

HOME TALENT.

It is our duty as christians to develop and utilize all the home forces we possess. We should do this not only in our, but in all of the various departments of christian work.

Ministers are frequently charged with preventing the development of home talent in the church; but so far as my experience goes, preachers are far more careful and anxious to encourage and utilize home ability, than our elders are.

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Churches; but we do earnestly and loudly protest against such treatment as our best preaching brethren have in the above mentioned respects received in the past.

1st Let us use home talent when we can do so with equal profit to foreign.

2nd, When we procure assistance from the U. S., place those assistants on an equal footing with our home preachers. Don't give them the best field to labor in and the best pay.

A. SCOTT.

HE SET ME FREE.

Yesterday presented the unusual spectacle of an entire nation in mourning, and all business suspended on account of the funeral of its greatest soldier and leader, General Grant.

man honored as He has been honored. Washington's birthday, a legal holiday, is scarcely observed at all. Lincoln's memory is not honored by any day, and it is safe to say that in a generation or two Grant's name will be recalled only as the pages of history are read.

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TARES AND WHEAT.

A parable found in Matt. xiii, has been the subject of very different explanation. Dr. Pendleton, was probably one of the first among us, who persistently taught that it contained simply, a warning about church discipline.

a church cannot be a substitute for the overseer in this, to many, unpleasant work. Overseers who will not attend this work; such as settling difficulties, bringing to repentance; and restoring those who have gone astray; are plainly and practically, telling the church, they will not perform the duties of the position the church gave them, to which the church appointed them, and which they accepted.

C. J. L.

ORIGINS.

I was pleased to meet one of you at our co-operation meeting in the city of Guelph in June. It is encouraging because it shows that some editors know what every British subject ought to know. That Queen Victoria would not allow the Pope and all his Cardinals in conversation to make laws binding on any British subject, in any part of her domain, come again and help us in co-operation.

Thos. Stephens, Alexander Stewart and John Menzies, in Esquimaux and Little York, (now Toronto); Geo. Percily, Pickering and other places. Five of them went through a course of college training for preaching the Gospel, viz.—Donald McVicar, and Thos. Stephen, in Glasgow, Alexander Stewart in Edinburgh, Dugald Sinclair and Francis Hutcheson in Bradford.

Those of them who had not a college training, were men of good natural endowments, which they cultivated carefully. All were good Bible students and acceptable teachers, and as sound in the faith as Thos. and Alexander Campbell or Professor Loos of Kentucky University. We owe them much.

I have selected these names because I was acquainted with them all but one. I was very intimate with the majority of them. They loved the truth and took pleasure in preaching it, without money and without price, according to their opportunity; but farms and families and trades, and other circumstances prevented their becoming entirely devoted to preaching.

JAMES BLACK.

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MANITOULIN ISLAND.

Having spent over four weeks on this island, a few words from me in relation to the state of the cause there, may not be uninteresting to the readers of the WORKER. I was working within a radius of from six to twelve miles from Gore Bay, which is second in size, and first in importance, among the villages of the Island.

I held meetings for three weeks in that settlement—two weeks in the school house and one week in the house of a Bro. Cameron. I regret to say that no one was persuaded to become a christian.

From Ice Lake I proceeded to Bro. Peter McArthur's, who lives on Kagawong Lake, and held a few meetings in a school house three miles from his house. I judge that much good could be done there in time. I found the time quite unfavorable to hold meetings, as the farmers were very busy cutting their hay—working from morning to night, and so were indisposed to pay very much heed to preaching, at least to such as, was presented to them by the writer, albeit he did what he could. Such being the case, I decided to retrace my steps,

and accordingly after spending a day or two with Bro. Walter in Gore Bay, and a pleasant Lord's Day with the brethren, I took passage on the Atlantic for "down the country" as they say up there. On the afternoon of my departure I had the pleasure of baptizing a young man who I trust will prove a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus.

I may say that I parted from those brethren with a feeling near akin to sadness. They all treated me with uniform kindness; they, for the most part, attended the meetings regularly, and evinced great interest in the spread of the Gospel.

In conversation with the brethren I learned that there are a number of sections on the Island where there is every reasonable prospect of great good being done if regular and faithful work were done there. In order to that it would be necessary for the brethren in Ontario to send a laborer there and support him. The brethren on the Island are eager to have work done, but, at present are unable to do much in that direction, owing to poor crops and the circumstances of a new country.

I would here respectfully present Manitoulin Island to the disciples of Christ in Ontario as a field which invites assistance, and which would in all probability well repay them for the efforts put forth.

But some may say on reading this, why don't the Disciples of Ontario make a stamped for the Island and other needy places? Why should any one wait to be sent and supported? Well, why? Once upon a time a persecution sent out a great army of preachers who would seem not to have waited to consider ways and means. Perhaps, a persecution would work in a similar way now, and perhaps it would not. As a step in the direction apostolic (1) I would suggest that "Zenas the lawyer and Apollos" make a missionary tour on the Island. (See Titus 3, 13.) It will not be necessary to "bring them on their journey diligently," as "nothing is wanting unto them." The brethren will use them well, and give them the best the island affords. Though I do not know that it is strictly Pauline to board around among the brethren, Paul seems to have "worked for nothing and boarded himself" in more places than one; and therefore those who claim to follow his example are perhaps required to make tents to minister to their necessities. But, however, that may be, let "Zenas the lawyer and Apollos" spend a winter on the Manitoulin.

GEO. MURDO.

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DEFINITIONS.

Jealousy.—The homage paid by inferiority to merit.

Charity.—A service that the receiver should remember and the giver forget.

Forgiveness.—The gift that only you can bestow upon your enemy.

Modesty.—To the wise a convenience; to the fool a necessity.

Sleep.—The thief that robs us of our time, giving us health in exchange.

To-morrow.—The unborn. Yesterday.—The dead.

Carefulness.—The core of economy.

Temptation.—The test of soul.