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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 brought us on its course, and to-day, by the kindness and mercy of God, we are again permitted to meet, that we may counsel with each other and endeavor to do more in the future for the furtherance of the cause of our Redeemer.

Truly we live in privileged times! The march of progress in every department of human knowledge has been quickened in the few years past; and with increasing power the forces which are moving the world are spreading onward and lifting up mankind in knowledge of material things until the human seems as though it were grasping the divine. God has indeed opened the windows of heaven, and is pouring out great and precious blessings upon our race. I fear we do not realize that these blessings are bestowed upon us that we might use them for the glory of God, the exaltation of the Saviour of the world, and that we might make haste in the service of our King. In view of the great responsibility of living in such favored times and receiving such wonderful evidences of the goodness and mercy of God, I trust we shall each resolve to be faithful in the discharge of the duties resting upon us.

When we look about us in the religious world to-day we indeed thank God for the progress of truth—the truth, and nothing but the truth. While sin and unbelief try the hearts of God's people, yet the world to-day seems as though it were reaching out after God; and the Bible, that word which is spirit and life; and the Son of man who gave his life to redeem the world, and the Son of God whom the grave could not contain, and the God of all grace who has loved our race so much, are to-day exalted to a place in the judgment and in the hearts of more people than ever before. In the religious world we see much to give us hope, in that the cause of our Saviour is being more faithfully preached and more fully believed all over our wide world than ever before. Who will say that the grand old Gospel of the grace of God has lost its power, or that human need is beyond the reach of Christ's power to save? In our land great

things have been accomplished for God and humanity in a few years past. The Bible is gradually gaining its place of authority to the church in all matters of faith and practice. As we consider the humble part that we as a people are taking in the great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature, we are constrained to say: Oh! how good the Lord has been to us; he has caused the light of his truth to shine into our hearts, and we have indeed beheld his glory as we have seen the triumphs of the cross of Christ. As we look back over a few years and compare the cause of the truth we love with its position then, who can say that it is not the Lord's cause, and that the Lord has not been with us? I have the utmost confidence that if we are faithful to the plain old Gospel, the great abiding truths so clearly taught by Christ and his Apostles, that there are richer blessings and greater joys awaiting all who honor that grand old Gospel of our salvation which has brought pardon, joy and hope to men, and gives the glory of our salvation to our God and his Christ. The religious world is getting tired of sectism, divisions, religious party issues, ecclesiastical institutions, and are, Berean-like, searching the Scriptures. The people and the press are doing much to bring about that day when God's people shall be free. Let us, brethren, hold fast to all the truth and all the scriptural practice which has marked this movement for a return to primitive Christianity; and remember also that there are depths and heights in this great treasure house of God's will to man which we have not yet reached; we need not be vainly puffed up with the little we know, but as obedient children study the Word, desiring to know more and more, that we may be able to do more and greater things to save the world and glorify our God.

I am glad to say that not only in a general way is the cause in a very prosperous condition in the province, but at all the points which are being assisted by your offerings, there are evidences that satisfactory work is being done. God's word is being lovingly and faithfully preached; the marked progress at nearly every point gives abundant cause for thankfulness. Without any prejudice to other places the city of London is our newest point and also one of the most encouraging and hopeful. Bro. Dr. Leonard, who has so devotedly persevered in his purpose, that there should be, during his residence, a church in the city of London, where the ancient Gospel should be preached, his faithful work to that end eternally alone will fully reveal. Bro. John Campbell, by whose willing sacrifice and material assistance the movement was placed upon a firm basis, and Bro. T. L. Fowler who took charge of the work, and to whose kindly manner, good judgment, and faithful preaching of the Gospel of love from God to man, have all their part in the honor of the success at that point—to God be all the praise. During the year the Board have been compelled for want of means to refuse assistance to important and needy points; we have exercised all the wisdom we had in this regard. We trust the churches contributing

assistance and the churches needing aid will each feel the need at this point in the work of faithfulness and patience. We greatly admire the unselfish patience of the churches at some points in this respect.

During the past year we have been sorely pressed for means, our faith has been often tried; in faith we labored on, believing that the work is the Lord's and that the earth is his, and the fulness thereof. We have realized our expectations and indeed more than we had hoped for. It is wonderful how this work has grown from the little that we are doing; there are many now points prayerfully and patiently waiting the help they must receive to have any success. We have raised more money for the Lord's work during the past year than in any previous year, and more work has been done and more success has crowned our united efforts. If we but continue faithful and increase our efforts, as capability increases, we cannot estimate the work that God will accomplish through us. I pray that God may strengthen us and increase our faith and enable us to be faithful stewards of all his mercy and goodness. The members of the Board have made some sacrifices in order that the work should go forward with greater activity; some of the members have travelled a long distance, at considerable expense and sacrifice to their business, in order to be present at the meetings and give their counsel to assist in the work, and not a dollar of the funds has gone to pay back such expenses. I am thankful to note the hopeful growing interest in every department of church work. The C. W. B. M. are doing a grand and great work, and I am sure our sisters are realizing that it is a blessed privilege to labor for Christ. The children's Mission Bands are accomplishing wonderful things. They are contributing nearly as much as our united offerings for mission work amounted to a few years ago, and God is surely blessing them and training them for his service; their young hearts are burning with zeal to do work for the Master. May God richly bless them.

I cannot close without a reference to our highly esteemed brother, Duncan A. Sinclair. He is not with us to-day; it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take him home since our last meeting. We deeply feel the loss of his removal from among us, but we know that our brother is with Christ he loved so much, and that is far better. I am thankful that it was my privilege to know Duncan A. Sinclair. I feel that his earnest devotion to the cause of the Saviour has been a strength and an encouragement to me. His words to the young men, at our meeting at Owen Sound, will never be forgotten. Although an invalid for years he was always active, and accomplished more in stirring up zeal in the furtherance of the Gospel, its power to save and its ultimate triumph, than many of us can hope to do in a long life. The legacy he left, to be used for educating young men for the ministry, will be a living monument to his memory.

I trust that we all realize in some measure the love of God to us, his

mercy and care for us, the sacrifice that Christ has made to redeem us, the value of the Word of God, and all the blessings that come to us because we are God's children, and honestly endeavor to do our duty in assisting in the great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature, that all the world may enjoy like blessings with us.

May unity and harmony, consistent with an effort to work for the spread of the Gospel, mark all our deliberations, and may we all, when we return from here to our homes, carry with us every resolve to live nearer to God and be more active in his service.

HUGH BLACK.

THE CO-OPERATION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN ONTARIO.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE YEAR 1891-92.

Dear Brethren of the Annual Meeting.—The Board of Managers have great pleasure in again greeting the brethren and sisters in the Annual Meeting, and in laying before them an account of the work carried on by the Co-operation during the year just closed. The Board has sought, as far as possible, to carry out the recommendations of the last Annual Meeting, and where it has been found necessary to act without instructions, the object has always been to do what would meet the approval of the brotherhood.

REPORTS FROM MISSION POINTS.

Muskoka.

Bro. Wm. M. Crowson sends the following report from Muskoka:—

Isenla sketch of Muskoka mission field for the year ending June 1st, 1892.

Huntsville has eight members. One baptism during the year. Meetings fortnightly, but are hereafter to meet two Sundays out of three. The attendance is small. We attend to the breaking of bread whenever we meet.

Brunt.—Meet in two places. Membership 26. Break bread in Township Hall every third Lord's day. Attendance small; no additions. Sometimes have a prayer meeting.

Naysville.—About 14 members. I did meet with them each third Lord's day, but do not now.

Ridout.—About 14 members. Bro. Wm. Palmer meets with them each Lord's day now. They break bread and have a prayer meeting. Attendance small.

Macaulay.—Over 20 members. I meet with them twice on each third Lord's day. We break bread at one place. Meetings well attended; prospects hopeful. Many staunch Disciples there.

They would like to have another preacher in Muskoka to take a part of the work. I have to earn a part of what I need to support myself and family by manual labor at unremunerative wages, and cannot give the time and attention to mission work that it needs. I must do more in Huntsville than ever before if we are to succeed; if I cannot we may as well give it up. I did not use the envelopes or take up the May collection for Home Missions, as any who have the ability to give are doing all they can for me at present, and that is not much. I have

received from Macaulay about \$1.50 each trip, besides my fare. At Naysville they tried to make the collection come up to my fare. In Brunt the collections are very small, as they count on giving us a bag of potatoes or oats, etc.

Quite a number of our members have moved away to distant places: some to Oregon, British Columbia, Manitoba, and the North-West Territories, and others have gone further back in these districts. We are weakened thereby.

All of which is respectfully submitted, Your Brother, W. M. CROWSON.

Wellsand.

This was one of the points left by the Annual Meeting to be dealt with according to the discretion of the Board. Accordingly it was decided to appropriate one hundred dollars towards the support of the work in Wellsand, provided sufficient funds were raised from other sources to insure the keeping open of the house until June 1st, 1892. Bro. Alex. McMillan continued to labor with the church until near the end of 1891, after which Bro. P. A. McArthur took up the work. Bro. McArthur sends the following statement of finances for the period beginning March 1st, 1891, and ending May 31st, 1892:—

Receipts.

Individual contributions in	
Wellsand	\$13 37
Sunday collections	44 38
Special	13 56
Home and Foreign Missions	17 34
The Co-operation	162 51
Y.P.S.s and Young People	44 25
Individuals in Ontario	5 00
Church, Wainfleet	48 75
" Gainsboro'	23 00
" Jordan	27 00
" Selkirk	24 00
" Beamsville	9 25
" Smithville	9 00
" Smith's Corners	8 50
	\$530 06

Expenditure.

Repairs on building	\$151 04
For Preaching	280 00
Missions	17 34
Running expenses	36 17
Int. on mortgage	60 00
Cash on hand	5 51
	\$550 06

We are yet behind \$55 of back interest: also Bro. Young's note of \$15. We think it will be necessary to raise about \$400 to carry us through another year. That means about \$300 for preaching, \$100 for arrears of interest, and \$60 for current interest. We can raise probably something over \$60 here, besides our Sunday collections to pay running expenses. We are therefore forced to ask the Board to help us liberally for the coming year.

As far as I can make out the number of those who claim membership here is about 34; additions by baptism since last June, 4; lost by removal, 6. We are likely to lose 4 more, as another family intends to move away.

Collingwood.

Sister A. M. Frame, Secretary of the church in Collingwood, reports as follows:—

Since our last Annual Meeting the church in Collingwood has to report mainly regular and systematic work during the year, that is, regular Lord's

day services are held morning and evening, and Sunday school in the afternoon. Bro. Sinclair takes charge of all these meetings, and also held as usual a protracted meeting during the winter, being assisted for a few evenings by Bro. O. J. Lister, whose preaching is always appreciated. There were four additions. Our church membership is 42, being somewhat less than at the time of our last report, as we have lost many by removal, and have sustained a great loss during the last ten days by the death of two of our most prominent brethren, both deacons in the church.

Bro. Sinclair's labors are highly appreciated, both by our own congregation and the people of the town generally. He is always ready to take his place in all Temperance work and other good works. Our meetings are all well attended, and so is the Sunday school.

Financially we are not any stronger than at our last report. We can hardly say yet what we shall be able to raise for the coming year, certainly not more than \$300, towards our own support, as we still carry a debt of \$375, the interest on which has to be met half-yearly. We are not forgetful that we have been largely dependent on the Co-operation for the assistance so kindly given us during the past four years, and while gratefully acknowledging past favors, we would still ask for a continuance, if possible, of the same amount for another year towards the support of a preacher in this important town.

Hamilton.

Bro. J. M. Warner reports for the church in Hamilton:—

Financial Statement.	
Receipts.	
Church collections during year	\$879 36
From Co-operation	319 00
	\$1,228 30
Expenditure.	
To preacher	\$521 77
Home Missions	33 00
Foreign Missions	36 00
Furnace	107 00
Interest on mortgage	51 00
On principal of mortgage	100 00
Sundries	177 98
	\$1,026 75
Balance on hand	201 61
Liabilities.	
To preacher (G. D. Warner)	\$94 50
On mortgage	100 00
Coal bill	22 50
	\$217 00
Which leaves us short	15 39
Membership.	
No. reported last June	38
Added by confession and baptism	11
Came in from abroad	4
	53
Lost by removal	10
" death	1
	11
Total at present	42

Owen Sound.

Bro. C. A. Fleming sends the following on behalf of the church in Owen Sound:—

No. of members at last report	65
Added during year by baptism	12
" " letter	11
Total No. on church book	88

While our gains have been fairly satisfactory, our losses by removals during the year have been unusually large; no less than 29 persons have gone from us. The most of these are in fellowship with other congregations, but a number are in places where we have no congregation, and therefore are still members here, though counted as losses in this report. The losses are the result of the present trade depression in our town, and all churches here are suffering from a similar exodus.

This, of course, has to some extent affected our financial ability; still, for the year just closed we present the following:—

General expenses	\$77 22
In liquidation of church debt	148 62
For Preacher's salary	383 58
" Home Missions	20 50
" Foreign Missions	16 10
" Sunday school	44 54
" Women's Mission work	20 00
" Children's Mission work	20 00

Total amount contributed for all departments by this church \$730 56
Contributed by Co-operation for Preacher's salary 200 00
By O.C.W.B.M., to debt fund 60 00

As to our present condition, we are thankful to God that he has kept us in peace and harmony during the year. All parts of our work are in a satisfactory condition. Sunday services are well attended by the members, and an increase of late in the Sunday evening services. Prayer meetings are largely attended, and our Sunday school has shown marked improvement since our Sunday School Convention last fall. The church is at peace within, of good report without, and full of Christian activity, which promises well for the future.

As to the future. For the future we hope the best things, and propose, by God's grace, to work for the best things. We realize more than ever that faithful personal work, and that of the most persistent kind, is the only way to secure permanent and satisfactory results in our towns and cities, so that we are determined to hold back nothing of service or sacrifice that will tend to the glory of God and the upbuilding of the cause of Christ.

No special Gospel services have been held during the year owing to the long continued sickness of a large number of our members during the season when such services might have been held. It is our intention to hold such services as early in the fall as possible.

As to our preacher, Bro. Lediard, we would say that we esteem him very highly. We think he is just the man for our work. He is active, not only in pushing the interests of the local congregation, but also in every good work in our town, and we much desire to be able to continue his services.

We desire to express our gratitude to the Board, and through them to the Co-operation, for the help given us during the past year, and also to the O. C. W. B. M. for their liberal donation towards the liquidation of the church debt.

To continue our work in its present favorable form we have decided to ask the Co-operation to grant us \$200 for the coming year, and trust they may be as able as we feel sure they are willing to grant our request. At the same time we are prepared to make every possible effort ourselves, realizing that the demands upon the Co-operation by others are both numerous and pressing.

Manitoulin Island.

It will be remembered that the Board was authorized to contribute \$25 towards evangelistic work on Manitoulin Island, to be carried on under the direction of the church in Kilsyth. Bro. O. J. Lister was selected to visit the Island. In the Dec. 15 number of THE EVANGELIST there appeared the following report from him:—

MANITOULIN.—A report of labor on Manitoulin Island is not equal to expectation. Evil-speaking, dissension, and alienation had sprung up and grown among the little band left there some two years ago. This put the work back weeks. Some sectarian parties had profited by above state of things. Good grounds for hope of a brighter prospect appeared before leaving. One man of good repute was baptized. Several more were almost persuaded. Some laborer should remain there all winter. Had a good hearing at a new point.

Manitoba.

A request was made to the Board on behalf of Disciples in Manitoba to grant \$250 for one year towards the support of an effort to establish the cause in the city of Winnipeg. It was represented that "F. C. M. S. had made a grant of \$250 for that purpose, and that the Disciples of Christ in Manitoba were able and willing to provide the balance of what would be necessary to make a proper start. The Board, feeling great interest in the project and believing that the brethren in Ontario would approve of the action, acceded to the request made and voted \$250. It was hoped that the work would have been begun early last fall, but the difficulty of finding a suitable preacher prevented that. Bro. J. B. Lister informs the Board that Bro. John McKee, of Irvington, Indiana, has been employed and is now in Winnipeg "to gather together the scattered Disciples in the city, and to urge before all the people a complete return to the doctrine and practice of New Testament Christianity."

Orangeville.

The little band of Disciples in Orangeville asked to be assisted in carrying on a series of meetings conducted by Bro. E. Sheppard. The Board did not feel able to appropriate more than \$10 to that purpose. The subjoined report of the meetings appeared in THE EVANGELIST:—

ORANGEVILLE.—Bro. E. Sheppard, of Walkerton, began a series of meetings with the church here on Nov. 15. This step was the first in beginning the work openly in our town. Possibly it would not have been hard to have selected a better time of the year, but we were anxious that the work should be begun. We were only favored with two evenings free from storm or rain, consequently the attendance of strangers was small; but the brethren were faithful in their attendance. Bro. S. made it profitable to be present. His discourses were laden with truth, as we think he earnestly desires they shall be. The impression created was good; everywhere the meetings were well spoken of. On the afternoon of Lord's day, Nov. 22, our hall was nicely filled, notwithstanding the very heavy rain. Our hall is inconvenient, being on the third floor; we hope to get a better one soon—in fact we are trying to get hold of a new hall. Services are held every Lord's day at 11 a.m., Bro. Henry King and myself conducting alternately.

Cecil Street Church, Toronto. Financial Statement from June 1st, 1891, to April 30th, 1892.

Receipts.	
Balance on hand June 1st, 1891	\$209 82
Building and Furnishing acct.—	
Donations	\$2,438 02
Loan McMaster Esq.	2,000 00
Loan J. M. Laws	200 00
Accoun. notes	100 00
	4,738 02
Weekly Collections	1,458 32
Board of Co-op. bal. to May 31, 1891	328 00
Total of Co-op. on account to May 31, 1892	335 00
Loan J. M. Laws to pay J. R. Gaff	100 00
Farmers' Loan Co. Int. on deposit	8 10
Collections for Missions	64 00
Hant Den. Ave. Building	128 00
Proceeds of Lecture by W. F. Richardson	29 61
Sundries	23 85
	\$7,482 72

Disbursements.

Building and Furnishing Account—	
Fund for work and material	\$1,360 51
J. M. Laws, loan returned	1,845 00
J. R. Gaff, loan returned	200 00
	\$4,031 51
Pastor's Salary—	
J. R. Gaff	\$720 00
A. W. Conner	577 21
	1,297 21
Interest	1,255 46
Fuel	180 40
Gas	93 16
Water	2 80
Caretaker	91 50
Taxes, local improvement	33 97
Pulpit supplies	97 00
Advertising, printing, etc.	48 56
Expense at Convention	41 58
Expense, lecture, W. F. Richardson	35 23
Foreign Missions	45 00
Home Missions	15 00
Sundries	45 79
Hant Denison Ave. building	200 00
	\$7,481 19
Balance on hand May 1, 1892	\$1 53

Our debt at present is as follows:—
Mortgages, 1st, \$12,000 00
2nd, 2,000 00
Notes \$14,000 00
Carpets, curtains, etc. 61 00
\$16,261 00

The Statement given at last Convention was to May 31, 1891; and as we cannot give statement to end of May this year I have made it to end of April, and hereafter they can run from May to May. J. D. HIGGINS, Treas.

STATEMENT SHOWING ORDINARY EXPENSES OF CECIL STREET CHURCH FOR YEAR COMMENCING 1st MAY, 1892, AND RUNNING TO 30TH APRIL, 1893.

Pastor's Salary	\$1,200 00
Interest	945 00
Caretaker	100 00
Fuel	80 00
Gas	90 00
Water	3 00
Taxes	33 97
Advertising, Printing, etc.	50 00
Sundries	40 00
	\$2,540 97

This means that our expenses are about \$49 per week; and as our collections average only \$30 per week we fall short \$19 a week in our receipts, so that you will see that we need still all the assistance that the Co-operation can give us for another year.

Our expenses last year were extra heavy, as we had to pay eighteen months' interest on the first mortgage, no interest having been paid on it until June, 1891; our fuel bill was large, as we were heating the Denison avenue building, and we had to heat the Cecil street building for the workmen, and then we had to pay rent for the Denison avenue building till Feb. 1st, 1892; although we managed to sublet it in June or July, 1891, still we were paying \$8 per month more than we were receiving.

Of the \$2,438.02 given for the Building Fund, \$1,004.95 was given by our people here, and \$473.07 by the brethren throughout the Province.

JAMES D. HIGGINS, Treas.

Our Membership on 1st June, 1891, was 148; during the eleven months to 30th April, 1892, we have had 28 admissions by letter and 16 by baptism; we have lost 14 who removed without letters, 10 who were granted letters, and 2 who died; we had 44 additions and lost 26, leaving us a net gain of 18, and making our membership at the present time 160. J. D. H.

Bro. A. W. Conner, who has been employed to succeed Bro. J. R. Gaff as preacher for the Cecil Street church, sends the following additional information:—

"I am informed that you annually expect a letter from the pastor of Cecil Street church. Inasmuch as our church clerk has made a full report, there is but little for me to do, unless I call attention to some of the hindrances to our work.

"The spiritual health of the church is excellent. The members are filled with the spirit of the Lord Jesus, as their work of faith, labor of love and patience of hope daily prove. The church is a decidedly progressive and aggressive missionary church, and longs to be able to do far more at home and in foreign lands than it is now possible to do.

"At present we are making a great effort to preach the Gospel at home. Brothers Hall and Hutto, of Chicago, have just begun a series of evangelistic meetings in our church. We expect to continue until many souls are won to Christ. We pray the Lord to give us the grace of continuance. We ask the brethren in convention and at home to offer to God prayers for the success of these meetings.

"The great hindrance to the success of our work is the great financial burden which has fallen upon the congregation in securing the church building. Because of this burden the church gives every Lord's day far more than it is able to give, so the most important part of church work is greatly hindered. If the brethren of Ontario will remove a reasonable part of this burden (the debt on church building) it will only be

a few years until Toronto proper will have four or five strong missionary churches instead of one. Cecil Street church is on the way to success. Pray for it."

London.

Our brethren are generally familiar with the steps leading to the very hopeful inauguration of the work in London since the last Annual Meeting. When the meeting house was secured, the Co-operation was asked to assist in supporting a preacher, and so was the G.C.M.C. of the United States. Both responded favorably, one liberal brother offering to meet \$200 of the pledge made by the Board on behalf of the Co-operation. Steps were at once taken to find a suitable preacher, and about January 1st, 1892, Bro. T. L. Fowler was employed.

The following account of the state of the cause in London is given on behalf of the church there:—

"It is with no small degree of pleasure, and with feelings of profound gratitude to the Author of all Truth, who declares, 'My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it,' that we send this report to the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation, and call attention to the new mission opened at London, Ont., last year, through the indefatigable energy of Dr. H. Z. Leonard, U.S. Consul, aided by the large-hearted liberality of such brethren as John Campbell, of St. Thomas.

"In January of the current year your Board assumed the larger share of the financial responsibility of the new field.

"The original five who formed the membership at the inception of the work had been strengthened by the addition of 22, thereby making a total of 27 to begin the work of 1892. This little band of Disciples was up to this date without a pastor. It was with much fear and trembling that efforts were made to secure an under-shepherd who would not only lead the little flock 'into pastures green and beside still waters,' but also so present the Christ of the Gospel that it would indeed prove 'the power of God unto salvation' to many who would lovingly submit to the authority of Christ. Our expectations have been more than realized in Brother and Sister Fowler, our present pastor and his excellent wife. While both possess the happy gift of winning and retaining the sympathy of the people, Brother Fowler in his own original style proclaims the Gospel so simply and yet so forcibly that already many have yielded to the Saviour. As previously stated, the membership, Jan. 1st, 1892, was..... 27
Baptized since Jan. 1st 32
Received from the Baptists 3
" by letter 7
69

Dismissed by letter 3
Baptized but did not take membership 2
5

Leaving a present membership of 64
Two have made the noble confession, but have not yet been baptized.

"The Sunday school was opened January, 1892, with 11 pupils; the aggregate to date is 91 pupils and 9 officers.

"The young people have organized a Y. P. S. C. E. with fourteen active and eight associate members.

"The sisters of the church and congregation have also been active in organizing both a 'Dorcas Society' and an auxiliary of the O. C. W. B. M. The membership of the latter is twelve, with the prospect of an increase in members and interest.

"Three week-day services are held. These meetings are well attended. The earnestness and enthusiasm manifested,

together with the growth in grace and scriptural knowledge, bespeak for the infant church a glorious future.

"The audiences on Lord's day, especially that in the evening, are far beyond our most sanguine expectations. This is especially gratifying when it is known that the surrounding denominational churches have opposed our plea by the most bitter and un-Christlike spirit of modern persecution.

"Already the little church has had its missionary spirit stirred. One of those baptized since the beginning of the year has his home in Manitoba. While rejoicing in 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism' he is contending single-handed for a pure Gospel.

"From the above facts the outlook is most encouraging and hopeful. You, with us, must be convinced of the value of the work and that its importance cannot be overestimated. It therefore demands not only an interest in our prayers, but also a liberal supply of the means lent to us by the Lord."

Sundry Matters.

Incorporation. The matter of incorporation was continued by the solicitor of the Co-operation, D. L. Sinclair, and arrangements made to make application to the courts to grant us an Act of Incorporation under the general Act. It is expected that word will be received in regard to this matter before this Convention closes.

Finances. As the Treasurer's report will show, the income of the Co-operation is larger this year than ever before. The pledges unpaid are more than sufficient to remove the small deficit now existing, and it is hoped that most of those pledges will be paid during the Convention and that we shall begin next year's work with a balance on the right side of the ledger as usual.

The regular collections were asked of the churches in November and May and of the Sunday schools in September. The response from both churches and schools was more liberal than ever before. It is evident that the Co-operation has the hearty sympathy of the great majority of the Disciples in the Province. It is not well to make invidious comparisons among those who contribute nor to praise those who give large sums in preference to those who are only able to give small ones, but it is felt that it is only proper to point out that one brother has contributed \$200 towards the Home Mission Fund this year. It is believed that if other able brethren had their attention directed to the matter they might be induced to follow the example of this liberal brother.

Is this Report Encouraging? As a people we are eager for numerical growth, and that is well. Judged by that standard, this report is not a very hopeful one. But when we considered the degree of faith exhibited in maintaining ground already gained, the strong hope expressed in regard to the future if the missions receive continued support, and the amounts contributed by the mission points themselves, there is no reason for discouragement, but there are many reasons for encouragement, and strong ground is furnished for the vigorous prosecution of our Home Mission Work during the coming year.

Recommendations.

In the matter of recommendations, the Board has none to make this year. So far as the missions now being supported are concerned, and the applications for assistance from other points as well, the Board, without prejudice to any of them, would respectfully leave the whole question in the hands of the Annual Meeting, as that course was found to be very satisfactory last year.

In Conclusion,

We fervently pray that the rich blessing of the Lord may rest upon our deliberations, and that he may graciously guide our future efforts for the advancement of his cause.

All of which, etc., on behalf of the Board.

GEO. MUNRO, HUGH BLACK,
Cor. Sec. Pres.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

On Missions.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report as follows:—

1. Your Committee have considered appeals for aid presented by Bro. Alkin, in the interest of Orangeville; by Bro. McKinley, in the interest of Georgetown; by Bro. Charlton, in the interest of Acton; by Bro. Lister and Sister Fleming, in the interest of Manitoulin Island; by Bro. Law, in the interest of West Toronto Junction; by Bro. D. Munro, in the interest of International Bridge; by Bro. Lister, in the interest of a meeting in Falkirk; by Bro. Wheeler, in the interest of Hamilton; by Bro. Malcolm, in the interest of Cecil Street, Toronto; by Bro. Fowler, in the interest of London; by Bro. Crewson, in the interest of Muskoka; by Bro. McMillan, in the interest of Welland; by Bro. Stephens, in the interest of Collingwood, and by Bro. Fleming, in the interest of Owen Sound, which appeals amount to something like \$3,000.

2. In considering the many just and reasonable requests for aid, the earnestness of the appeals and the limited amount of funds likely to be at the disposal of the Board of Management, your Committee have had to perform the unpleasant duty of leaving some of the appeals without positive recommendations.

3. Your Committee recommend that the Board of Management during the coming year pay to the Cecil Street church, Toronto, \$600; to the church in Hamilton, \$400; to the church at Collingwood, \$250; and to the church at Owen Sound, \$200.

4. Your Committee would recommend that \$25 be paid towards the expenses of Bro. Lister in visiting and laboring among the brethren on Manitoulin Island.

5. Your Committee would recommend that the action of the Board in promising \$500 to the church in London be confirmed, and that the Board continue to pay to the church in London at the same rate during the remainder of the Co-operation year. Your Committee also recommend that the sum of \$250 be paid in the interest of the Winnipeg Mission as undertaken by the Board, the American Board having promised a like amount.

6. Your Committee have carefully considered the application of West Toronto Junction, and would recommend that the Board pay to the church there \$200 at an early date.

7. With respect to the appeals from Orangeville, Georgetown, Muskoka, Welland, International Bridge, and Falkirk, your Committee would recommend that the Board make such grant to one or more of these places as may in their judgment be in the best interest of the church, providing the funds are available after paying the grants in former sections of this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. YULE, Chairman.
Bowmanville, June 4, 1892.

On Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg to recommend that the following be the officers of the Co-operation for the ensuing year:—

President—Hugh Black; Vice-President—Jno. Campbell; Rec. Sec.—J. W. Kilgour; Cor. Sec.—Geo. Munro;

Treasurer—Jno. McKinnon; R. Windatt, T. Whitehead, Enoch M. Campbell, Jno. Black, E. Tolton, Donald McMillan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. FLEMING, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE S.S. COMMITTEE FOR 1891, PRESENTED JUNE 4th, 1892.

Brother President, Sisters and Brethren.—Our Annual Convention, having drifted within the influence of the world's great whirl-pool, is rushing on so rapidly that the Sunday school session has been shortened from half-a-day to two and a-half hours. Your Committee finds it necessary therefore to present a general report of Sunday school work, and only such details as are of special merit and interest. Apparently some of the Sunday school workers have mis-interpreted the action of the Board in shortening the Sunday school session, and have concluded that the interest formerly manifested in this department of work is decreasing, and that their work is not worth reporting.

After the persistent efforts of the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST to provoke Superintendents to send in their reports, only 30 schools have reported. Of these 28 are from Ontario, one from New Brunswick and one from Manitoba. Several schools have reported for the first time, and only one reported last year did not report this year, viz., St. Thomas.

The 30 schools report as follows:—

Number of pupils enrolled..	1,936
Average attendance.....	1,324
Number of teachers.....	197
Additions to the church from schools.....	74
Number of church members attending.....	501
Contributions for home support.....	\$863.74
Contributions for home missions.....	\$205.33
Contributions for foreign missions.....	\$110.23
Total contributions.....	\$1,179.30

Libraries 11, volumes 1,525. Schools open all the year 25, part 5. International lessons are used in 28 schools.

The Toronto (Cecil St.) school reports the largest number of pupils (150), with an average attendance of 96. Last year they reported 105 pupils, average attendance 84.

Everton school stands second, with 110 pupils and an average of 80.

Bowmanville and St. John, N.B., each reports 105 pupils with average attendance of 78 and 91 respectively.

The school in Blenheim, which is yet in its second year, is worthy of double honor. It reports 100 pupils, average 76, while last year it reported 55 pupils, average 45.

Owen Sound shows an advance from 65 to 86 pupils, and an increase in attendance from 43 to 58.

Warton reports 75 pupils, average 50, while last report gave 30 pupils, with average attendance of 38.

Last year Erin reported 80 pupils, average 40; this report shows 46 pupils, average 30.

Guelph reported 100 pupils, average 76 last year. This year it reports 85 pupils, average 70.

Minnetosa deserves special notice. With 27 pupils enrolled, it has an average attendance of 25. "To make the school attractive and helpful and itself the encouragement" is their reported special method of securing good attendance.

Galt reports 45, average 23.

We are pleased to have a good report from the school in St. John, N.B. This school stands first in finances, contributing \$131.98 for home support, and \$52.37 for home missions.

Home Mission.	833 02	Foreign Mission.	\$15 28
Collingwood	32 03		5 00
Glencairn	16 00		21 00

Bro. Crewson reports three schools in Muskoka, two of which continue throughout the year, while the third, of which Mrs. Mary Stephenson is Superintendent, is closed during the winter.

The school at Bayville has an attendance of 50, with 70 pupils enrolled. Almost all of the schools give some attention to the teaching of temperance and to the "collectious," but there is room for improvement in connection with the latter.

In September, 1891, a successful Sunday School Convention was held in Owen Sound. In other districts union conventions have been held.

Only one of our schools (Toronto, Cecil St.) was represented at the last Provincial Sunday School Convention.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend to all schools that more care be exercised in keeping a record of Sunday school work. From the difficulty experienced by the Committee, we believe some schools have kept no record, others very imperfect ones. We do not deem it essential that an elaborate system be used, but we commend the use of class books carefully kept, and a general statement by the secretary each week, and a financial record.

2. That steps be taken to have our schools represented at local and county Sunday school conventions, and if practicable at the Provincial Convention.

A. TOVELL, Chairman.

On Obituaries.

Though not many of our leading brethren in Canada have departed to their eternal home during the past year, yet we have to mourn the loss of some who were dearly beloved and pre-eminently useful.

Duncan A. Sinclair, of Blenheim, who was taken ill while taking a course of studies in Toronto University in preparation for the ministry of the Word, after a lingering illness, fell asleep in Jesus, not forgetting the prospective work from which he was called, leaving his property as a nucleus for the establishment of a religious institution in Toronto for the education of young men.

Dugald Sinclair, one of the elders of the Mosa church, eldest son of the late revered Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo, passed away very suddenly to his heavenly home quite recently, while visiting one of his daughters in Manitoba.

We have also to regret very much the death, recently, of two brethren of the Collingwood church—Bro. Rigg, a firm and consistent Disciple of Christ, and Bro. John Ough, who, having heard the plain truth of the Gospel, overcame some formidable difficulties in the way of becoming a Christian, gladly embraced the Saviour, and died triumphantly in the hope of the Gospel.

Sister Doyle, of Owen Sound, who fell asleep in Jesus about the first of March. She had been a follower of the Saviour many years, and was pre-eminently a worker in the cause of Prohibition; probably no one in the country would be more missed in Temperance circles.

Elder George Thompson, of Wainfleet church, passed away in July of last year. He was faithful to his charge until death. He was well known throughout the Niagara district and most highly respected.

Robt. Yorsion, of Toronto, died in his ninety-second year. He was a staunch and progressive Disciple, and enjoyed strength of body and mind until the end, being able to attend at the Lord's table up to one week before his death. He was one of the oldest Disciples in Toronto.

George Munro, of Aldboro, departed this life, aged eighty-seven, in the early part of this year. He was perhaps the most widely-known man in the county, known as a counsellor and peace-maker.

We have also to mention the loss the church in Erin has sustained in the death of an humble, faithful and consistent Disciple, Bro. Archibald Thomson. He was well known by many taking part in this Convention.

C. SINCLAIR, } Com.
C. J. LISTER, }

On Time and Place.

Your Committee, to which was referred the matter of the place and time for the next Annual Meeting, beg respectfully to recommend as follows:—

1. That the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario for the year 1893 be held at Everton in the County of Wellington, Ont.

2. That the time of such meeting be the last Thursday previous to the first Lord's day in June, 1893, at the hour of 3 p.m.

R. WINDATT, } Com.
M. N. STEPHENS, }
D. STEWART, }

Bowmanville, June 4, 1892.

LIST OF DELEGATES AND VISITORS.

Hon. Z. T. Sweeney, Columbus, Ind.; A. McLean, Cor. Soc. F.M.S., Cincinnati, O.; Miss Graybiel, returned missionary from India; R. A. Burries, Williamsville, N. Y.; E. B. Grove, Buffalo; G. O. Black, Niagara Falls. Acton—W. G. Charlton.

Belwood—O. Currie. Blenheim—D. H. Stewart, E. M. Campbell.

Bowmanville—E. B. Barnes, R. Windatt.

Brantford—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodbridge.

Collingwood—Mr. and Mrs. O. Sinclair.

Cobourg—Misses Pomeroy, Miss Ewing.

Conistall—Joseph Crewson. Craighurst—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hanns.

Creemore—Miss J. Fisher.

Everton—Hugh Black, John Black, Mr. and Mrs. John McKinnon, P. Baker, Miss B. Parkinson, H. Royce. Georgetown—A. McKinley, C. McKinley.

Glencairn—M. N. Stephens, Miss Stephens, Miss L. Frame.

Grand Valley—S. Woolner.

Guelph—George Fowler, J. W. Kilgour, Mary Stewart, R. Stewart, May McDougall, J. Reed.

Hamilton—Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Wheeler, Mrs. Riach, Mary Riach, G. Munro.

Huntsville—W. M. Crewson, Mrs. Crewson.

Kilsyth—Miss Jennie Fleming, R. S. Fleming.

Lobo—J. A. Brenenstahl, Mrs. McClurg, Miss M. A. Sinclair.

London—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Fowler, L. Rose, John Marks, Miss L. Picher.

Orangeville—J. A. Aikin.

Oshawa—Mr. and Mrs. W. Laughlan, J. McGill, J. Henry, L. K. Murton.

Owen Sound—Mr. and Mrs. J. Ledgard, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lister, C. A. Fleming, Mrs. T. Miller, H. Miller, Miss L. Stephens, Mrs. Pearce.

Port Hope—Mrs. W. Black.

St. Thomas—Sheriff Brown, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. McClellan, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell, N. B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell.

Toronto—A. W. Conner, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Malcolm, A. McMillan, Mrs. E. J. Trout, Mrs. Leary, W. Marks, Mr. and Mrs. B. Culp, D. Munro, Maggie Currie, H. Anderson, Grace Ledgard, Mrs. McCullough, Dr. J. S. McCullough, Miss McCullough.

Toronto Junction—J. Munro, H. T.

Law, Miss Thompson, Miss Page, A. McMillan, A. W. Law.
 Walkerton—Elder E. Sheppard, J. Tolton, T. Whitehead, Miss L. Whitehead.
 West Lake—A. O. Gay.
 Warton—Mrs. S. M. Brown, A. Tovell.
 The following were present on Sun-

day only: Mrs. Coryell, Mrs. A. Lick, Mrs. J. Lick, Mrs. Geo. Coleman, Mrs. Baker, Miss Baker, Mr. Lachlan, Mr. Lachlan, Mrs. N. Pickle, Mr. N. Pickle, Miss J. Pickle, Mrs. Provin, Miss K. Hall, Mr. Lambert, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bowman, Oshawa.
 Mr. Farewell, Mrs. Barclay, Whitby.

names of two sisters, the one in Iowa, the other in New York. One had made no preparation, the other would go only for a limited time, hence neither could be accepted. Through our correspondence in THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, Sister Mary M. Riach of Hamilton, Ont., offered herself for the work. Having learned from different sources of her fitness for the position, after careful and prayerful consideration, she was selected as our first missionary from Canada. As before stated China was our proposed field of operations, but through a correspondence with our sisters in the Maritime Provinces we found that they had a decided preference for Japan, owing to their first lady missionary, Mrs. G. T. Smith, having given her life for Japan; and they felt that where they could raise one dollar for China they could raise five for Japan. They were willing to co-operate with us, providing we took Japan as our field. Under the circumstances we thought best to do so. Mrs. J. S. Flaglor, Cor. Sec. C. W. B. M. of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, sends the following report:—

To the O. C. W. B. M.:

Dear sisters.—The beginning of our foreign missionary work in these provinces dates back only to one year ago, when at the Annual Meeting in Toronto a brother and sister from St. John, after listening to the stirring missionary appeals and being requested by your Prov. Sec. to try to do something for this work in their home church, returned full of enthusiasm in the cause. A short time afterward, and at their suggestion, the Secretary O. C. W. B. M. wrote a letter to the present Secretary of our society, asking that she endeavor to enlist our sisters in this work, and expressing the desire that all the sisters in the Maritime Provinces assist the Ontario sisters in sending a missionary to the foreign field. This appeal being published in our paper, the *Christian*, reached all our sisters in these provinces, and when the churches of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia came together in annual meeting in September last at Westport, N. S., the sisters who were interested in this foreign work decided that something must be done, and that if we would do efficient work we must organize. We accordingly did so with the hearty sympathy and wise assistance of our brethren, especially the preaching brethren, and with the understanding that we would co-operate with the O. C. W. B. M. The desire was also expressed that our offerings should be devoted to the work in Japan. After this organization, the Secretary wrote to the churches, nineteen in number, asking their help and urging upon them the necessity of blessing others if we would ourselves be blest. Ten have responded in an encouraging manner, for although the sum raised is not large, yet, considering the fact that it is only about eight months since our organization, and that our churches almost without exception are weak, we feel thankful for the degree of success that has already attended our efforts, and are hopeful for the future. Letters were also sent to five churches on Prince Edward Island, asking their co-operation in this work. One of them has responded, and is now helping us by its contributions. We now send \$94 to your Prov. Treas.

We hope that by keeping before our brethren and sisters this subject, and the great need of their assistance in carrying on the work, that all will realize that they have a responsibility resting upon them, and that each succeeding year will show a decided increase in interest, and reports of better

work done for the Master in this direction. We entered into this work believing that it was of the Lord, and claiming his wisdom and guidance, and leaning upon "the strong" for strength; and we hope ever to go forward, thus realizing that when we "Go," as he has commanded us, that his promise to be with us always will be fulfilled in us; and that we shall be fruitful because abiding in Christ, and he abiding in us. May we consecrate ourselves afresh to his service, believing that he can make even our weak efforts mighty in dispelling the darkness of heathen lands, and through us may bring souls to the feet of our loving Saviour.

Officers of C.W.B.M. of N.B. and N.S.:—President, Mrs. John M. Ford; Vice-President for N.B., Mrs. James E. Barnes; Vice-President for N.S., Mrs. H. Murray; Treasurer, Miss Susie Ford; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Flaglor.

Minnedosa.—From this point we have received the following statement from Bro. J. B. Lister, the accuracy and conciseness of which might well be imitated by our auxiliaries.

Statement of Work.

- I.
1. No. of communicants at my commencement here, including Mrs. Lister and myself. 8
2. No. of persons baptized since. 6
3. No. of baptized communicants, otherwise 7
4. No. of visitors who communed with us. 4
5. No. of removals 4
6. No. of losses by departure from us 1
- Total number of regular communicants now. 16
- II.
- Y.P.S.C.E. active membership. 10
- " associate " 4
- III.
- C.W.B.M. membership. 4
- IV.

The pulpit work had no break; two services in the town every Sunday, and one in the country.

St. Thomas.—Monthly meetings well attended. Their annual open meeting seems to have been quite an inspiration to them; they feel quite encouraged. Active members, 15; honorary, 3; total, 18. They have redeemed their pledge of \$35, and hope to do as well next year; they will try to double their membership, which would be an excellent precedent for all the auxiliaries.

Warton.—This little band of 9 members have met regularly during the year; average attendance, 6. Their pledge of \$10 has been exceeded by \$5, making a total of \$15. They will pledge \$10 for the coming year—no thought of growing "weary in well-doing."

Blenheim.—As usual this band is doing well. Owing to an increase of membership they have been able to send \$25 instead of \$20, their pledge. They observed O.C.W.B.M. day (second Lord's day in December). They likewise send a contribution for the support of our foreign missionary, making a total of \$33.70 for this auxiliary.

Walkerton.—This auxiliary has been successful in raising a good sum, \$59.25, of which \$39.25 has been used in their home church, the remaining \$20 being sent to the Provincial Treasurer. The membership is 17; average attendance, 6.

Everton.—Membership, 27; average attendance, 10. Will pledge \$30 for next year; amount sent to Provincial Treasurer this year, \$33; quite encouraging work done.

Rodney.—Membership, 4. This auxiliary has raised a considerable amount of money for their members,

having a trifle over \$13 in their treasury at present, which they have decided to expend in their home church. They have sent \$2 to the Provincial Treasurer.

Galt.—This little band is still in existence, as you will see by their remittance of \$5.25. Hope their success will be equal to their zeal.

Bowmanville.—As might be expected a very good report comes from this place. Present membership, 25; they send a draft for \$32, which is \$7 beyond their pledge. They have also sent \$22.50 for our foreign mission fund. In addition to this they have sent \$17 to Bro. Meigs towards the education of a Chinese child, which sum is to be continued annually.

Owen Sound.—This auxiliary is going on with its usual zeal. They have fulfilled their pledge of \$15.

Lobo.—Owing to an unusual amount of sickness, disagreeable weather and the scattered condition of the members, the meetings have not been so well attended. However, the auxiliary has been able to fulfil its pledge of \$30. Besides this the sisters raised \$25.75 for the foreign work. Present membership, 23. O. C. W. B. M. day was observed; result financially, \$5.85.

London.—This auxiliary has just lately been organized with twelve members. They are not prepared to make a pledge for the coming year, but we expect them to do their duty; and feel assured that their zeal will warrant a good pledge.

West Lorne.—The meetings were held, and conducted as formerly. The attendance was good, for their numbers, having the assistance of only seven sisters. They have sent \$12 to the Provincial Treasurer, being \$2 in excess of their pledge.

Wainfleet.—Present membership, 15; they have met regularly, every first Wednesday in the month; and have paid their pledge of \$20 and feel that they can give as much next year.

Toronto.—The work here is going on as usual, and their pledge of \$25 has been redeemed. They feel very grateful for the gift of \$50 from the O.C.W. B.M.—especially so, as it came at a time when very much needed.

Guelph.—This auxiliary met monthly during the year. The meetings on the whole were interesting, but not so well attended as we should like to see them. Perhaps some wise sister will kindly suggest a way whereby to attract a larger attendance. They have sent their pledge of \$25 to the Provincial Treasurer.

The following auxiliaries have neglected reporting to me, but have sent in their pledges to the Treasurer.

Collingwood.—The work is moving on steadily. Their pledge of \$10 has been paid.

Erin Village.—Has reported by sending a good contribution of \$41.50.

Ridgeway.—Their pledge of \$25 has been fulfilled.

Erin Centre.—This auxiliary has sent \$20 to the Treasurer.

Kilsyth.—Observed O. C. W. B. M. day; a collection of \$3 86 was realized and sent to the Treasurer.

Sisters in Vaughan church are credited with \$5. This is an example worthy of imitation for sisters throughout the province.

Last year the field was divided into districts and organizers appointed, who failed to report work done.

From the various reports, the fact is apparent that the zeal of the sisters has not abated. We must not limit this to the sisters, as we find some of our brethren have contributed liberally. We will take this opportunity of expressing our thanks for the same. We also received many personal pledges; these are increasing every year; alto-

ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 4TH, 1892. JOHN MCKINNON, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE ONTARIO BOARD OF CO-OPERATION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

CHURCH.	AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED BY			TOTAL.
	S.S.	MEMBERS.	INDIVIDUALS	
Acton	\$8 00	\$5 00	\$3 00	\$16 00
Aurora	10 00	\$1 00	14 00	25 00
Aylmer	13 00	13 00	13 00	40 00
Blenheim	9 43	6 25	25 00	40 68
Bowmanville	45 00	6 00	12 00	63 00
Collingwood	32 50	11 00	1 00	44 50
Dorchester	6 00	1 00	1 00	8 00
Erin Centre	30 49	3 50	29 00	63 99
Erin Village	24 78	6 01	26 00	56 79
Everton	117 81	30 09	60 00	207 90
Galt	6 80	6 00	6 00	18 80
Glencairn	40 00	16 00	5 00	61 00
Georgetown	2 00	1 35	1 00	4 35
Grand Valley	8 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
Guelph	31 70	6 82	10 00	48 52
Hamilton	23 00	32 00	23 00	78 00
Kilsyth	8 20	2 06	1 00	11 26
Lobo	47 50	3 00	7 00	57 50
London	32 00	15 00	15 00	62 00
Marville	29 50	7 50	8 00	45 00
Mimosa	6 11	5 00	6 00	17 11
Minto	3 00	1 00	1 00	5 00
Muskoka	22 15	41 00	13 15	76 30
Nassagaweya	5 93	10 00	15 93	31 86
Orangeville	70 00	10 00	25 00	105 00
Oshawa	20 61	11 00	10 00	41 61
Owen Sound	1 17	1 00	1 00	3 17
Pricerville	2 00	2 00	6 00	10 00
Ridgeway	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00
Rosedene	8 00	4 00	1 00	13 00
Selkirk	13 87	3 32	13 00	30 19
Stayner	57 26	7 03	13 00	77 29
St. Thomas	36 50	10 50	32 00	79 00
Toronto, Cecil street	2 00	6 00	6 00	14 00
Toronto Junction	31 40	2 00	16 00	49 40
Walkerton	20 63	1 70	1 00	23 33
West Lorne and Rodney	2 10	2 10	10 00	14 20
West Lake	11 00	2 52	1 00	14 52
Welland	16 25	3 03	5 00	24 30
Warton				
Totals	\$902 49	\$145 62	\$375 00	\$1423 11
Collection taken at Annual Meeting in Toronto				16 50
Amount raised by private contributions at Toronto				75 00
Received from Wellington Board of Co-operation				62 50
Y. P. S. C. E., Guelph				5 00
Isolated brethren				49 25
Cash on hand at last audit				26 51
Collection taken at Bowmanville				10 93
Total				\$2020 89
Audited and found correct this 4th day of June, 1892.				
		GEO. FOWLER,	Auditors.	
		J. A. AIKIN,		

DISBURSEMENTS.

A. N. Gilbert	\$65 00
Alex. McMillan, travelling expenses while securing pledges for Welland	10 00
Win. M. Grewson, Muskoka, balance in full of amount promised him last year	66 80
Donald Munro, travelling expenses while visiting Welland	14 00
Alex. McMillan, for work in Welland last year	22 51
Payments to regular mission points this year,—	
Toronto, Cecil street	586 00
(Balance due for year, \$62 00)	
Hamilton	360 00
Owen Sound	200 00
Collingwood	250 00
Welland	100 00
London	215 00
Muskoka	110 00
Payments to other points,—	
Manitowlin Island	25 00
Blenheim	6 03
Orangeville	10 00
Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.—	
Travelling expenses to Welland	4 93
London	3 20
500 membership cards	2 09
100 circular letters	1 20
Envelopes for Children's day	3 00
Envelopes for May collection	4 50
500 post-cards and printing same	6 50
Postage	9 44
Treasurer,—	
Post and stationery	3 18
Telegrams	64
Minute Book for Recording Secretary	50
Cash in Treasurer's hands, June 4th, 1892	24
Total	\$2020 89

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONTARIO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS. To the sisters convened at Bowmanville, June 1st, 1892.

It appears but a short time since we took leave of each other in Toronto, and still the month of June reminds us that a year has elapsed since that tender, tearful parting. What record has that year borne for each of us to the throne of the Eternal? How much of sacrifice, of self-denial for the sake of him who, though rich, for our sakes became poor! At the thought of our many acts of selfishness and forgetfulness we might well feel discouraged were it not for the blessed assurance that he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust; and "Like as a father pitieth his children, so 'ho Lord pitieth them that fear him." He does not demand absolute perfection in our lives, or we might give up the struggle. All he asks is faithfulness, with the glorious promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

We started out on our last missionary year with an obligation of \$525, viz., Owen Sound building fund, \$50; Minnedosa building fund, \$90; Bro. J. B. Lister's salary, \$300; Sister Jessie H. Brown's travelling expenses, \$25; sisters of the Cecil St. church, Toronto, \$50, all of which has been met. In addition to this the Address of Sister Jessie H. Brown enticed the sisters to such an extent that pledges for foreign work were called for, and within a few minutes \$145, in sums varying from one to twenty dollars, were subscribed with the request that a sister should be appointed in each church to solicit aid to supplement this fund. The children's money has been accumulating during the last two years, expressly for foreign work, which was their choice. This now amounts to \$369. At the last session of the Convention in Toronto it was decided that a sister be sent to the foreign field. China was proposed. We at once responded with Bro. A. McLean and Sister O. A. Burgess, who gave the

gether there is a marked improvement in the work of the auxiliaries. And now, dear sisters, do we all thoroughly understand what it is to be auxiliary? When any auxiliary is organized, it then becomes a part of the O.C.W.B.M., and its members should feel that, in order to be loyal to its interests, all funds raised by them are due, without reserve, to the Provincial Board, who depend on its tributaries to support the work undertaken. We would not discourage any one from doing all the good in her power; for there is a great deal of work needing to be done over and above that of the auxiliary. For instance: A church wishes to have their house renovated or furnished; this is no part of the work of an auxiliary as such. This would be the duty of the church as a whole, and not a part of the work of the O. C. W. B. M. unless so arranged. We trust this matter may be clear to you, as it will make your reports more easily understood.

If we would enlarge our work, we must give according to our ability, each sister as the Lord has prospered her. With many, the simple payment of ten cents a month does not reach the limit of their responsibility, "To whom much is given, of them much shall be required." As the years go by our obligations increase. The foreign work which has been recently undertaken calls for more self-denial and renewed consecration to the service of the Master. "The world for Christ, and Christ for the world," should be our motto. Our hearts should go out in sympathy and love to the thousands of heathen women living in sin and darkness and degradation. We should respond liberally to the needs of this new undertaking; we are workers with God, and to help in the great work of the salvation of souls, to give to dying mortals the words of truth and life, should be to us a blessed privilege. In view of sending a missionary to the foreign field, our obligations will be considerably increased during the coming year; but this fact should not discourage us, for God's Word tells us that "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." Life is short, and our day for work will soon be over. What we do must be done quickly; for "Fast are we drifting to another world, A world of stern, infallible results; Eternity is but Time's harvest home, Futurity, the blossom of the day. What thou dost sow, In measure and in kind, That also thou shalt reap."

Mrs. E. McClung, Cor. Sec.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ONTARIO CHILDREN'S MISSION BAND.

DEAR SISTERS.—It is with much pleasure that I present to you the report of the past year's work, as it manifests an increase in numbers, money raised and general interest. The Children's Work seems to have gained a solid basis, and if it is watched over carefully will become an increasing power for good in our mission work. Perhaps the most tangible and hopeful work done is the adoption of a little boy in China, and the prospects are that he will do our children as much good as they will him. I received his photograph and had some copies taken for the benefit of the bands, as they should each have one. It will do them good to see the quaint little face and dress, and will help to quicken their interest in him and their work generally. The reports are very interesting and encouraging and will win the respect of all who hear them. The first sent in was from the "Little Gleaners" of Blehheim, and is as follows:—

"The names of several infants were

enrolled on the Children's Mission Band register in June, 1891, but not until October was a band organized for children old enough to receive instruction. The Little Gleaners number forty at present, with a good average attendance. On May 8, the little people, with some help from the larger ones, gave a missionary entertainment, at which they were greeted with a full house and took up a collection amounting to \$0.35. Mito boxes have been used for two or three months only, and when opened were found to contain \$2. Collections taken at each meeting amounted to \$1.11. The total amount raised this year is \$11.70, given as this band's offering for Foreign Missions."

The "Helping Hands" of Erie report that they have at present thirty-two members, and have raised in all \$12.10, of which \$10.09 was sent to Miss Fleming and the balance used for home purposes. None of the members have united with the church during the year. The little girls can be interested by giving them something to do at the meetings, but the boys do not attend regularly and apparently are not interested at all.

It seems to be a problem with so many bands how to interest the boys. It is a very important question and will be dealt with in a way to throw much light on it by our Sister, Mrs. Knowles.

All should make a point of hearing the papers bearing on the Children's Work.

The "Band of Promise" of Brant report a membership of eight, and they have raised \$5.15, which was sent to the treasurer. They have taken as a study the Gospel of Matthew, and make their meetings interesting by readings from *Pure Words*. This is a brave little band, who are working under difficulties against increasing their membership, but doing their best.

The Walkerton "Willing Workers" are again the banner band, and have had wonderful success. They report a membership of nineteen, and have raised during the year a total of \$60. Of this sum \$50 was forwarded to Miss Fleming. They have made this amount by the following means: Fees, \$5.01; the proceeds of a social amounted to \$22; a special collection added \$2.57; a parlor concert, \$12.50; an open meeting collection, \$11.25, and the "talent system," \$6.07. None have united with the church since last report, but this may be explained by the fact that all who are not church members are children whose parents belong to other churches. As we are to have the pleasure of listening to a paper on Children's Work, we shall learn from Miss Whithead what are her methods of work, and if we can learn the secret of her success it will be a help.

The annual report of the Warton Band of "Cheerful Givers":—

"In presenting our annual report we wish to express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the favors he has bestowed upon us during the past year, especially that not one of our number has been called away from our circle. The work we have attempted to do has not been without disappointment and discouragement, nor has there been a dearth of encouragement and surprises, as the following statements will show: The membership is about thirty-five, with an average attendance for the year of twenty-two. The band has raised during the year \$8.54, all of which has been sent to Miss Fleming to be used as the Board determine. During the year three members of the band have united with the church. The study of China, Japan and India has taken much of the time this year. Leading geographical points, peculiarities of government, customs, industries, products and the mission work

done in these countries, with the result of such work, are among the points taken up in our study, and besides these, occasional general mission lessons were given. No special work outside the band has been done, and no one plan has been found that is sufficient to interest and instruct the members, especially the boys. The studies interest many, short programmes of suitable readings and recitations interest a few, others interest themselves and those near them (to which we object), and some are not interested.

"We were favored by a visit from the superintendent at our meeting, August, 1891; we enjoyed her address to the band, and consider ourselves in this respect to be in advance of the other bands.

"The 'Cheerful Givers' in submitting this report, pray that the rich blessing of our Heavenly Father may rest upon you as superintendent of this department of work, and upon all the bands in their efforts to spread the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Everton "Workers for the Master" are progressing favorably and appear interested in the good work: "We have now a membership of twenty-seven, two names having been added to the roll since you heard from us. Seven members of the band have united with the church during the past year. We have raised \$9 by regular fees (our pledge for this year being \$8). A special collection amounting to \$5 has been forwarded to Mr. Munro to be devoted to the Nankin Hospital fund. Our pledge for next year is \$10. We hold our meetings monthly and elect President and Vice-President annually, Secretary and Treasurer, semi-annually. Since January we have taken up China as a study."

The report of the Guelph "Buds of Promise" is as follows: "I fear our work for the past year has been small, but our members who can work are few and they have been sick most of the winter. We are hoping to do more next year. We have now a membership of twenty-five; some of these are too small to do much and others are honorary members who do not pay regularly. We have given two entertainments, the proceeds of which with our birthday box and fees make a total of \$8.25. China has been our study during the year. In addition to our regular meetings twice a month we have visited the sick and held little social gatherings. We always open our meetings with devotional exercises, with prayer twice, for we think we can not have too much of a good thing."

The Kilsyth band of "Cheerful Givers" re-organized July, 1891, and have met twice a month since: "We have twenty-seven members and have raised the sum of \$15.28. We sent a box to Minnedosa which cost us \$2 15, leaving a balance of \$13.18. One of our boys united with the church this year. We started to study China, and did so for a while with considerable interest. Mrs. Lediard gave us a fine map and instructions for using it, but our children were too young to be able to pronounce the hard names, so we took up instead the study of our Saviour's life as a Missionary, which never lost its interest with any of us. The only incident of interest was the sending of a letter and booklet to our boy in China and the opening of our missionary barrels and an entertainment when we received a photo of our boy."

The Bowmanville "Coral Builders" have only been organized a little while and have a membership of thirty-five, fourteen of which are boys. They have raised \$8, and hope next year to be

able to report a larger band and more work done in every way.

The Owen Sound "Golden Links" have been having a very busy year again. A sewing circle and sale of proceeds took the time until near Xmas. A free entertainment given at Xmas in connection with the Sunday school came next, and a fine Easter Cantata for the benefit of the Sunday school library have kept both leaders and children in active work the whole year. The total sum raised has been nearly \$40, \$20 of which has been paid to the treasurer; the balance was used in the Sunday school. They number twenty on the roll. Two have united with the church.

The Lobo "Cheerful Givers" report a membership of ten, and have raised the sum of \$11.04. Four of the members united with the church during the year. In their monthly meetings they usually confine the exercises to some special topic. They studied Japan, China and India, and had selections read and information given concerning the people of those countries.

The Toronto "Willing Workers" have been working very hard, and have raised from all sources \$27.00. The fees amounted to \$8, which was paid to the treasurer. An active sewing circle which have met twice a month have been busy making quilts, the proceeds of their sale being \$10. Three members of the band have united with the church during the year.

I must not forget a small band of two, apparently a brother and sister, in Cherry Valley, who sent in their yearly contribution to Sister Fleming. I trust that this band of two may be the nucleus of a much larger one and that much good may be the result.

The St. Thomas "Cheerful Givers" have contributed \$30 to the Children's Fund this year. Their membership is about twenty. Mrs. Knowles reports that this band could do greater things if a suitable leader could be found who could give them the necessary time and attention. In the meantime they seem to be making the most of their present advantages judging by the results.

The Wainfleet "Willing Workers" sent in a report last December, and a contribution of \$9.45. They have not forwarded their annual report, so we do not know whether they have anything more to tell.

So far the Ridgeway band have failed to report at all. I am sorry for this, for nothing which looks like failure should touch our Children's work.

We have fifteen bands in all, with a membership of nearly 800, who have raised for Foreign Missions this year the sum of \$193 52; the interest of the money reserved from last year, \$0.41, added to the principal, \$183.12, making a total of \$383.05. Our only outlay has been \$3.50 for the photographs of our boys in China. We must reserve the \$20.00 for this boy, which will be forwarded in October. \$300 has been placed at the disposal of the O.C.W.B.M. to aid in the work of sending out one lady missionary. This will leave us a balance of \$59.55 which we propose to hold in reserve for the present. We rejoice in the fact that twenty-one of our children have united with the church during the past year.

J. E. LEDIARD,

Superintendent.

TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

"Resolved,—That seeing the O. C. W. B. M., aided by the Children's Mission Bands, is about to send out our first missionary from Canada to the foreign field, and feeling the necessity of increasing our funds, and recognizing the fact that children are always interested in a definite object, we in-

vite the Sunday schools of Canada to co-operate with us in this important work by contributing to our funds the Children's Day collection for foreign missions. By kindly assenting to this proposal you will greatly facilitate our work. Our lady missionary is prepared to go to Japan, but the first year's work will be very expensive, and we shall need all the help we can get. All Sunday schools that decide to send us their contributions will oblige us greatly by a prompt response to this appeal."

The foregoing resolution was sanctioned by the O. C. W. B. M., and has the approval of Bro. A. McLean, to whom the collections for foreign missions have been formerly sent.

J. E. I.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK. FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

It will be remembered that at the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation in Toronto one year ago, a meeting of young people was held, and it was there decided that the young people of the Province could do better missionary work by forming some kind of organization. This resolution was carried into effect by the appointment of a committee consisting of Bro. Donald Munro, President; Bro. E. B. Barnes, Secretary, and Sister A. Leary, Treasurer, whose duties it should be to oversee the raising of funds for the help of the church in Welland, that being the point especially named by the meeting. This committee succeeded in raising altogether the sum of \$64, Bowmanville Y.P.S.C.E. heading the list with \$20.

But it was felt that this organization was not sufficiently effective, while many thought it was not sufficiently in touch with the work of the Co-operation. At the Annual Meeting just closed in Bowmanville, during the discussion on Bro. Barnes' excellent paper, it was suggested that a meeting should be held to remedy these defects. A meeting was therefore called for Friday afternoon, at half-past five o'clock, in the basement of the church, but as time was limited an adjournment was made to half-past six o'clock the following morning. At that early hour a goodly number of young people, and others who were not quite so young, came through a drenching rain to complete their organization, and we take the energy and love for the good cause which prompted and characterized that meeting to be an earnest of grand work for the Master through all the years to come.

Bro. Robert Stewart, of Guelph, occupied the chair, and Bro. W. G. Charlton, of Acton, acted as Secretary. Prayer was offered by Brethren Geo. Fowler and G. O. Black, after which the Treasurer's report for the preceding year was presented. There was free discussion, some favoring the formation of a Provincial Union of Societies of Christian Endeavor. Bro. A. McLean, the great General of Foreign Missions, was present, and when he addressed the meeting every one knew that his was one of those hearts which will always be young in the work of the Lord. It was his advice which brought this resolution before the meeting:—

Moved by Geo. Fowler, seconded by Alex. McMillan, that we nominate a Superintendent of Young People for the Province of Ontario, subject to the approval of the Co-operation, and recommend the formation of Christian Endeavor Societies wherever possible.—Carried.

The writer was nominated for the position of Superintendent, and the request to ratify was handed to the Co-operation, which, on Monday morning, decided to place Young People's work on the same footing as Sunday School

work, and appointed Brethren A. Tovell, D. Munro and the writer a committee to superintend it.

In accordance with the request of the Young People's meeting the Editor of THE EVANGELIST has very kindly granted us a column in this paper.

I have thought it best to give all these particulars, in order that the young people in all the churches may fully understand just how the work is being done. It is necessary to keep several things in mind:—

1. Our great object is not the raising of money, but the cultivating of spirituality among us in a special way. There is no other influence which the churches can bring to bear upon the young so powerful for good as the Y. P. S. C. F. Our great object, then, is to aid the churches in building and fostering these societies.

2. The committee holds its appointment under the Co-operation, and not in any way separate from it. It will work, therefore, in full harmony with the Board, just as do the other standing committees.

3. While the formation of Christian Endeavor Societies is to be encouraged, none are excluded from aiding in the work because they are not so organized.

Now, consecrated young people, a special work and labor of love has been given to us. The church in Welland has been committed to our care, and the congregation there and the Board of the Co-operation are looking to us to make it possible for them to build up the cause of Christ there.

Between \$300 and \$350 is needed for this work, and we are expected to give of our abundance this small portion. We spend far more than that every year in ways not one-tenth part so necessary. Last year we raised \$64 almost without an effort; we can easily make it \$300 this year.

Remember that in supporting this work you are not withdrawing support from the Board. Welland is one of the Board's burdens, and they have committed it to our especial care.

All contributions are to be sent to Geo. Munro, 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton, and marked "For the Welland Mission."

More information regarding Welland will be given in next number, and we are desirous of being able by that time to say how large a force we can count on to take hold of the work. To this end all young people's societies in the Province are requested to send to the undersigned the number of their active and associate members with the names and addresses of their officers. Please attend to this at once. The secretary of each society can make up the report from his book and send it on as soon as he reads this. Send all the information you can about churches where there are no societies.

Pray and work for Christian Endeavor and for the Welland Mission.

ALEX. McMILLAN,
Alvinston, Ont.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES.

The O. C. W. B. M. began their Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 1, and had their business well under way before the sessions of the Co-operation opened on Thursday afternoon.

A large party left Toronto on Thursday, June 2, for Bowmanville, by the 12.45 p.m. train. The journey was much enjoyed, and was a very pleasant foretaste of the happy time realized at the Convention.

Upon reaching Bowmanville, we found Bro. E. B. Barnes awaiting us on the station platform. He looked as though he were expecting a crowd, and would be disappointed if one did not appear.

The Convention was opened by the President, Hugh Black, about four o'clock. A very pleasant hour and a half was spent in song, prayer and short addresses. Committees on Enrolment and Order of Business were appointed, and an adjournment was made until evening.

Bro. Barnes had charge of the billoting department. In a quiet way he distributed the visitors so that everybody was happy. Bro. J. W. Kilgour and the writer were sent to Bro. J. H. H. Jury's. The writer has special reasons for ever remembering the thoughtfulness and unvarying kindness of Bro. and Sister Jury.

As the afternoon session adjourned, the question on everybody's lips was, Will Bro. Sweeney be on hand for the evening service? He did arrive just in time and gave the Convention an introductory discourse which was appropriate, stirring and edifying.

Friday was spent as per the published programme. The President's address was well received; and the Report of the Board after being read was referred to the Committee on Missions. The Committee on Statistics reported through P. Baker, and then A. W. Conner delivered an address on "The Prayer Meeting." This was a very profitable speech, bristling with good points. It was a matter for general regret that owing to the special services then going on in the Cecil Street church, Toronto, Bro. Conner had to return to Toronto the same afternoon.

The Convention adjourned at 11.30 a.m. Friday in order to give all who desired an opportunity of accepting the invitation of the High School Board of the town to visit the High School. A large number proceeded to the High School and were received by Colonel Cubitt, Chairman of the Board, and Mr. Fenwick, Head Master of the School. Col. Cubitt welcomed the visitors in the parlor, after which the party was conducted upstairs to the assembly room where the students were gathered together to hear short addresses from three or four of the visitors. Z. T. Sweeney, A. McLean, T. L. Fowler and G. Munro spoke in order. The students, especially the young men, were quite demonstrative in indicating their appreciation of the remarks made. The Bowmanville people are justly proud of their High School; the building is very fine, said to be one of the best in Ontario; Bro. Jas. Gilfillan is Science Master; the laboratory is a magnificent room with a grand view of Lake Ontario. Under the able management of Mr. Fenwick the school is in a very prosperous condition.

Sister Malcolm, of Toronto, presided at the public session of the O. C. W. B. M. on Friday afternoon; Sister Brown, of Warton, conducted the devotional exercises. Greetings were presented by a number of ladies: By Mrs. Hall, on behalf of the W.C.T.U.; by Mrs. Jolliffe, on behalf of the Methodist Woman's Society; by Mrs. Fraser, from the Presbyterian ladies; and by Mrs. Freeland, from the Congregational church; Miss Mary Graybiel also conveyed salutations from the Ohio C. W. B. M. Miss Minnie Riach gave a very interesting and touching account of how she had been led to offer herself for mission work in foreign lands. The sisters were not the only ones present who found pocket handkerchiefs convenient as our devoted young sister stood before us and told of the love of Christ which constrained her to go to far-off Japan. Miss Graybiel then treated the Convention to an ad-

dress on mission work in India. Sister Graybiel has spent eight years and four months in that land, and from her experience she brought forth much to inform the mind and stir the heart. Again and again would come to one's mind the question, Who can forbid that the Gospel should be preached to the people of India? She told of one of her boys who had nearly finished reading the New Testament and could recite from memory the Sermon on the Mount. Sister Graybiel said she had one thing against the O. C. W. B. M., viz., that they were not sending Miss Riach to India instead of Japan. When Miss Graybiel had concluded, Bro. A. McLean made an appeal for funds to support Miss Riach; he stated that \$5000 would be required the first year; after that about \$600 per year. In a few minutes \$240 in cash and pledges was raised.

The next order for Friday afternoon was the address of Bro. E. B. Barnes on "Young People's Work." We should like to publish his speech. It showed a high appreciation of the place of young people and of the necessity of nurturing them spiritually and giving them a chance to develop in all good things. And there was in the address a strain of conservatism which was very favorably commented on and we think very justly too. It was apparent that Bro. Barnes did not intend that his enthusiasm should run away with his judgment. One of his remarks was to this effect, "Encourage the young people, but be careful how you do it." He also insisted that a Young People's Society in a church should be a religious and not a literary society. These and other remarks indicated that Bro. Barnes was speaking as one having experience; and his views had weight accordingly.

There was some discussion on Young People's work, and then the subject of the Prayer-meeting was resumed. According to our notes, about twenty brethren took part in this discussion. It was evident that the topic was a live one, and that Bro. Conner had set the brethren thinking. Many good points were brought out, which we have not space to mention; let one suffice at present. Bro. A. McLean said: Never sing a man down, even though his prayer is long, very long.

On Saturday morning, Bro. A. Tovell, for the Committee on Enrolment, reported eighty-five delegates and visitors up to that time. The Committee on Nominations, through Bro. O. A. Fleming, reported recommending as a Board of Managers for the next year the brethren whose names will be found in another column.

Bro. T. L. Fowler read his paper on "Our Attitude towards the Denominations." This was one of the features of the Convention; looked forward to with interest, and spoken of much afterwards. It was a strong paper, and uncompromising. It recommended kindness and charity, together with unswerving loyalty to the truth. Bro. Lodiard desired that some specific suggestions should be made as to particular points. Bro. C. J. Lister said we should be kind to all, but never allow them to receive the impression that we are coming over. Bro. Sweeney's advice was: "Stand by the commission. We are just right, I believe. I can call a member of a denomination my brother, not my full brother; and I shall work with him just as long as he will let me." Bro. Gilfillan raised the point as to what we are going to do about those who think they are right as we think we are right; who believe in the same Lord and study the same

Word? Bro. T. L. Fowler replied that with us it is not a question of *thinking* we are right, but of *knowing* we are right.

"Church Finances" was introduced by Bro. John Campbell. He called attention to the importance of the subject; but as he was not prepared with a paper, he called on Bro. O. A. Fleming to speak at length on the topic. Bro. Fleming turned it off on Bro. A. McLean, who responded in a profitable speech. He declared that the cry of a free Gospel had put back our work a century, and that what was needed was instruction, and the preachers were the ones to give it. Bro. O. A. Fleming explained the system used by the Owen Sound church—that of weekly contributions by envelopes, and described the book in which the record is kept. Bro. C. J. Lister said that the money question was one of the disagreeable questions, and urged that the overseers should do the teaching in regard to money. Bro. P. Baker suggested that if the preachers would faithfully instruct the people in regard to contributing to missions there would be little need for any one to say anything about the preacher's salary.

Saturday afternoon was occupied from 1.30 to 4 with Sunday school work. The Annual Report was read by Bro. Amos Tovell. As it is to be published in THE EVANGELIST, we need not refer to it further here than to commend the industry of Bro. Tovell in collecting so much useful information, and in arranging it so well. Bro. A. C. Gray read a paper on "The use and abuse of S. B. Helps"; the blackboard was used to illustrate the topic. Miss Clara Reid's paper on "Opened Doors" was read by Miss Carrie Currie, and Mrs. Wm. Angle's on "Opportunities" by Miss Page. We hope to publish all these papers in due time. The Question Drawer contained many questions, which were all well answered by Bro. James Lodiard in few words.

Bro. John McKinnon presented the Treasurer's Report. This was a very satisfactory statement, showing a considerable increase in receipts over any previous year. Bro. Geo. McGill was so pleased with the Treasurer that he proposed a standing vote of thanks to him. This was unanimously given, and blushing acknowledged by the Treasurer.

Bro. O. J. Lister read the Report of the Committee on Obituaries, after which a verse of "Shall we Gather at the River?" was sung, and Bro. E. Sheppard led the Convention in a very tender and appropriate prayer.

Bro. John Munro presented the Report of the Committee on Education. This stated that a bequest of \$4,000 had been made to the Educational Endowment Fund by our late brother Duncan A. Sinclair, and that Sister Bella Sinclair would add to that \$500; so that it was expected that there would soon be at the disposal of the committee the interest of \$1,500. As it was expected that there would be several of our students at Toronto University next session it was proposed to make some provision for lectures. A number of speeches were made in regard to this matter, Bro. L. K. Murton being especially felicitous in his remarks, clearly setting forth the benefits to be derived from educating our young men in Toronto.

The trustees appointed at last Annual Meeting to take charge of the Educational Endowment Fund reported and asked that their duties be clearly defined, their tenure of office

determined, etc. the report was referred to a special committee, with Bro. L. K. Murton as chairman.

The Committee on Time and Place reported in favor of Everton for next Annual Meeting, and the Thursday before the first Lord's day in June, 1893, as the time. This recommendation was adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read, but its consideration deferred until Monday morning.

The Saturday evening meeting was addressed first by Bro. A. McLean, who took for his theme that subject which rests so heavily upon his heart, viz., Foreign Missions. Bro. McLean was very impressive as usual. It was a great pleasure, though no surprise, to hear it remarked that his exposition of the subject had removed misconceptions in regard to the work in foreign lands. Bro. Sweeney followed Bro. McLean in a very interesting discourse. An appeal for the Home Mission Fund of the Co-operation was then made by Bro. Hugh Black, and in a few minutes about \$570 was subscribed.

We think we have referred at least to nearly all, if not to all, the items on the programme up to Saturday night, with the exception of Bro. Sweeney's lecture on Friday night. It would be a very imperfect account of the Convention that made no mention of that grand oratorical performance. Bro. Sweeney held the large audience for well nigh two hours. The only disappointment expressed was that the lecture was not longer and that there was not a description of Jerusalem given. But the title of the lecture did not promise that: "Going up to Jerusalem" was the announced theme. We cannot attempt to describe the lecture; we beg to refer our readers to an extract from an Illinois paper which we gave on page four of the May 10th EVANGELIST, and to add to that what an intelligent brother said at the conclusion of the lecture, viz., that the aforesaid extract did not do full justice to the lecture and the lecturer. That was our own feeling on the matter. And we would strongly recommend our brethren to secure, if they can, Bro. Sweeney to deliver one or more of his lectures to them.

The Lord's day was a memorable one. The young Disciples had a fine meeting in the church at 9.15 a.m., which was largely attended, and presided over by Bro. Robt. Stewart, of Guelph. Some of the older brethren participated.

Three services were held in the Town Hall, at 11 a.m., 8 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. It was wisely concluded that the church would be much too small for the large audience that would assemble. Bro. Sweeney delivered a noble sermon in the morning, the theme being "The Gospel the power of God." Among many fine sayings were these: "The master power of the world is the power of love." "The Gospel is God's great heart-power." The preacher elaborated with great force the proposition that "the Gospel is the power of God unto civilization." It was very conclusively shown that civilization is most advanced where the Gospel is most fully preached and received.

Bro. E. Sheppard, assisted by Bro. J. A. Brencstahl, presided at the Lord's table. The Disciples were filled with a solemn gladness as Bro. S. spoke of the memorial celebration in his deeply spiritual and affecting way.

It was a blessed season of fellowship with our Lord and a large number of those who love Him.

The afternoon meeting was addressed by Bro. McLean, his text being John vi. 29, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." It was an excellent discourse, and amply proved that Bro. McLean can preach a good sermon as well as make an effective appeal for Foreign Missions.

A reception was tendered Miss Graybiel and Miss Riach at the close of the afternoon service. They received many a warm shake of the hand, and many a heart-felt wish that the blessing of the Lord might attend them to their fields of labor and abide with them there.

The evening service was attended by the largest audience of the Convention. Many, we understand, were unable to find even standing room in the hall. It was no easy task to hold the attention of that audience for upwards of an hour (perhaps an hour and a half) as Bro. Sweeney did. Hebrews, first chapter and first verse, was the text, and the points emphasized were: *God—spoke—to us—by his Son.* The subject as announced was, "The foundation of the Christian faith." Infidelity was shown to be an absurdity and revelation a necessity.

Monday forenoon was devoted to finishing the business of the Convention. Reports from a number of committees were received, considered and adopted. As these will all be published it is not needful to refer to them at length here. All the business introduced appeared to be disposed of in a satisfactory manner. The report of the Committee on Missions was ably handled by the chairman of the committee, Bro. Andrew Yule, and was more fully discussed than in former years. It would have been well if half a day could have been given to its consideration.

The service rendered by THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST to the mission work was recognized by a hearty standing vote.

There was one oversight in the matter of votes of thanks, the Recording Secretary was forgotten. Bro. J. W. Kilgour was the hardest-worked man at the Convention. Not many seem to understand how much the success of a convention depends upon the Recording Secretary being accurate and faithful and prompt in presenting the minutes in good order at the beginning of each meeting.

A pleasing feature was that our worthy and genial President was several times relieved by the Vice-President, Bro. John Campbell.

The church building at Bowmanville was much admired. The basement is well arranged for S. S. work.

We heard nothing but praise of the courtesy, kindness and hospitality of the members of the church in Bowmanville.

Bro. James Kilgour was missed very much, and so was his daughter Annie. Bro. Sheppard and Bro. Lister were the patriarchs of the Convention among the preachers. Bro. M. N. Stephens, of Glencairn, was present, still the ardent friend and liberal supporter of missions.

It was a particular pleasure to meet such isolated Disciples as Bro. J. H. Hanna, of Craighurst, Bro. Wooldridge,

of Brantford, and Bro. J. W. Crowson, of Cornwall.

Bro. T. L. Fowler and wife were joyfully greeted by their many friends. The other members of the London delegation, Brothurs Rose and Marks, and Sister Pitcher, received a warm welcome; we are glad to know that they greatly enjoyed the Convention.

We were pleased to meet the following brethren from N.Y., R. A. Burris, Williamsville, E. B. Grove, Buffalo, and G. O. Black, Suspension Bridge.

We have great reason to be thankful to God for the measure of success attending our efforts to advance the cause of Christ, and for the very profitable and harmonious Convention held in Bowmanville. Let us enter upon another year of mission work relying upon his continued favor, and expecting increasing success!

Obituaries.

SINCLAIR.—On the morning of the 18th inst. I received a telegram from Bro. John J. Campbell, who lives about eight miles north of Brandon, asking me to go and preach the funeral sermon in connection with the death of Bro. Dugald Sinclair. Bro. Sinclair had lately come from Ontario to visit among his friends and relatives of this province. Just prior to this he had been visiting a daughter in Dakota. His daughter accompanied him to visit the friends about Brandon. While visiting at D. McGregor's, his daughter's infant child was taken ill with croup, on the night of the 11th inst. Bro. Sinclair hastened to a neighbor's house to procure some remedy, and, while knocking at the door, dropped instantly dead. Quite a number of the neighbors gathered at the house of D. McGregor; the house was filled, and about as many were seated just before the doorway, where I stood and addressed the people on the hope of the Gospel of Christ. I aimed to set forth what I believed to be the ground of Bro. Sinclair's confidence. I had very eager listeners, and protracted my remarks to about an hour. I was not personally acquainted with Bro. Sinclair. But I understand he faithfully followed the Master. He died with his blessed Word in his pocket, which he was accustomed to carry with him. He glorified the Lord in obedience to the Gospel, in his life and in his death. May the Lord comfort all who mourn their loss. Very truly,

J. B. LISTER.
Minnedosa, Man., May 16, 1892.

McLEAN.—Barbara McLean was born in Argyleshire, Scotland, in 1806, and came to Ontario, landing at Port Stanley, in 1842. She was at that time a widow with three children, only one of whom is now living. Her second marriage was to Allan McLean, who died in 1864. Since then she has lived with her son, Neil McLean, at the old home, Scotch Road, Southwold township, and there, on the 11th of May, 1892, she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus, aged eighty-six years and eight months. Barbara McLean was baptized in 1856 by Elder Duncan, and lived a consistent Christian life. In those earlier days, when churches were far apart and there was only occasional preaching, and mostly at points from eight to twelve miles from her home, she would walk that distance to meet with the Disciples and hear the Gospel preached by Elder Sinclair and others. After the Church of Christ was organized in this city, she, with her son and his wife, took membership in the church here. Our departed sister died as she had lived, strong in faith and joyous in hope. Jesus was very precious to her, and her end was peace. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

T. B. KNOWLES.
Oton.—It is with feelings of deep sorrow that we record the death of Bro. Ough, who fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of the 17th, after five days of intense suffering. Having lived in the town for many years, and being engaged in a business that brought him constantly before the public, he was widely known throughout all the surrounding country and was highly esteemed as a man of perfect integrity. His word was always as

good as his note, and he will be much missed as a business man in the community. His early religious training was in the Methodist church. For years he was anxious to become a Christian but found not the way. About four years ago he came to hear the truth as presented by our brethren, which commended itself to his judgment at once, and after a careful examination of the whole question, three years ago last March, he obeyed the Gospel, from which time he lived a most constant Christian life, and died triumphing in the hope of eternal life. He leaves a devoted Christian wife and eight children—four of them in the church—to mourn their loss. May God out of the fulness of his love bless them abundantly in their sore affliction. He has severely tried us as a church of late, having taken away both of our deacons within nine days of each other. Noble men of God they were, untiring in church work. Truly "unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out."

C. SINCLAIR.
Collingwood, May 24th, 1892.

Rose.—B. J. Rigg died in the town of Collingwood, May 8, 1892, in the sixty-third year of his age. His faith in Jesus as the Son of God, the only and all-sufficient Saviour of mankind was firm. Christ's authority with him was paramount. He had a perfect dread of human authority stepping in and superseding that of the Saviour. He knew no friend in matters pertaining to the claims of Jesus, and would rebuke unsparingly his best friend who would dare to set aside any of the institutions of Christ. He would in his store, where he did a fine business, reason with men who differed from him, regardless of his business interests, upon the absolute perfection of the Word of God as a guide in all matters of religion. True to his convictions, he would stand by the Word of God come what would. For many years he was a member of the Presbyterian Church; but being a man of much more than average intelligence,

and an independent student of the Bible, he read himself out of the church. He then attended the Baptist Church, who, knowing him to be a truly religious man, waited upon him upon different occasions to try to persuade him to unite with them, but he could not subscribe to their articles of faith, and opposed much of their teaching, maintaining that the Word of the Lord was an all-sufficient rule of faith and practice. Knowing nothing of the Disciples, he thus for years stood alone, wondering that there was no people to be found answering to the church of the New Testament. About this time Bro. H. B. Sherman came to hold some meetings in the town, and after hearing him for a couple of weeks, he was delighted to find taught just what he read from the Word of God himself, and at once obeyed the Gospel and since lived a most consistent Christian life. I have been with this church going on five years, and during that time he never was absent from the Lord's day meeting once, and only once absent from our evening service. He could from the heart say: "How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts." Last Lord's day, just about the time he usually prepared to go to church, he was taken to the church above. This leaves a sad blank in our little congregation. We will miss him much, indeed, but peaceful is his rest. He leaves a wife and niece—noble Christian women—to mourn their great loss. But they "sorrow not as others who have no hope." May the dear Saviour bless and comfort them in their deep affliction.
C. SINCLAIR.
Collingwood, May 12, 1892.

As Ontario is so centrally situated, and the fact that so large a majority of our sisters reside there, it would seem that for some time at least that province would be the best place for holding the conventions, and in that case the sisters could still have the presence and co-operation of the brethren.

While I believe that we could in this way work more efficiently, yet we are so inexperienced in the work that for the present at least we will have to trust to the sisters of broader experience to determine what will be for the best interest of the cause in Canada, feeling sure that whatever they may deem wisest, whether a National Board or otherwise, we will do all that we can to assist in carrying on the work. And now that our sister is willing to concentrate her life to this work, we should be glad to help in sending her out, and I trust that our prayers shall follow her as she leaves all in this land to bear our offerings to those in that heathen land, and to tell of him who left his home in glory that he might bring salvation to a lost world.

Mrs. J. S. FLAGLOR,
Secretary to the C. W. B. M. of N. B. and N. S., St. John, N. B.

Woman's Work.

C. C. W. B. M.

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JENNIE FLEMING, Kilayth, May 24, 1892. Treas.	

Being requested to give my views through THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST respecting the formation of a National Board, I would say that I am very favorable to such a movement, and that all the sisters in these provinces, whose views I have been able to ascertain, have expressed themselves as very pleased that this is in contemplation.

I believe that such a union would bind us more closely together as a sisterhood in Canada, and would strengthen us for the present as well as for all future undertakings. We have found in our experience that to make an appeal for a Canadian undertaking has more weight than any other foreign missionary appeal, and that some have become interested in sending this first Canadian missionary work. Thus many more of our Canadian sisters might be incited to action by the formation of a National Board, which would place a responsibility on all.

Although the distance would be so great that we might not always be able to attend the annual conventions, yet reports of work done in the several provinces could be sent in, thus stimulating each other.

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GEORGE MUNRO.

The Annual Meeting.

We but voice the opinion of all who attended the Annual Meeting in Bowmanville when we say it was a pronounced success in every respect. Those competent to judge will not take issue with the assertion that it was the best meeting of the kind ever held by the Disciples of Christ in Ontario. It was an encouraging indication of the progress of the cause in this country, and an assurance that earnest minds and hearts are devoted to the propagation of primitive Christianity in Ontario.

We understand that the O.C.W.B.M. had a very profitable convention and that their work is in a very healthy condition. As their annual report appears in this paper, and the minutes of their proceedings will also be published, it is not necessary to go into details here. But we fancy we are right when we say that the high watermark of their meeting was reached on Friday afternoon, when a public session was held, and the centres of interest on that occasion were Miss Mary Graybiel, a returned missionary from India, and Miss Minnie Riach, who is about to go to Japan as a missionary. These foreign missionaries stir the hearts of Christians in a peculiar and profitable way. The questions and the heart-searchings, suggested by their presence and remarks, cannot fail to produce fruit in the increase of spiritual life and activity on the part of those who see and hear.

The business sessions of the Co-operation were characterized by great harmony of feeling, even when uniformity of opinion did not exist. Free discussion and good feeling were notable features of the proceedings. The amount of important business transacted was considerable, and we believe that the wise way in which it was disposed of will redound to the furtherance of the truth in our land. The work of the committees appeared this year to be more prompt and more thorough, which, of course, facilitated the dispatch of business.

The fact that the Treasurer was able to close his books with only a small deficit, and that, before his report was presented, more than enough additional money was paid in to clear off that little incubus, put the Convention in a happy mood. It is well when mission boards keep clear of debt.

The Co-operation has always been fortunate in the choice of chief speaker for the Annual Meeting. The able preachers brought over from the United States to officiate in that capacity have carried away with them golden opinions and high regards. We feel that it is not invidious to say that the chief speaker of this year, Bro. Z. T. Sweeney, of Columbus, Indiana, occupies no secondary place in the estimation and affections of those who have been in the habit of attending our annual gatherings. Indeed, Bro. Sweeney's sermons evoked an unusual amount of enthusiastic praise, and his lecture was "the admired of all admirers." His genial manner and hearty sympathy with our work endeared him the more to all.

Bro. A. McLean, Cor. Sec. of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, though unexpected, was a very welcome visitor. Bro. McLean's presence is a blessing to any gathering of Christian people. He favored the Convention with two of his able, earnest and inspiring addresses. That Bro. McLean may long be spared to the great work in which he is engaged is the devout wish of all his brethren in Ontario.

What we may venture to call a painful feature of the Convention was the inability to respond favorably to all the appeals for assistance during the coming year. The Committee on Missions canvassed the matter thoroughly and brought in an able report, but was sorrowfully compelled to withhold definite recommendations as to a number of points urgently asking help. It is very much to be desired that at an early date the Board will receive such promises of contributions from churches and individuals as will make it possible to undertake work for this year beyond what the Committee on Missions felt themselves in a position to recommend. It is a significant fact that in different parts of the province small companies of Disciples are undertaking to build up churches of Christ, and are bravely erecting the standard of truth where sectarianism reigns. It argues a love for the truth and a willingness to sacrifice for it which is worthy of admiration, and which should enlist the energetic sympathy and support of every Disciple of Christ in the province.

An effort is made elsewhere in this number to give those who were not able to be at Bowmanville a satisfactory account of the Annual Meeting.

We have aimed in this number to give a satisfactory account of our Annual Meeting. We have reason to believe that our readers desire a full report. If there are any important omissions in this issue we shall endeavor to supply what is lacking in next number.

Our readers will kindly bear with us on this occasion—the lateness of the appearance of THE EVANGELIST, and the fact that we count the present issue as two numbers. In the future they may expect the paper twice a month, and we hope that it will be still more acceptable to our friends than it has been in the past. We desire it shall be largely useful to our brethren, and helpful to them in the work of the Lord.

These golden words from the *Sunday School Times* would if acted upon generally revolutionize this country religiously:—

It is no argument for a belief that it furnishes a rest for the mind, and that its removal would bring a state of unrest. Every creed in the world might be defended on this false ground that it gives rest and quiet to the minds which embrace it. The Buddhist, who "takes refuge with the Buddha, the law, and the order," finds a sense of restfulness attending this resignation of himself to a system

which is from first to last a slander on our Creator. Many have left the Protestant for the Roman Catholic church for the sake of the rest that comes from submission to an absolute, living authority. Cardinal Newman went over to escape from the restless activity of his naturally skeptical intellect. Even infidelity has been welcomed as cutting the knot which it troubled the mind to untie, and bringing thus a certain calm to the spirit. It is, as the prophet Micah discovered, sometimes an evidence of the divine presence and working, that men are called away from the things they had rested in, and are bidden to seek a deeper foundation for their confidence. The progress of men in spiritual apprehension has been very largely the abandoning of the false rests of half-truths, that they may be guided by God's Spirit into all truth. It is true that the goal of all his leading is in rest; but rest in the truth is the only rest the Lord gives to his people.

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We are very much gratified by the interest taken in the Hospital Fund. All contributions should be addressed to the Editor, 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton.

We remind our friends that all matter intended for publication must be sent to the Editor.

The present issue is intended to be for two numbers. We trust that it will be satisfactory to our readers, they have a full account of the Annual Meeting as well as a goodly portion of other reading. Hereafter the paper may be expected promptly twice month.

We start a new department in this number, "Young People's Work." Bro. Alex. McMillan will conduct it. All interested will notice that his address is Alvinston, Ont.

Church News.

WALKERTON, May 18th.—There have been two additions to the church by letter since last report and one by baptism last Lord's day. E. S.

AYLMER, May 20th.—We are having a splendid meeting. Much good has been done. Five additions up to date. Interest increasing. J. D. STEPHENS.

SELKIRK, May 24th.—Will you kindly make mention of our June meeting which will begin Friday evening, June 10th, under Bro. James Ledard, the Lord willing, and will continue two weeks or more. Extend an invitation to the brethren to attend. E. E. PHILLIPS.

[We regret that owing to the lateness of this issue timely notice of the above meeting can not be given. EDITOR.]

HAMILTON.—Two young ladies from Oakville came to Hamilton to be baptized on May 22nd. Bro. G. D. Weaver preached his farewell sermon May 29th; he is now holding special services at International Bridge. The writer preached his introductory sermons June 12th. It is hoped that by the faithful presentation of the truth, the cordial co-operation of the church, and the constant blessing of the Lord, much good may be accomplished. The readers of THE EVANGELIST will be glad to know that Bro. Alexander Anderson though not real well was

able to be at meeting on Lord's morning. G. M.

ERIN.—The writer and his family have recently been passing through one of the peculiar experiences incident to the life of a preacher and his family. The breaking up of the relation that had existed for five years between them and the Disciples of the Erin Centre and Erin Village churches was an occasion of mingled pleasure and pain—the pleasure growing out of the many acts of kindness and tokens of affection received, and the pain induced by the parting from so many dear brethren and sisters and friends. The sisters of the Erin Village church presented Mrs. Munro with a very kind address, accompanied by a purse which was far from being empty; the Erin Centre people made the writer a very generous gift in money and flattered him profusely in an address. G. M.

AYLMER.—About three years ago Bro. W. D. Campbell, who

departure, for Bro. Finch is known everywhere here as a most worthy and most useful man of God. Best of all, the church in the Portage felt the force of his resignation and determined not to accept it. A deputation of the church waited upon him and tightened the chords of those tenderer affections of Christian love. Now he is held bound by them for an unlimited time. I hope the love will only increase more and more: that Bro. Finch may always stay just where he is. When it is known that Bro. Finch has stood almost alone for five years here in the labors of a preacher, and at the late Provincial Convention of the Y.P.S.C.E. in Winnipeg was honored as best man to take the chair and preside at that assembly, it certainly speaks for him the respect of the people, and intellectual and religious force. Very truly,
J. B. LIETKIN.

P.S.—I have spelled "chords" with an h, for such strings belong to the heavenly lyre, and are touched by angel fingers, and the effect of the vibrations is the rich melody of the music of love. J. B. L.

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R. SIKKIPARD.

Sun of Righteousness! True light of my soul, Shine clear upon my heart, That darkness may depart; And back from my obscured vision roll The clouds of sin and doubt.

Sun of Righteousness! Let the glow of love, Which radiates from thee, Dispel all apathy; Thus warm my soul with ardor from above, And holy ecstasy.

Sun of Righteousness! The essential light Which makes my graces grow, Do thou on me bestow; My spirit then shall prosper in thy sight, And I thy fulness know.

Sun of Righteousness! Gradually arise, With healing in thy wings; Thy light recovery brings: In salutiferous rays, from lofty skies, My heart with gladness sings.

Sun of Righteousness! with thy vital beam, My dying soul revive, That I may now receive The "light of life" which does from death redeem, And makes the dying live.

Sun of Righteousness! 's in thy loving face God makes his glory known: And 'tis in thee alone, I see his rich and all-abounding grace In all its wonders shown. Walkerton, May 18, 1892.

Thoughts and Acts of a Day.

NOON.

P.M.

At noon "the firm" and most of the students went out for lunch. Margaret was preparing to eat her modest meal, but stopped to listen to a woman's voice in the outer room asking for Mr. James, the managing clerk. "You advertised for a woman to clean the offices, and I'm after the job." "Go in there to Miss True; she'll tell you all you want to know." "Just like them," thought Margaret; "he knows as well as I do that Mr. James hired a woman this morning. They always put the refusals on me!" A tall, gaunt woman, clean but poorly dressed, entered the room. Margaret bade her be seated, then told her gently that a woman had been engaged that morning to do the work. The woman gazed stonily before her, then rising wearily she said:—"There are too many folks in the world."

"Stop. Don't go yet, rest a little," said Margaret, quickly. "Eat this bread while you wait."

She took the bread without a word and began to eat. She tried to eat it slowly, but there was a famished eagerness in the way she broke it that struck Margaret painfully. "Are you as hungry for Christ, the bread of the soul's life?" she asked, gently. "Oh, you're one of them, are you?" the woman answered. "Well if there is a God, which I've often doubted, he shuts his eyes to the fact that lots of folks don't get enough of this kind of bread, let alone that other kind you speak of. . . . If my husband hadn't died of drink, and my boys were at home, and I had work and got paid for it, I think—I think—then I could be hungry and thirsty for righteousness. Just now I ain't."

Nothing could exceed the fierce but restrained emphasis of this speech.

"I am sorry you feel so about it."

If you go to this address, my landlady, Mrs. Davidson, may be able to help you."

"I'll go, and thank you kindly. Mr. McKenzie, one of the city missionaries, will give me a recommend as an honest woman."

"Why, do you know Mr. McKenzie? He is Mrs. Davidson's brother."

"Is that so? Then I'll hurry there right off. Good day, miss, and thank you."

The banana was hardly a satisfactory lunch, and Margaret smiled to herself over a pithy saying of Louisa Alcott's mother: "Cast your bread upon the water and it will come back buttered."

The afternoon was as busy as the morning, and Margaret was glad to get home. Entering the house she was greeted, "My cert! Miss Marg'ret, but I'm obliged to ye for sendin' up that woman. Sic a like day! That hussy I thought such a good cook got drunk! I was clean affronted! I had to telephone for the patrol waggon, and the police carried her out skirlin' and skreighin' like a daft woman." "Oh, poor thing."

"Puir thing, indeed! Hoots! She broke twa chairs and a lot o' chaneys! Let her be decent. Mr. McKenzie says he married your woman to a ne'er-do-well twenty years syne. She was cook in our Dr. Martin's then."

Stout Mrs. Davidson who always relapsed into her native vernacular when excited, alternately gasped and talked.

"Does Dr. Martin remember her?"

"Ay weel. She's seen a sight o' sair trouble, puir thing. Her husband died o' delirium tremens, her sons are—God kens where. The landlord turned her out o' her bit room and seized her bit stieks o' furniture for back rent. Gin it hadna been for a freen, she wad hae spent last night i' the streets! My brither will try to find her sons, an' if she does as weel as I expect, she'll be weel lookit after noo."

"How glad I am! How glad I am!" said Margaret.

That night she sang softly with grateful heart—

"Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me, And in God's house for evermore My dwelling place shall be."

Yes, and in that bright sweet "for evermore," when the tears are wiped from the eyes of his sad children by his hand, his name shall be in my forehead and I shall serve him.

The Commission vs. Denominationalism.—II.

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Frequently the question is asked, "Why are there so many different denominations, while all profess to take the same Bible for their guide?" These things, I opine, have been the principal factors in the rise and perpetuation of denominationalism.

1. A zeal for supposed truth. A desire to preserve free from the influence of error, certain opinions which were thought to be Bible doctrines. These deductions of human reason, and stereotyped dogmas were finally crystallized into authoritative creeds, and piously labelled "Orthodox." This was done at first, doubtless, with the view of keeping the Protestant faith inviolate and safe from the false doctrines of Romanism. Such was the spirit that actuated Luther and his coadjutors to draw up and publish the seventeen articles of faith, which afterwards grew into the Augsburg Confession, and became the acknowledged standard of the Lutheran Church.

2. In the second place; a failure to

properly discriminate between faith and opinion and to allow each its proper value, has been a prolific source of divisions; a voritable hot-bed of sectarianism. The confounding of these has produced the most mischievous results, in mingling mere human opinions with sacred teachings of God's Word, and giving to the formulated opinions of men the sacredness of authority, making them tests of fellowship, and the standards by which every man's faith must be tried. The question, therefore, when anyone was on trial for heresy before an ecclesiastical court, was not so much, "what saith the Scriptures?" as "what says our creed?" And, if the views of this man did not agree with these fossilized views of some other man, or men, he was denied fellowship, and cast out of the denominational synagoga! It mattered not, though, he sincerely declared his faith in Jesus as the Christ, and honestly avowed his purpose to take the Word of God as his guide in all things that pertained to faith and obedience; if he could not, conscientiously, speak the denominational "ahibboleth," off came his theological head! What wrongs have been done; and how much of unchristian bitterness caused, by the madness and folly of trying to make all men one in opinions, instead of one in faith! All this might have been avoided, and the church saved from disgraceful factions, had Protestant Christendom, from Luther down, taken the sound position, conscientiously maintained by the grand man who began the reformation, and that is faithfully adhered to by the Disciples today, namely: to "reduce to practice the simple original form of Christianity, expressly exhibited upon the sacred page, without attempting to inculcate anything of human authority, or private opinion, or inventions of men, as having any place in the constitution, faith or worship of the Christian Church; or anything as matter of Christian faith or duty, for which there cannot be expressly produced a 'Thus saith the Lord,' either in express terms or by approved precedent."

8. A third potent factor in multiplying sects is found in a want of knowing how "rightly to divide the Word of Truth," or, according to the R. V., not "handling aright the Word of Truth." It may truly be said, that "blindness in part is happened to Israel," in this respect, both in the matter of translating, and in giving the proper interpretation of the Scriptures. For some reason, there has been an amazing persistency in ignoring the well-known and accepted rules of interpretation, that has been the cause of almost endless confusion, while it has also served to strengthen the bulwarks of denominationalism. While this is true, I do not say that there has been a deliberate intention on the part of those who have given rise to distinct denominational parties, to misconstrue and oppose the teachings of the Bible, and I do not think so; nay, I believe it is but just so award to such men as Martin Luther, Cranmer, Calvin, Wesley, and many others, the honor of being honest, God-fearing men, and zealous for what they thought was right. But it will not be denied, that Saul thought that he was right and was full of zeal, too, while, as he says of himself, he "thought" that he "ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth." He was honest, yet wrong! So with those pious men, their "zeal for God was not according to knowledge." But, we are persuaded, that the founders of denominationalism were more scriptural in their views, and more loyal in heart, than many who have worn their names.

"Don't call yourselves Lutherans, call yourselves Christians," said Luther to his friends. Calvin says: "The custom which enjoins communicating once a year, is evidently a contrivance of the devil. Every week, at least, the table of the Lord should be spread in meetings for worship." Wesley said, in his letter to Mr. Ashury: "Let me be nothing, and Christ all in all." "How can you, how dare you suffer yourself to be called a bishop? I shudder, I start at the very thought. Men may call me a knave, or a fool, a rascal, a scoundrel, and I am content; but they shall never, by my consent, call me a bishop! For my sake, for God's sake, for Christ's sake, put a full end to this." Again, Wesley says, On Rom. vi. 3: "We are buried with him, alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion." John Calvin says: "Here we perceive how baptism was administered among the ancients, for they immersed the whole body in water," and Luther says: "First, baptism is a Greek word. In Latin it can be translated immersion, as when we plunge something into water, that it may be completely covered with water," etc. Many examples from the writings of these and others, might be given to show that their views differ from the practice of those who pretend to follow them. But the scholarship and archaeological researches of this century have thrown valuable light upon the original text and interpretation of the New Testament, that even those men had not. There is no excuse, therefore, for ignorance along the line of "handling aright the Word of Truth."

It would be wise and safe, for the stout advocates of sectarianism, who think it necessary to "put forth the hand to the ark of God," as Uzzah did, to reflect upon his fate, and the reward of his presumption; for "God smote him then for his error; and there he died by the ark of God." The ark of God's truth is safe in his own keeping, and needs no protection from denominationalism, where it has been "wounded in the house of its friends." Would the Christian world render acceptable service to God's Exalted Son, let it bury sectarianism, and leave no monument to its memory, and return to "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," in the "one body," "one spirit," "one hope," "one Lord," "one faith," "one baptism," "one God and Father of all." Even so, hasten the day, Lord Jesus.

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