

GUELPH.—Bro. Dickson is still with us, and preaches with great zeal. Our audiences are improving. Last night I think there were not less than 150 present—some say more. Our Sunday School has grown all along; it now averages about 80. J. W. K.

ACTON.—Dr. Belding, of Troy, N. Y., held a meeting with this church lasting two weeks and one day. The immediate results were six additions, four immersed, and two reclaimed, and the church greatly strengthened. G. W.

WALKERTON.—Seldom during our experience here have we been able to report great success or large additions, but truly we have had a season of rejoicing this winter. Bro. Lediard came here about Feb. 17th, and, as usual with that brother, he immediately set to work. Our audience was not large at first, but soon began to increase, and ere long the house was fairly well filled. Bro. L. spent about fifteen minutes each evening at what he called "a Bible talk" before commencing his discourse. These were all filled with instruction, and made the meetings doubly interesting and edifying. Quite a number from other congregations came to hear very regularly, and some prominent ones were heard to say, "We never heard the like before." Bro. L. wielded his sword with good effect, presenting the whole truth in a kind and loving manner void of offense, and powerful to convince. Although only six came forward and made the good confession (five of whom were immersed before Bro. L. left), yet I think we all feel that our meeting was a grand success, for much good seed was sown in honest hearts that will surely grow and bring an abundant harvest in after days. God grant it, and to His name be the praise. THOS. WHITEHEAD. March 3rd, '88.

WELLAND.—Our brethren here have recently purchased the "Baptist Church" (House), a very fine building capable of seating about 400 people. It will be remembered that a few years ago the brethren bought the old Methodist Chapel, which they are about selling to the Salvation Army, and for which they will probably realize within a few hundred dollars of the amount they are to pay for the late purchase. The building is well situated, being seen from almost every part of the town. The front, dome, in fact the whole superstructure, being composed of brick and cut stone, presents a magnificent appearance. In the dome, which is beautifully overlaid with tin, hangs a very fine-toned bell, which our brethren very modestly ring, announcing the hour for meeting. The church here is not strong, but being perfectly united and working so harmoniously they must succeed. Our good Bro., W. H. Swayze, is spending most of his time with the church, speaking twice on Lord's Day, and making many calls through the week. The church here is greatly encouraged by his labors. I am holding a meeting here just now, and will continue for another week. We have many discouragements—col. . . . and the opposing forces of the surrounding elements, together with the Salvation Army's trumpet, drum and cymbal, tend to keep the people away. Our Methodist friends have been holding a "revival meeting" for some weeks, which our brethren understood would close the week I came here, but which is still going on. I go from here to Wainfleet, and will probably visit Gainsborough before returning home. H. BROWN. March 24th, '88.

MUSKOKA MATTERS.

Mrs. Crewson has been very ill, but is gradually improving. The heaviest storm of this winter occurred on the 13th of March. I started on the morning of the 14th to drive about twenty miles, through snow-drifts, to attend the marriage of Mr. Ross and Miss Hamilton (niece of Bro. R. Hamilton, of Erin), and found it almost impossible to get through, yet I was on time, and on hand, and everything went as merrily as marriage bells.

I send you the sad news of the death, on the 9th inst., of our beloved sister Palmer of the church in Ridout. She lived a very exemplary, Christian life, always earnest, always humble, kind and hospitable, quiet, yet exerting an excellent influence on all around. Sister Palmer was born in St. Catharines, Ont., was baptized, I think, in Jordan, where she and her husband lived when I first became acquainted with them. Bro. Palmer was chosen an elder at Jordan, and he and his wife became, consecutively, charter members of the churches in St. Catharines, Waterford and Ridout, and now she has gone to the church of the first-born above. She leaves one son, one daughter, several grand-children,

and a husband—with whom she spent more than forty years of her life here—to mourn her departure; but they mourn not as those who have no hope, but rejoice in hope of a happy reunion. I conducted the funeral service on Monday, the 12th, and spoke on the 14th verse of the 4th chapter of I. Thess. Sister Palmer was only ill for about five weeks, with inward tumor, but she must have suffered uncomplainingly a much longer time.

Our meetings are not very well attended, partly owing to stormy weather, bad roads and much sickness, and partly, perhaps, that a change is desired in the preacher, and partly on account of my labors being spread over so large a tract of country. However, we hope to have a better report to make next month, "And this will we do if the Lord permit." W. M. CREWSON. Baysville, March 13th, '88.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

I spent a few days at the beginning of the year with the church in Toronto. My labors there have closed for the present, and Bro. J. R. Galt, of Philadelphia, is now laboring there. I spent but a few days with him, out in those days I grew to think very highly of him, and from a score of letters received from Toronto since I left, I learn that the brethren think very highly of him too. He is daily growing into the work there and into the hearts of the brethren. I look upon the growth of the church in Toronto as an assured success, and though I experience a sense of personal loss in leaving them, I am rejoiced that the work has fallen into the hands of one so well qualified to do it, and I have no fear of the results.

From Toronto I went to the church in Lobo. Their great need just now is a preacher of the gospel. A man of sterling worth, deep piety, and who is not afraid to work, is what they need at present. I spoke on two Lord's days and of the evenings of the week; attended a S. S. Convention on Saturday afternoon and evening, when I spoke on the "Bible the best book for the teacher"; and otherwise took part in the discussions of the different papers presented.

From Lobo I went to Walkerton, where I spent three weeks. The meeting was full of interest from the beginning, many of the townspeople being present every night. Six persons confessed Christ, and I trust some seed was sown for a future harvest.

From Walkerton to Guelph, where I found Bro. James Kilgour slowly recovering from a somewhat serious illness. The church is missing his services very much. For good singing and perfect order, the Guelph Sunday School is a little in advance of any I have seen. It is not a small school either, but there room is crowded with young people. Who can measure the results which will flow in after years from the Bible studies of to-day? Here I had the pleasure of meeting our aged Bro. Belding, of New York, on his way to Acton to hold a meeting. May great good result from his visit, and many souls be saved. Many of the older brethren will remember him well no doubt. Here too I met Bro. Dickson, a young man, but a man of strength and eloquence. He preached in Guelph on Sunday evening to a large audience, and I can bear testimony to the fact that it was a treat to listen to him. I trust the way may be opened to keep him in Ontario. He is a Canadian, and was born in the City of Guelph. May God bless him and make him very useful. JAS. LEDIARD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Co-operation will be held this year with the church at Erin Centre, beginning on Friday, June 1st, at 7 o'clock p. m., of which particulars will be given next month.

It is hoped that every church in the Province will send two delegates or at least one delegate to the meeting.

Bro. Galt, now in Toronto, and other veterans in the work of our Master, are expected to be at the meeting.

Many of the brethren have responded liberally to the support of our Home Mission work. To those who have not yet contributed, we would say don't wait to be visited, but forward your offerings as early as possible.

To all, we say much has to be done before the Annual Meeting; but it can be done, and done easily, if every disciple gives something.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of a large representation, at the Annual Meeting. Let every church in the Province be represented. The work in which we are engag-

ed calls for the united effort and wise counsel of every disciple of Christ.

On behalf of the Board,
J. W. KILGOUR, Sec'y.
Guelph, March 24th, 1888.

O. C. W. B. M.

Dear Bros. Munro & Fowler:—

I thank you for offering your columns so liberally for the extension of our work. The me for our Annual Meeting is drawing near; and looking forward with bright hopes we expect a grand, good meeting of the sisters of Ontario. I have written to all the churches, and have received many encouraging replies. I am glad to find so many willing to work. I would ask the sisters to whom I have written to report the work done, or not done by them, before the middle of May, so that I may be able to make a full report at the Annual Meeting.

Dear sisters, do not be discouraged. If you have not started out in this good work, let us hear from you, and make it a point to be at the June Meeting. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Those who have organized or are working in any way, will please report at the earliest date possible, and oblige, MRS. E. McCLURG, Cor. Sec'y.

Ivan, March 10, '88.

WANTED.

Wanted—One Thousand Dollars, from four thousand Disciples. Brother send in your share. If you are too poor to send more than 50 cents per year, the Lord knows it, and he does not look for a dollar from you, but He expects fifty cents, to be used in preaching the glorious gospel. I know you are anxious to help; see how many of you poor brethren can give that sum, and set a good example to those who are richer. Do it at once. Don't let it slip out of your mind. Send it to-morrow if you can to J. W. KILGOUR, Guelph.

OBITUARIES.

PALMER.

In Ridout, Muskoka, on the 9th of March, Catharine, wife of Bro. Wm. Palmer, in the 65th year of her age.

GREEN.

On Friday, March 16th, '88, Archibald F., infant son of Freeman and Isabel Green, near Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada. Taken away from the evil to come ere sin had stained the soul. Of such is the kingdom of heaven. M. —Christian Standard.

McMILLAN.

In Hillsburg, Ont., March 31st, Garfield H., son of Robert and Mary McMillan, aged 7 years, 2 months and 22 days. A beautiful, interesting boy, of a peculiarly loving and lovable disposition, has passed to the land beyond. There is loss here, but gain yonder.

TROUT.

Alexander A. Trout began life on his own account very early. Before he reached the age of twenty, he had taught school two years and taken a course in the British American Business College. His career in that institution was a brilliant one, and at its close he took a situation as book-keeper in the office of the *Monetary Times*. He afterwards became assistant book-keeper for the Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., with whom he became noted as a skilful accountant. An instance of his skill may be given. One day when the Board of Management had waited half an hour for a statement from the head book-keeper without receiving it, they called for Mr. Trout to solve the problem, which he did to their entire satisfaction in three minutes. They thereupon granted him an increase of salary in the shape of a bonus of \$100, and at Christmas they presented him with \$50. An attack of typhoid fever compelled him to give up his position.

When he was sufficiently recovered he went to Cobourg to conduct some meetings for the brethren there. And though young and unskilled in the arts of oratory, by his earnest and touching appeals he persuaded many to be Christians. He afterwards preached regularly for the church in Glencairn, and no person can now visit that place without discovering there many traces of his spiritual life. When others shall have ceased to miss the helping hand of their co-laborer, and shall have almost forgotten the man whom once they loved, his memorial may be distinctly read in Glencairn, engrossed by a grateful people in the homes made happier by

the good lessons he taught, and upon lives awakened by his Christ-like speech.

Before going to Detroit, where he resided nine years, he preached for a short time in Dorchester. He was first employed in Detroit as general overseer in the office of A. R. & W. F. Lynn—at one time the largest wholesale grocers in that city. His quiet, unassuming and gentlemanly manner, and his great natural tact, combined to make him a favorite with the customers of the firm. He was soon given the management of the warehouse, and subsequently he became buyer for the house. He was a good purchaser, as he exactly anticipated the wants of the business, and used the utmost vigilance to have the goods correspond to them.

Though diligent in business, he did not neglect the Lord's work, but spent much time and money in doing good. He was an active member of the Plum Street Church, and he with the late Bro. Sanderson and Bro. Geo. Malcolmson established and conducted the 14th Avenue Mission, where the work still continues to flourish. An intense desire to win the world to Christ was the source of his great zeal and energy in Christian work, and his success was largely due to his peculiar faculty of engaging the services of the young. His interest in the young people secured for him their love, which they manifested in a very affecting way. In his last days they might have been seen earning money to buy flowers for him.

He continued to work actively until his health gave way in October, 1887. From that time he grew weaker until his death on New Year's day. For six weeks he was unable to take solid food. He was anxious to live simply for the good he could do. He met death cheerfully. Frequently when his brother returned to his room expecting to find him gone, he would pleasantly remark, "Well, Edward, I'm here yet."

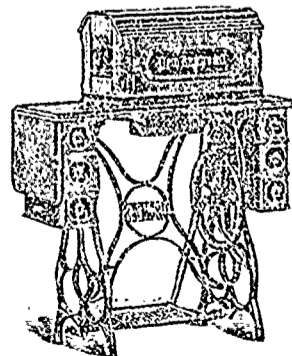
The shrewd business man, the good citizen, the true friend, the devoted Christian is dead; but when his earthly gains shall have wasted into dust, when the sound of his voice shall have been forgotten in the place where it brought joy to the broken-hearted, his spiritual influence, full of vigor and love, will live in many souls, bringing glory and honor forever "to Him that sitteth upon the throne." D. L. S.

MARRIED.

HAMILTON—ROSS—On March 14th, '88, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. J. Hamilton, by elder W. M. Crewson, Mr. John Ross, of Longford, to Miss Mary Hamilton, of Franklin, Ont.

A CRUMBLING ORGANIZATION.

The Salvation Army in London appears to have seen its best days. General Booth, in a late manifesto, says, "Our funds have again and again been utterly exhausted." He does not, however, tell, but others do, of his diminished following. A census has just been taken of the attendants at both the morning services of the Salvation Army in all London, and the two together, in all their halls, do not aggregate over eight thousand. Deducting those attending both services, and it is not likely that more than five thousand individuals attended the meetings. General Booth, in his great wisdom, thought a church organization, with the ordinances and other appointments of the New Testament, not as well suited for this age as his military form of working. Being wise above what is written, it is no wonder his organization is crumbling away. —Christian Inquirer.



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