I preached in Selkirk and the prospects for future progress seem to be brightening in this locality. They begin a series of meetings here to-morrow evening. Bro. W. D. Campbell is to be the chief speaker.

Our brethren in this part of Ontario have a grand opportunity at present to build up all the old churches and plant new ones. All that is needed is united, earnest, persistent effort and success is sure. W. K. BURR. Rainham, Ont., May 25, 1891.

The soul is such an instrument that no sooner is it set in peace with itself than it becomes an instrument in tune—a living instrument, discoursing heavenly music in its thoughts, and chanting melodies of bliss, even in its dreams. When a soul is in this harmony, no fires of calamity, no pains of outward torment, can for one moment break the sovereign spell of its joy. It will turn the fires to freshening gales and the pains to sweet instigations of love and blessing.—H. Bushnell.

**The Annual Meeting.**

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The requirement of the churches in Hamilton, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Cecil Street, Toronto, and also the missions with the city of London and Muskoka were duly considered by your Committee.

a. In view of the probable available finances for the coming year for Home Mission work, and in accordance with the report of the Board adopted at this meeting, your Committee do not see their way to recommend the opening of new fields during the coming year although the claims for aid pressed upon your Committee are many and important, and if granted would no doubt redound to the good of the church of Christ and the glory of the Master. It is a matter of regret that sufficient funds are not placed to the credit of the Board of Management in order to meet the many worthy claims presented. Your Committee are of opinion that, if possible so to do, it would be well to make more prominent the claims of the Co-operation to the liberality of our brethren in Ontario.

b. Your Committee recommend that for the purposes of the coming year the Board of Management grant to the church in the city of Hamilton \$300, to the church in the town of Collingwood \$250, to the church in the town of Owen Sound \$200, and to the Cecil Street church in the city of Toronto \$648, in aid of the respective efforts of the above named churches in extending and establishing the claims of our Lord Jesus Christ in the above named places.

c. Your Committee recommend that \$25 be granted by the Board of Management to the church at Kilyth, to supplement the efforts of the said church in sending an evangelist to labor on Manitoulin Island for some three or four months during the present summer.

d. With respect to the claims of Winnipeg, Welland, Georgetown, Muskoka, Blenheim, and the city of Toronto and other places, your Committee recommend that the Board of Managers make such grants to one or more of these places as may be in their judgment in the best interests of the churches, provided that funds are available after providing for the grants recommended in former sections of this report.

e. Respecting the claims of Grand Valley and Providence, your Committee desire to commend the zeal and aspiration of the brethren there, but in view of their comparative flourishing condition and growth, your Committee are of opinion that other places of more urgent need have claims on the Co-operation prior to these.

f. Your Committee are heartily in sympathy with the report of the Board respecting the interest and aid the Board gave voice to with regard to the encouragement and help of young men in the preaching of the Gospel.

All of which is respectfully submitted. A. YULE, Chairman. June 8, 1891.

**DELEGATES AND VISITORS.**

**Acton.**—Miss Marton, L. E. Tovell, Mrs. T. Black, Mrs. M. Orr.

**Aurora.**—Miss M. Wells, Miss A. Wells, Andrew Yule, J. P. Wells, Mrs. C. Walter, Mrs. Rutherford.

**Arthur.**—D. F. Kilgour, Mrs. D. F. Kilgour.

**Aylm.**—Miss C. E. Ballah, Miss E. Inglis.

**Buffalo.**—F. W. Norton, Miss Martha Culph, Miss Graybiel.

**Bowmanville.**—E. B. Barnea, R. Windatt, Jas. Giffillan, George McGill, W. P. Frower and wife, M. D. Williams, J. H. H. Jury and wife, A. Johnston, Mrs. H. W. Burke, Miss Hattie Burke, Miss M. Manning, Mrs.

J. Gaud, Miss C. Windatt, Miss L. Morsehead, Mrs. F. Heal, Miss A. Percy, Miss H. Borland, Mrs. R. Turner, Mrs. J. Rowe.

**Belwood.**—D. Currie, Miss M. Currie.

**Blenheim.**—D. A. Sinclair, Miss B. Sinclair.

**Cherry Valley.**—Mrs. L. Garrison.

**Collingwood.**—C. Sinclair, Miss J. Ough, Miss Highman, Miss Frame, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. C. Sinclair, Miss Rigg, Ida Ough, Miss McGregor.

**Cleveland.**—A. W. Gilbert, Miss Jessie Brown.

**Erin Centre.**—Mr. and Mrs. D. McKinlay, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Currie, D. McMillan, R. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McMillan, Miss Ella, Annie and Maggie Currie, Miss Lane, J. Thomson, M. McKinnon, Miss E. Thomson.

**Erin.**—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Munro, S. E. McKee, Miss Masses, Mrs. D. McMillan, Miss M. McMillan.

**Everton.**—P. Baker, Mrs. P. Baker, Jno. Black, H. Black, J. McKinnon, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wells, Miss B. Parkinson, Miss L. Royce, D. Robertson, Ed. Tolton, Miss M. Stewart, Miss McCullough, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Stewart, Miss Lois Black.

**Grand Valley.**—P. Thomson, D. Sinclair, Miss O. King, Miss B. King.

**Guelph.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kilgour, E. S. Kilgour, Jas. Kilgour, C. McDougall, R. Stewart, J. K. Hester, D. H. Stewart, Mrs. E. S. Kilgour, Miss Annie Kilgour.

**Glencairn.**—M. W. Stephens, Miss M. S. and M. A. Stephens, M. N. Stephens, jr.

**Georgetown.**—Mrs. H. Moore, W. G. Charlton, Jno. Bingham, A. McInlay.

**Galt.**—Mr. Hume, Mrs. R. W. McDonnell.

**Hamilton.**—Mr. and Mrs. A. McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Putman, Mr. Warner, J. Tolton, Miss Reid, Mrs. and Miss Riob, Miss Jones, Misses Butchart, Mrs. McKenzie, R. N. Wheeler.

**Kilyth.**—S. Fleming, J. Fleming, Misses J. Fleming, V. Fleming and C. Fleming.

**Lobo.**—Mr. and Mrs. Brenestuhl, Mr. Gray, Mrs. McClurg, Miss M. A. Sinclair, Miss Gray.

**Milton.**—Miss M. D. Mitchell.

**Mimosa.**—A. McDougall, T. Tolton, J. D. Stephens, Miss K. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. E. Mooney, W. Mooney, A. Robertson, Mrs. A. Robertson.

**Marsville.**—S. Woolner, Jno. Dixon, R. King, J. Watson, E. and A. King, Miss Woolner.

**Muskoka.**—A. C. Gray.

**Nassagaweya.**—Mr. and Mrs. McPhedran, Miss Annie McPhedran.

**Owen Sound.**—C. J. Lister, C. A. Fleming, Miss M. J. Lemon, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lehard, A. Tovell, Mrs. J. Pearce, H. Miller, Mrs. C. A. Fleming.

**Oshawa.**—John McGill, John Henry, L. K. Murton.

**Stratford.**—Mrs. Parkinson.

**St. Thomas.**—G. Mitten, L. Wilbur, Miss D. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Knowles, Miss B. Brown, W. J. Stewart, Jno. Campbell, W. Fowler, Mrs. John Campbell.

**St. John, N. B.**—J. E. Barnea, Mrs. J. E. Barnea.

**Solon, Ohio.**—Mrs. B. Green.

**Ridgetown.**—Miss McDiarmid, Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Miss F. McKinlay, Miss F. Green.

**Toronto.**—J. M. Law, Dr. J. McCullough, Jno. R. Gaff, R. W. Ballah.

**Toronto Junction.**—Mr. Merrit, H. T. Law, Jno. Munro, D. W. Clendennan, Mrs. D. W. Clendennan, Miss S. B. Thomson.

**Wainfleet.**—Miss C. M. Thompson, Miss Shafely, Miss M. A. Thompson, Miss and Mr. Henderson, Mrs. J. Swayzie, Miss Swayzie, Miss J. Priestmar, Mrs. Angle.

**Welland.**—Miss A. Richardson, Mr. A. McMillan.

**Walkerton.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. Tolton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hamilton, Thos. Whitehead, Miss L. Whitehead, Jno. A. McGill.

**West Lake.**—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hyatt, Mr. B. Hyatt, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. B. Hyatt.

**West Lorne.**—Misses McKillop.

**Whitby.**—J. E. Farewell and wife.



Annual Meeting of O.C.W.B.M.

The opening meeting of the O. C. W. B. M. was held June 4th, 4 p. m., in the S. S. building of the Western Congregational church, Spadina Avenue. It was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Sister Jessie H. Brown, Cleveland, Ohio. Sister Malcolm read an address of welcome, and Sister Angle responded happily. Miss Agnew was appointed recording secretary, pro tem. After a few informal addresses, the meeting closed with prayer.

An adjourned meeting of the Board was immediately held, and the following committees appointed:—

Committee on Enrollment—Misses Leary, Culp, Forrester.

Committee on Nominations—Messdames D. W. Clendenan, O. Sinclair, Munro, Fleming, Angle, and Misses B. Sinclair, L. Black, M. A. Sinclair.

Committee on Future Work—the Board together with Messdames—Knowles, Breunestuhl, MacDonnoll, and Misses Parkinson, S. Thomson and Frame.

Committee on "Missionary Tidings"—Miss Leary.

Committee on Obituaries—Miss Agnew, Mrs. Gaff, Mrs. C. C. Pomoroy.

Committee on Resolutions—Messdames Bronestuhl, Lediard, Misses M. A. Sinclair, M. Kilgour.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Friday afternoon, June 6th, an open meeting of the O.C.W.B.M. was held in Cecil Street church, the president in the chair. Opened with prayer.

The reports were then read. Mrs. McClurg, the corresponding secretary, showed the number of Auxiliaries to be now 23, with an aggregate membership of 400, as compared with the twelve women who banded together four years ago.

Treasurer's report shows for 1890 91

Table with financial data: Balance from last year \$ 23 60, Received from Auxiliaries and individual brethren and sisters 479 81, Total \$ 503 41

Payments.

Table with financial data: Paid Guelph church \$ 75 00, Paid Toronto, Denison Ave Furnishing Committee 100 00, Paid Minnedosa Missionaries 315 00, Paid sundries 8 01, Total \$ 498 01

Table with financial data: Balance on hand \$ 10 40

Assets.

Table with financial data: Unpaid Pledges \$ 50 00, Cash balance in hands of Treasurer 10 40, Total \$ 60 40

Table with financial data: Minnedosa Church Building Fund, total receipts during the year 1890 91 \$ 150 50

CHILDREN'S MISSION BAND.

Total receipts during the year 1890-91—\$183.12

Mrs. Lediard, superintendent of children's work, reported 13 Mission Bands; membership, 350; amount of money raised, \$183.12; number of children who have come into the church this year from Bands, 16.

Sister Jessie H. Brown addressed the meeting. She enlarged upon the Christian's motive of missions, "The love of Christ constraineth us." Bro. Gaff made an appeal for funds to carry on the Women's Work. A collection was taken up which amounted to \$73.00. Bro. Gaff then returned thanks. The meeting then adjourned until 5 p.m., when the local Mission Band was taken charge of by Miss Leary. Mrs. Lediard, Miss Jessie H. Brown and Mrs. Knowles made short addresses to the children. Disposed with singing and prayers.

The O.C.W.B.M. opened the meeting on Saturday, June 6, at 9.30 a.m.,

in the school-room of the Congregational church. Sister Knowles led in the devotional exercises. Minutes were read and adopted. A pleasant feature of the proceedings was the reading of a letter received by Mrs. Brown from Dr. J. K. Trout, encouraging with helpful words, and with a substantial proof of her good will, namely, a pair of elegant gold bracelets. The proceeds of the sale of these to be devoted to our work. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Dr. Trout for her kindness.

The president addressed the meeting, earnestly pressing foreign missions upon their consideration.

Reports of committees then were read. Only one obituary reported, that of Sister Gray, of Lobo.

The Enrollment Committee reported 66 delegates and visitors representing 87 places.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following names:—

President—Mrs. Malcolm, Toronto; 1st Vice-President—Mrs. Brown, Ridgetown; 2nd Vice-President—Mrs. Munro, Erin; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. McClurg, Ivan; Assistant Corresponding Secretary—Miss M. A. Sinclair, Poplar Hill; Recording Secretary—Miss Annie Kilgour, Guelph; Treasurer—Miss Jenny Fleming, Kilsyth. Carried.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted as read.

Whereas by God's mercy we have been permitted to meet again in convention as a band of Christian workers and feeling encouraged by our past success,

Resolved—That we consecrate ourselves anew to the Master's use, and endeavor during the coming year to do more and better work for Him, and carry with us to our homes and homework the inspiration of this meeting.

Resolved—That seeing the great progress that has been made in the children's work during the year, this committee earnestly recommends that each Auxiliary should do its utmost to have a children's band in connection with its own work, however small and feeble the beginning may be.

Resolved—That we express to our dear sister, Jessie H. Brown, our warmest thanks and heartiest appreciation of the great service she has rendered us in being with us at this time. We feel that the influence of the earnest, loving and ennobling words of her address, together with the helpfulness of our personal intercourse with her, will tell on our work for the future.

Resolved—That we convey to our retiring president, Sister S. M. Brown, our loving appreciation of her services since our organization as a C. W. B. M., and while we regret that ill-health necessitates her withdrawal from the more prominent work, yet we rejoice to know we shall still have the benefit of her counsel and advice as our vice-president.

Resolved—That we tender the thanks of this convention to the Western Congregational church for their kindness in giving us the use of their S. S. room for our meetings.

Resolved—That we express to the sisters of the Cecil Street church, and other friends, our sincere thanks for their kind hospitality and courtesy to us during our sojourn in this beautiful city. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. J. A. BREUNESTUHL, Convener.

Report of Committee on Future Work:—

Your Committee on Future Work beg leave to report that, thanking our Heavenly Father for His manifest blessing on our efforts for the past year, and realizing His command to "go forward," we recommend:—

1st. That we plan to raise at least

\$600, independent of the children's work.

2nd. That we continue our help to Minnedosa to the amount of \$300, requesting our Treasurer to remit to them as soon as possible the \$90 in addition needed.

3rd. That we give \$50 to Owen Sound to be applied on building fund.

4th. That we give a similar sum to the Toronto sisters.

5th. That the time has come when we may reach out our hands to some of the 400,000,000 of our heathen sisters, and consequently that the Board be authorized by the sisters now in convention to arrange to send a lady medical missionary as soon as a suitable person can be found.

6th. That we recommend a general use of motto boxes in our children's bands and women's Auxiliaries, also a liberal use of missionary literature. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. T. B. KNOWLES, Convener.

A special meeting was called Monday, June 8, to discuss methods of raising funds for foreign work. Personal pledges to the amount of \$185 were obtained. The ladies present undertaking to canvass their Auxiliaries for further personal pledges kindly report these lists to Mrs. McClurg, Ivan, as well as to Miss Fleming, Kilsyth. Moved that the field be divided into districts, and organizers of Auxiliaries appointed. Carried.

Mrs. Malcolm and Mrs. McCollough appointed delegates to the Missionary Convention in Allegheny in October, both ladies insisting on bearing their own expenses. Meeting closed with singing. "God be with us till we meet again." J. R. A. Rec. Sec., pro tem.

Annual Report of the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions

Dear Sisters in Convention,—It is an inspiring thought that all along, the kind hand of God hath led us, and that once a year we came together to exchange friendly greetings, to gain fresh zeal and enthusiasm for the great work in which we are engaged, and to devise plans and means by which we can carry it on with more wisdom and discretion. How quickly the days and years speed by! The goal will soon be reached. Can we come up laden with golden sheaves, and be happy in the kingdom celestial? The promise is to the faithful that they shall receive a crown of glory, and be forever in the presence of the Lord; this alone should bring joy to every heart. We come to thank God for His providential care through the past year, and confidently ask Him for guidance for the future.

Our work is growing somewhat. But four years ago about a dozen women met in the school-room of the church in Guelph and organized the O. C. W. B. M. Now about four hundred are earnestly laboring with us in this great work. This fact is enough to prove that many were only waiting for an opportunity. The interest taken in mission work by the children is startling when we find that only two years ago this work was established, and that over three hundred and fifty children are enlisted at present.

While we are gratified to find such strides made, yet it is only a trifle to what we might accomplish, if all would do their best. We hope to continue, and in a few more years, God helping us, be worthy the name of a Woman's Board of Missions. As you are aware, our effort has been directed toward Minnedosa for the last two years. As a result, the cause has been established, a house of worship built,

and the gospel is being preached regularly, and the fields are whitening unto the harvest. The church work is moving on nicely; there is a well-attended Sunday school, a Y.P.S.C.E., a prayer-meeting, and a O.W.B.M. The little church in Minnedosa is destined to be like a city set upon a hill giving forth her light, that many may believe and believing have life through His name. We can say more: it has two mission points in the country where Bro. Lister preaches, and some visible results of the work are expected in the near future. Would that every church in Canada had one or more mission points carefully nurtured, that fruit might be brought forth to the honor and glory of God; there is room for such work. It will be remembered that Ontario was asked for \$500, before they commenced to build, as a building fund. Of that sum \$325.50 has been paid, I will give a statement of liabilities and resources at present:—

Table with financial data: Liabilities. To hardware account \$96 00, June 19, to part Prin. on mortgage 50 00, June 19, to interest on mortgage 40 00, Total \$186 00

Table with financial data: Resources. To balance on hand \$ 1 60, balance expected from Ontario 174 50, Manitoba subscribers 50 00, Total \$226 10

Balance... \$10 10

You will see from this statement that there is \$50 part principle of mortgage, and \$40 interest on mortgage due June 19th, and we find that they have no money on hand to meet this. It would be becoming in us to help them out at this juncture, and send them \$90 if possible. That will leave only \$84.50 to be paid of the \$300 asked for.

A BRIEF REPORT OF THE AUXILIARIES.

Erin Centre.—This Auxiliary consists of twenty-five members at present, six sisters having left during the last year. Their meetings are well attended in summer, but not so well in winter. Their pledge of \$30 has been paid. They have sent quilts and several parcels of clothing to Bro. Crowson to be distributed among the needy in Muskoka.

Blenheim.—The society as usual is prompt in its undertakings, it being the first report of the year. Their pledge of \$20 has been duly paid; also O. C. W. B. M. day was observed and a collection of \$2 realized; they are hopeful and cheerful in the work. They are about to organize a Children's Band, which is their hope of the future.

Lobo.—At the beginning of the year we were moving on perceptibly, but there came a time when the work began to wane, and nothing of special interest can be related, save that a few met every month, and the rent paid in their dues. But now we have taken a new lease of life, and our meetings are developing a greater zeal, and our hope is burnished for the future. One death and some negligence have decreased the membership, which is now seventeen. We are glad to say that we have redeemed our obligation; \$35 has been sent the Provincial Treasurer, \$30 on pledge and \$5 for Minnedosa Building fund O. C. W. B. M. day was observed in a quiet way; \$1 was received as a collection. We will have a small balance in the treasury.

Owen Sound, which is quite fresh in our memories, where we so much enjoyed ourselves only twelve months ago, report just what we might expect of them, that the year's work is marked with earnestness and zeal in the Master's work. Their meetings are characterized by pure and elevating aspirations, which reach out beyond them-

selves, and are helpful wherever help is needed. The literary part of their programme must be interesting, for they discuss such practical subjects as "Progression in the Christian Life," "Trials and Joys of the Christian," etc. They have also supplied themselves with some good books and tracts, and through the instrumentality of some of the sisters nearly \$20 worth of books have been added to their Sunday school library. The attendance is good, and when members are absent the "look-up" committee goes to work and the missing ones brought back to a sense of their duty, their pledge of \$20 has been fulfilled. Three new members were added to their number.

Walkerton.—The membership roll is 24; the average attendance at the monthly meetings is 14. The interest in the meetings is still kept up; they have remitted \$25 to the treasurer, and hope to do as well, if not better, next year.

West Lorne.—The present membership is ten, one having moved to take membership in Rednoy, and one withdrawn on account of being unable to attend the meetings. They have raised during the year \$20 30, there being \$7.55 in the treasurer's hands last June. They have spent \$11 at home and have exceeded their pledge to the O.C.W.B.M. by \$1.25, making a total of \$16.25. They are also preparing a box of clothing for Muskoka. On the whole the work is very favorable.

Rodney continues in the work though not with the same zeal, as they have concluded to meet only quarterly for the next year. They have remitted \$4 more than their pledge which was \$12.

St. Thomas.—Present active members thirteen, honorary members seven; loss by removals two; withdrawn one; raised since June, 1890, \$40 50. They take nine copies of the Tidings. They had one public meeting, and two open Auxiliary meetings where brethren participated. They sent \$5 for Minnedosa Building Fund and \$6 (contents of the Auxiliary Birthday box) to Mrs. Lediard for children's work, and \$30 (their pledge) to the O. C. W. B. M. They also spent \$1.00 in tracts.

Selkirk.—This Auxiliary is about disbanded. For some reason they have not met for a long time, but yet the spark has not gone out; we will hope for better results next year. They remitted \$1.

Toronto, Denison Avenue.—This Auxiliary have proved themselves efficient workers notwithstanding their busy year. They have raised during the year \$63 96. Their pledge of \$25 has been paid—the balance they used at home.

West Toronto Junction.—They organized on the 27th May, 1890, with the proper staff of officers. A monthly fee of ten cents is paid by each member; their meetings proved profitable and interesting to all who attended. Present membership seventeen; last year they raised \$50.

Those two Auxiliaries with Bowmanville are to be commended for their liberality, having the additional expense of building their church houses last year.

Wainfleet reports favorably with their pledge of \$20 fulfilled, and rejoicing in the work.

Everton.—The present membership is twenty-six; four less than last year. Some new members gained, but removals lessened their number. The average attendance is eleven; their pledge of \$30 00 paid with a small balance on hand. They hoped to have raised considerably more, having contemplated a missionary entertainment; but owing to sickness their plans were thwarted.

(that will keep for another year). Their meetings are enjoyable, as many of the sisters take part (this is the secret of success—activity) They pledge \$30.00 for the coming year.

Erin—Has lost two members and gained three during the year, making their present number twenty-one. They have fulfilled their promise of \$25.00, and will pledge the same for next year. They made two quilts which were sent to Muskoka along with a box of clothing.

Collingwood.—Members twenty-two; all seem to be deeply interested in the work and attend the meetings regularly (a hopeful outlook). Their fee is five cents per month, so all can join. Their promise was \$15.00 which was readily raised. You will bear in mind Collingwood is carrying a heavy burden.

Bozemanville.—They have continued their meetings regularly; had four accessions during the year. One of their earnest workers has been called hence. They regret very much the loss of our dear Sister Baughman's valued assistance in their meetings. One has withdrawn, leaving a present membership of twenty-two. They forwarded a draft for \$35.00.

Guelph.—The Lord has blessed the faithful sisters in enabling them to contribute \$30.00, although a number of their members have been removed during the year. They have now twenty regular and five honorary members. Their meetings have a spiritual tendency. Those who attend attend regularly. The O. C. W. B. M. day collection was not asked for, as it was thought best not to do so this year. Their money was wholly made up by themselves. The members of the O. W. B. M. and also the church in general acknowledged with thanks the receipt of \$75.00 from the O. C. W. B. M., balance of the pledge of \$100.00, made in June, 1889.

Ridgeway.—Present membership, seventeen, of whom five or six meet at stated intervals and carry on the work. They realized from members' fees \$16; social at a sister's, \$9.00, O. C. W. B. M. day \$3.20—total \$28.20. They pledge \$25.00 for next year.

Galt.—Every sister in the church is a member of the Auxiliary—just four. They pledged \$5.00 and paid \$5.20. They also have a quilt they want to donate to some mission.

Warton.—Auxiliary is much weakened by removals this last year, but yet have paid \$17.50 into our treasury. They pledge \$10.00 for next year.

Aurora.—Of this Auxiliary we have heard little. They have paid \$15.00 on pledge and \$5.00 on Minnedosa building fund.

Aton.—Their pledge of \$12.00 has been fulfilled.

Kilayth.—Are not many in number but have paid \$1.75.

Nassaguay.—Was not heard from.

West Lake.—There was an Auxiliary here in 1889, but have not heard from them since.

Faughan.—There are a few sisters here who gave us \$5.00 last year. This year they have given \$4.

There are several individuals who paid into our treasury a goodly sum, viz: Bro. Leonard, American Consul, gave \$10; Jennie Fleming, Kilayth, \$10; Mrs. Cobb, Ashland, Wis., \$1; Glencairn, \$5; Miss Oliphant, London, \$2; Mrs. Dawes; Woodstock, \$5 for Minnedosa building fund. Those are all welcome contributors who will kindly accept our gratitude.

The reports this year are very encouraging; I wish they could be given in full, as I may have left out some things that might be of interest to you; I try to get in the facts; time and

space will not permit of much more. I have this to say in looking over the reports, I find there are sisters who live at some distance from their meeting place, who feel they cannot belong to the Auxiliary on that account, while they lose sight of the fact that they might be doing just as pleasing work in the sight of the Lord by helping financially as if they were present at every meeting. Let their prayers and their money go into the work, and the Lord Jesus will be glorified. They can pray at home and send their money.

When Morrison the Chinese missionary, the man of God who first gave the Bible to China in its own vernacular, offered himself to the directors of the London Missionary Society as a candidate, they enquired if he was willing to go simply as an assistant in one of the missionary schools? "Gentlemen," was young Morrison's noble reply, "while the temple of Christ is building, I am willing to be a hewer of wood or a drawer of water." In a moment they decided that a man who so loved his Saviour, who was willing to undertake any service for Jesus, was the fittest for the higher office of a missionary to the heathen. They accepted him as such, and the result proved that they were not mistaken in their judgment. If you love Jesus you will be willing to undertake any service your Lord and Master may appoint you.

And now—  
Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be in working or in waiting, another year for Thee.  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast.  
Of ever deepening trustfulness, of quiet happy rest.  
Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace.  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face.  
Another year of progress, another year of praise.  
Another year of proving Thy presence "all the days."  
Another year of service, of witness for Thy love.  
Another year of training for holier work above.  
Another year is dawning, dear Master, let it be on earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

On behalf of the Board.  
MRS. E. McCLEURO, Cor. Sec.

Second Annual Report of the Children's Mission Band of Ontario.

Dear Sisters,—Before presenting my report it will be well to state briefly what was the result of last year's work, so that we may be able to judge more clearly what progress we have made during this year. Previous to the last Annual Meeting, there were eleven Children's Bands in existence, and, with the exception of four, were all organized during that year. Their combined work amounted to \$90.00, which was disposed of in the following way: Minnedosa Building Fund, \$20; Bilaspur Hospital, \$20; to help pay a native teacher in Japan, \$20. This left a balance of \$30, which was reserved to provide for an adopted child in China, to be chosen by Dr. Macklin. I wrote to the Doctor as soon as possible, stating what we wished to do, and asked what it would cost to provide for a child there, and after some delay he wrote, thanking the children for their offer, and stating that he thought it could be done for from \$15 to \$20. I forwarded \$20, requesting that a portrait should be taken of the child and sent to us, and hoping that the money would be needed as soon as it reached its destination. There has been, however, some unavoidable delay, until their school could be opened at Nankin. I learnt from the *Missionary Intelligence* for May that that event had taken place, and that there are as many applicants as can be received, so that

it is quite probable that we may soon hear that our adoption of a child is an accomplished fact. Dr. Macklin suggested that he had better choose a boy of twelve or thirteen years of age, one either already a Christian, or likely to become one, and qualified to become a teacher, as the quickest way to obtain the greatest results.

The reports from the different Bands are exceedingly encouraging this year in every way. I have given them in the order in which they came.

The St. Thomas "Cheerful Givers" have been suffering this year for want of a leader, which has caused great irregularity in their meetings. Still there are some very pleasing things in their report: One is that they have been able to forward, with the help of \$6 from the Ladies' Auxiliary, the sum of \$21. The most pleasing feature of their report is, that five of their members have united with the church during this year, and have given to the Master the sweetest gift a child can ever bring to Him. Their present membership is about thirty.

The Band in Erin was organized in time to send in their names before the last Annual Meeting. They report a membership of thirty-four, showing that they have more than doubled during the year. They have raised altogether \$11.48, which, with the exception of \$1, has been forwarded to the treasurer. Their meetings are increasing in interest, and all are ready to take some part. This is a very promising report, and shows an earnest purpose to do good.

The Walkerton "Willing Workers" have been proving their title clear to their name, and have sent in a report which is most encouraging and will speak for itself. They have held regular meetings every two weeks, and their fees during the year have amounted to \$6.70. In November a special collection was taken up, which realized \$1.60, and which was invested in sewing material, and work was commenced which resulted in a sale by which they raised \$14.50. A concert the following week realized \$10.50. About three months ago one cent was given to each child to be increased as much as possible. The sum gained by this means was \$1.04. The proceeds of a concert given recently amounted to \$13.90, altogether making a grand total of \$16.64, \$15.00 of which was forwarded to the treasurer, and the small balance kept for home missionary work. They are feeling greatly encouraged, and they have good reason to be. Three of their members have united with the church.

A Children's Band has just been organized in Blenheim. There are fifteen names on the roll to begin with, and many of them almost babies. Time will cure them of that if the dear little "buds of promise" are spared, and I trust each one will blossom out into the fullest perfection of a Christian worker.

The "Workers for the Master," Everton, report a membership of thirty with an average attendance of twenty, and a loss of three. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$10, which was raised by voluntary offerings. They would like to employ a native teacher, and promise \$8 for next year. They hold their meetings monthly, spending part of their time in singing, reading and reciting. Sickness came along and hindered a proposed concert, which would doubtless have enlarged their financial report.

The Warton "Cheerful Givers" report a present membership of forty-nine, of which nineteen were added during the year. They have given two entertainments, which, with their fees, have amounted to \$15.03. A very important item in this report is that six members of the Band have united with the church during the year. This is as

it should be. Our children's mission work should have a direct tendency to lead them to the Saviour.

The Guelph "Buds of Promise" have been having a busy time this year. They have a present membership of twenty-five, being an increase of nine since our last report. A number of their members have left who belonged to the other churches and have started Bands of their own. This is no real loss to the work at large, and need not be a source of discouragement since they are at work somewhere. Two members of this Band have united with the church during the year. They have given two concerts, and with the proceeds of a birthday box and their fees have raised the sum of \$9.65. This Band has learned some useful lessons on the subject of Christian usefulness, which may afford a valuable suggestion to some one else. Sick visiting, both in the hospital and in other places, and caring for the poor and needy, have taken up some considerable portion of their time and attention. Such things will always keep their hands full of work and their hearts full of love. In their meetings, which are well attended, they have taken up China and India as a subject of study. I received from one of their Band a very neatly drawn map of China.

A report from Brant was a very pleasant surprise, as I know nothing whatever of the existence of a Band there. It was organized in June last year with a membership of five, which is now just doubled. The members live about five miles out of Walkerton, and as they were too far away from there they wisely resolved to have a Band of their own. They earn all their money by doing work for their mothers, and have sent \$4. The report of the year's work done by this brave little Band will do us all good.

The "Cheerful Givers" of Lobo have been resting on their oars this year, and have only raised two dollars (\$2), while last year they raised \$20. There were many reasons for their failure this year, some of them unavoidable, but the lack of one or two earnest hearts and willing hands was not one of them. It is cheering to know that the work has taken on new life and interest now, and much is to be hoped from the presence and help of our Sister Brennstuhl among them.

The "Golden Links" of Owen Sound were organized last July and have a present membership of thirty-five. They hold their regular meetings on alternate Thursdays, immediately after school closes. They have commenced a sewing circle in connection, which meets on the alternate weeks, but on Saturday afternoon, and so they have a meeting of some kind every week. This causes a great amount of hard work to the leaders, but will be productive of much good after a while. They have given two concerts during the year; one of these was given expressly to provide new books for the S. S. library. It was repeated in the hall of the Y.M.C.A., the proceeds being shared by their Association. So their Home Mission work has been a very important one, amounting to about \$25. Their payment to their treasurer was \$12.24.

The Toronto "Willing Workers" have been very busy and very successful during the past year. They have held sewing meetings during most of the time, the proceeds of their work with the contents of the birthday box amounting to \$27.50, which was applied to the furnishing fund of the new church. Their regular fees have amounted to \$3.62. Their present membership is twenty-six. Three have united with the church during the year.

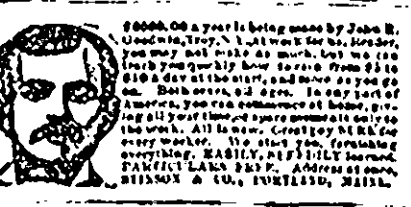
From Ridgeway I have received, but late, a report. Thirty dollars (\$30)

was forwarded from the "Cheerful Givers" there; this alone tells of much work done during the year. The fees for the year amounted to \$5.60. A concert in December realized \$3.60. The proceeds of a birthday box and a social gave the above total.

The Band in Wainfleet forgot to send in their report at all, but they have been busy. They have sent in \$10.10 during the year. Five of their members have united with the church.

There are thirteen Bands which have reported this year, only one which reported last year failing to do so. There are about 350 children in the Bands and the total amount of money raised this year is \$173.12, which, with the balance from last year, makes \$183.12. Twenty-four have united with the church during the year. I want to emphasize this fact. The primary thought in dealing with the children should be an educational one, and our highest aspiration as leaders should be to help to lead them to the Saviour. The sewing circle for our girls is an excellent idea, and will be productive of good in several ways at once, but "What can we do to interest the boys?" is a question asked by one of the Bands. If anyone can offer any suggestions on this subject they will be gratefully accepted. Concerts seem to have taken the attention to a great extent, and while the exercises are well chosen and are of a sacred character, the influence of such entertainments will be good. The beautiful songs and recitations will prove a useful factor in educating our children for work in the future, as well as have an influence for good on those who hear them. Visiting the sick and poor may prove a valuable suggestion to some who have not tried it, especially in our cities and towns.

As to disposing of the money raised this year, one Band has expressed a desire to adopt another child in China, but it must be a girl baby. Another would like to help build an hospital, another, to pay a native teacher. This is, however, a question open to the consideration of the sisters, and deserves their best attention. J.E.L.



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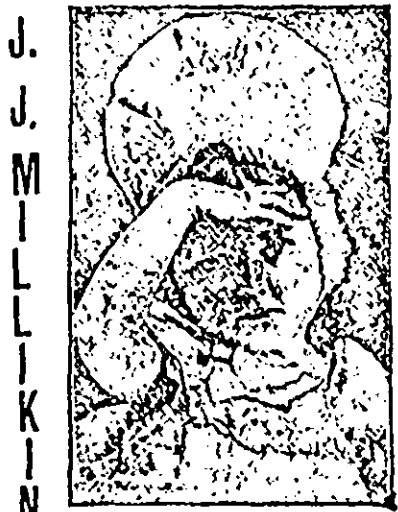
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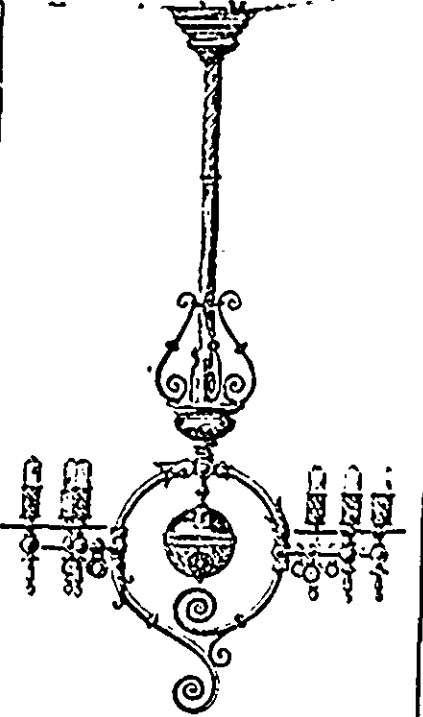
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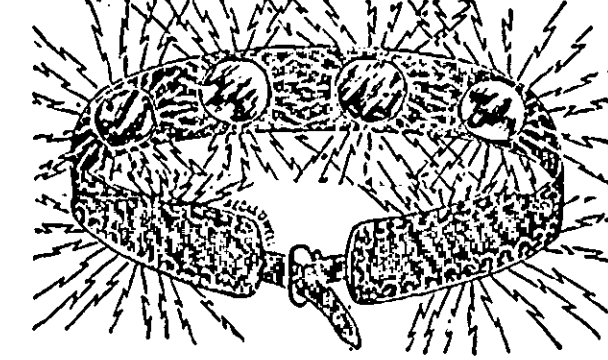
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