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All Gone.

Our supply of "On the Rock" is gone; even our own private copy was mailed to-day. "On the Rock" is very popular evidently with the readers of the EVANGELIST. Do not send any more orders for that book now, friends. After a while, if there be a demand for it again, we may make you another offer of it.

We now wish our friends to get the advantage of "the Christy Knives." They retail at \$1 a set, and are first-class value at that. You'll miss it, friends, if you do not accept our very liberal offer.

The Simplicity of the Gospel.

How refreshing it is to turn from intricate and difficult questions of theology and philosophy to the simplicity that is in Christ Jesus; and what solid comfort there is in the reflection that He has the words of eternal life! The charm of the Gospel is its simplicity and its adaptation to the needs of the human heart. The awakened soul wants pardon: Christ gives that; the pardoned soul wants to be delivered from the power of sin: the Gospel promises cleansing from all unrighteousness, and promises to those faithful unto death an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Nor is the way of approach to Jesus the Christ hard to find—it is the way of faith and obedience. "Ye believe in God, believe also in me," He said; and "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and I will manifest myself to him." He has graciously marked the way; no earnest, loving heart need fear that he is not walking therein. His commandments are not grievous, which meets us as we seek to join ourselves to Christ. Many people think it is foolish, and ask what is the good of that? But that is not the question of faith. Faith simply says, Is this the Lord's will? Then cheerfully submits to it. But some readers may say, I do not believe it is the Lord's will to be baptized, if by baptized, you mean immersed. We do mean immersed, and we ask you to prayerfully study what the New Testament says about baptism and see if you can make anything but immersion out of it.

The Plebiscite.

Since our last issue the Prohibition side appears to be looking up in Hamilton. The W. C. T. U. ladies are very active, they had Dr. McKay of Woodstock to deliver a number of addresses in this city. The General Committee is bringing M. J. Fanning of Michigan back this week to lecture to the workmen, which is a capital idea. The TEMPLAR, W. W. Buchanan, editor, is doing fine work, but so

far as we can see, the city dailies, *Times*, *Spec.*, and *Herald*, as the newsboys say, have no good words to say about prohibition. The city of London is more fortunate in that respect, having the *Advertiser* out-and-out in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic. In Toronto, the *Globe* speaks very respectfully of the Prohibitionists.

Reports from all over the province seem to indicate a victory for the good cause, but remember, friends, we want a great victory, a big majority, for it is very evident that the liquor traffic will die hard. So let every friend of prohibition be sure to cast his own vote, and let him not fail to use his influence with his neighbor.

Our Omnibus.

Our offer of the Revised Version of the New Testament is now withdrawn; the 30 days having expired.

This is the time of year to get new subscribers for the EVANGELIST. We invite all our friends to help by getting at least one new subscriber.

Read over carefully the advertisement of our new premium, "The Christy Knives," and see how you can get a set of them free.

The Editor was intending to enlighten his readers on sundry deep questions in this number, but before he was well aware of it, the space was otherwise occupied.

TO AGENTS.—We hope you will collect arrears and all the renewals you can right away. Remember the paper costs money, and a good deal of it. It ought to pay its way and easily can, if all its friends will help just a little.

Said Hiram Walker, of Walkerville, before the Royal Commission: "The government is partner in the liquor business, and gets the lion's share." Which shows that Hiram Walker knows a thing or two.

We were glad to find Bro. Sheppard considerably advanced on the way to good health upon our recent visit to Walkerton; and we have since heard that he is still mending. He has had a very hard time.

Bro. Jury also speaks highly of Prof. Everman, the singing evangelist, now in Bowmanville. He would strongly recommend churches that need assistance in the singing line to send for the Professor. He can be addressed at Bowmanville for the present.

Bro. Wm. M. Crewson is still laboring faithfully in Muskoka, as will be seen by his notes in this issue. As the brethren there are not able to do much for him, it would be the kind and brotherly thing for his friends "outside" Muskoka to remember him at this season. His address is Huntsville, Ont.

The Editor of this paper had the privilege on Lord's day morning, Nov. 26th, of speaking on "Christian Union from the Standpoint of the Disciples," in the James St. Baptist Church of this city. He was courteously received by the pastor, the Rev. R. G. Boville, and patiently listened to by the congregation. The *Spectator's* report will be found in another column of this paper.

Bro. J. H. H. Jury, of Bowmanville, who visits Hamilton professionally in his capacity of a scientific adjuster of spectacles to eyes, called on us last week. He tells us that Bro. C. J. Lister preached a number of weeks in Bowmanville recently to the great satisfaction of the church, and that he is now assisting in the special meetings Bro. Burriss is now conducting.

A PLEASANT EVENT.—The home of Geo. Donald, Esq., near Kilsyth, opened its hospitable doors to an assemblage of near friends on Friday afternoon last, Nov. 10, the pleasing occasion being the marriage of Miss Katie Donald to Mr. Archibald E. Trout, of the Owen Sound post office, the knot being neatly and securely tied by the Rev. Mr. Lediard. The bride was attended by Miss Mar, Trout, the sister of the groom, and Mr. Alexander Donald officiated as best man. After the wedding dejeuner and an hour or so happily spent with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Trout drove to town and took possession of their residence on Campbell St. south. Mr. Trout has the personal good will of the people who stand on the outside of the post office wicket, and is kept busy these days receiving by personal tender the hearty good wishes of his numerous friends.—*Owen Sound Advertiser*.

"Maple Grove," the beautiful residence of Mr. Thos. Whitehead, was the scene on Thursday last of one of those events which always create a flutter of excitement and interest, not only to those immediately concerned, but to the community generally. This event was the marriage of Leonora, the accomplished daughter of M. Whitehead, to Mr. Robert S. Muir, druggist. About fifty relatives and friends were present and witnessed the ceremony, which was performed at 6 o'clock in the evening by Elder Sheppard, assisted by Rev. Mr. Munro, of Hamilton. The bride was beautifully attired in cream crepon trimmed with lace and decorated with wreaths of orange blossoms and smilax. The groom was supported by Mr. George Whitehead and Master Lorne Muir, brothers of the bride and groom respectively, while Miss Gordon, of Toronto, and Miss Cora Ostic, acted as bridesmaids. After the ceremony and the congratulations which followed, the company adjourned to the dining room, where an excellent lunch had been prepared, and where the usual merry time was spent. The young couple who are thus starting out on life's voyage together are among the most popular of Walkerton's young people, the accomplished bride having lived here since she was a little girl, while the groom, during his business career in town, has become a general favorite. The popularity of the bride was shown by the abundance and elegance of the wedding presents by which she was remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Muir left on Friday morning for an extended tour taking in Philadelphia, New York and Montreal. They are expected back about the 9th of Dec., and after a short stay will move to their future home in Belleville.—*Bruce Herald*.

Mrs. Muir is well known by many of our readers as one of the most active and earnest of the young Disciples in Ontario. She will be followed to her new home with the hearty good wishes of all these friends. The wedding, we might add, was a very happy occasion, as it could scarcely fail to be in Bro. Thos. Whitehead's hospitable home.

Church News.

HILLSBURG, Nov. 27, 1893.—Bro. Moffett left Hillsburg, Saturday, the 25th, for Orangeville, to begin a meeting there. He was with us three weeks, and we would have liked to have him stay longer. His clear, forcible, yet kind presentation of the gospel has done us all good. Audiences continued large, and were held in wrapt attention night after night. Additions, 16; being 13 since last report. The interest continued so good that Bro. Baker has been called in to continue the meetings. He spoke to a full house last evening (Sunday). Pray earnestly, dear brethren, that the good work may go on. R. W. B.

TORONTO JUNCTION, 20th Nov. '93. DEAR BRO. MUNRO:—Enclosed please find check for \$8, which represents the amount of our contribution for Home Missions, and while I have my pen in hand I will say something about the work here. Last spring I was requested to write as

favourable a report of the condition of the church at Toronto Junction as possible. My reply was, there is nothing encouraging to report. Then the floating obligations, which arose during the building of the church, seemed to be overwhelming us. Now (thanks to the Co operation and to the faithfulness and generosity of our brethren), all such obligations have been met; consequently, gratitude and hopefulness abound where murmuring and despondency once abounded.

The attendance at all the services is improving. Peace and harmony reign in the congregation. Bro. Marritt is the principal speaker, and to his faithfulness and ability we are very much indebted for our present position. We are looking forward to the time when we will be able to engage a minister who can devote all his time to the work. At present our duty appears to be in "Holding the Fort."

Our Sunday-school is well officered, and the teachers are efficient and attentive. Some five or six public school teachers and ex teachers attend.

At a business meeting recently held it was decided to ask the board to allow Bro. Moffett to hold a series of meetings for us at as early a date as possible.

A large and beautiful designed high school is in course of erection here. I mention this for the benefit of any of our young people in Ontario who may contemplate a first-class school near the city.

Hoping and praying that the brethren throughout Ontario may continue to respond to the calls of the Board of Management, commensurate with their requirements, so that the great work of the gospel, relieving distress, and unifying the people of God, may not be retarded. Fraternally yours, H. T. LAW.

BOWMANVILLE.—R. A. Burriss, pastor, and E. Everman, of Kansas, singing evangelist, are in a good meeting at Bowmanville. Two confessions the first two services; eleven more at last report, and a fine interest.

LONDON, Nov. 27th.—The work is moving on encouragingly. Audiences never larger. One more addition—an old lady—by confession and baptism. T. L. FOWLER.

HAMILTON.—Special meetings started here this week.

GEORGETOWN, Nov. 27th, '93.—I enclose you notice for EVANGELIST. Bro. Stephens is laboring for Georgetown and Acton with great acceptance. Already the fruits of his labors are appearing. There were two young men confessed Christ one week ago last night, and a young lady came out yesterday afternoon; the three were baptized last night after the sermon before a crowded house. Bro. Stephens is a very fluent speaker; his sermons are calculated to convict sinners and build up and strengthen the saints. We believe he will do a good work here. He already has created a good impression among the denominations in town, and we confidently look for a number of additions this winter. He is getting the members of the church to work. A Young People's Society has been organized which, we believe, will do much good. We trust a fairer day is dawning for the church in this place. A. CHESHER.

RIDGETOWN.—Bro. R. Bulgin has closed his labors with the church at this place, and will give his time to the young church at Harwich. Much good was accomplished by his efforts at Ridgetown, as this department of the

EVANGELIST has from time to time testified. There were 34 additions to the church during the year; twenty by baptism, three by letter from the Baptists, ten otherwise, and one reclaimed. When the Harwich church was organized, seventeen of those united with the six Disciples already there. Two weeks ago this young church organized a Y. P. S. C. E. with James Morgan, Pres., and Miss Maggie Dick, Cor. Sec.; her address is Chatham, Ont. Bro. Bulgin is quite hopeful regarding the church in Harwich.

Muskoka Matters.

BY W. M. CREWSON.

There have been four baptized in Brunel since last report. My visits to Macauley are kept up regularly and are profitable to me, and I trust also to the church there. We have looked for a few additions from among the young people there, but have been so far disappointed. May the Lord mercifully overlook their carelessness. The weather has been exceptionally fine during the autumn up to last week, when a change took place.

On the 23rd Nov., Thanksgiving day, the friends in Brunel, having prepared for a tea-meeting or social gathering, invited me to be present and to occupy the chair. We had a pleasant social evening, and for the number present, it was a success; but on account of the previous storm, bad roads, and other adverse circumstances, the burden of making it a success fell on a few, who heroically did their best.

We took advantage of the meeting to do some temperance work, in view of the plebiscite vote in January. Brunel, however, is a model township as to that question, having four post offices, seven or eight school houses; while two public halls, all the school houses and many private houses, as well as two or three churches, are used for public worship, and not a hotel in all the township.

Huntsville, Nov. 27th, 1893.

Co-operation Notes

CONTRIBUTIONS.

J. W. Kilgour..... \$ 5 00
A friend..... 10 00

NOVEMBER COLLECTION.

Church, Nassagawaga. . . \$13 52
" Guelph..... 21 00
" Selkirk..... 3 00
" Orangeville . . . 3 00
" Blenheim. . . . 4 00
" Galt..... 4 25
" Toronto (Cecil St.). 15 60
" Grand Valley..... 6 00
" Stayner 8 50
" West Lorne and Eagle 5 50
" Gainsboro..... 2 25
" Toronto Junction . 8 00
" Mimosa..... 10 41
" Erin Centre. . . . 28 00
" Erin Village.. . . 12 50
" Everton..... 41 73
" Georgetown..... 2 00
" Marsville..... 12 50
" Owen Sound 10 95
" Warton..... 2 00

The churches have responded more numerous and more promptly this fall than ever before in the knowledge of the writer, and the collections average very well, notwithstanding the dull times. That indicates a healthy interest in the Home Mission work.

The Co-operation deserves the hearty support of the Disciples of Christ in Ontario. It pursues its way without any bluster, and it has a well defined object before it,—the building up of churches of Christ according to the commission of the Lord Jesus.