

Bro. A. Scott made his first visit to Ephraim on Lord's day morning June 21st, the brethren will give him a welcome again at any time.

On Lord's day June 14th, three believers confessed their faith in Christ and were since baptized by Bro. Fowler, at Everton.

On Lord's day evening, June, 21st I commenced a meeting in St. Vincent, 9 miles north west of Meaford, at a place where Bro. H. T. Law and J. C. Whitlaw have been holding regular weekly meetings during the past eight months, this is a new field of labour, and we pray that much good will be done.

A. Scott.

During my short visit with the Aurora Church, I was very much pleased with Bro. Yule's work in the Sunday School. He takes much pains in training the children to sing, and with much success. The School is one of the finest in our Ont. brotherhood. Although the Aurora Church is small yet they are a zealous and earnest band of christian workers. "In due season they shall reap if they faint not." May the blessing of good rest upon them.

A. Scott.

Bro. H. Stog is holding a series of meetings in Walkerton, one believer has been added to the church, and the meeting continues, with prospects of more good.

We learn that Bro. A. Scott has resigned his position as an Evangelist for the Wellington co-operation—but will continue to devote part of his time to evangelizing. Any church wishing a "practical" meeting, will receive prompt reply by addressing A. Scott, Walkerton, P. O. Ont.

Subscriptions for the Worker are coming in very well, but the list can easily be increased if our readers will personally solicit subscribers, this will enable us to enlarge and improve the paper. Try for one month and let those in arrears pay up.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN CHRISTIANS.

Some of our religious writers are writing a great deal of fat upon this subject. Their writers differ very widely in their opinions as to what the scriptures teach upon that subject. Not so much for the benefit of these writers as for the benefit of those who have been reading their productions. I persuaded to place before the readers of the Worker the following thoughts for their consideration:

The followers of Christ are Scriptures, by the figure of a body, Col. 1, 18, "and he is the head of the body of the church." Christ is the head of the body of the church. This clearly establishes two facts, 1st that Christ is the head, and 2nd that the followers of Christ constitute the other various members of the body. We are now ready for the question. Is the body dead or alive? The head is alive. "Christ has arisen from the dead," and "he is the first fruit of them that slept," and "he is alive forever more." The head is alive. Is the body alive? That depends upon the Spirit being present in or absent from the body. That moment the Spirit is covered from the body, that moment the body dies. What Spirit whether present or absent properly belongs to said body? Eph. ii 20, 22, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophet, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone in whom each several building fifty feet together grow into a holy temple

in the land, in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God in the Spirit. This church, temple or body is an habitation of God in the Spirit. Again 2nd Cor. vi, 16, "and what concord hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that beloveth with an infidel and what agreement hath the Temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said I will dwell in them and walk in them and they shall be my people." Their last quotation informs us that God dwells in his people; the former one Eph. ii, 22, informs us how he indwells in his people; viz "in the Spirit." Spoken of as the Spirit of adoption, Rom. viii, 15, for ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we call Abba, Father. All who are brought into God's family are brought in by adoption and, consequently the spirit of adoption is in them. They have become children of God and God promises to dwell in them "in the spirit." These are only a few of a number of passages which clearly prove that God's spirit dwells in God's children. James says "the body without the spirit is dead." To say the church of Christ has not the indwelling spirit of God, is to say that the church of Christ, the temple, the body, is dead. "Some who profess to belong to the body of Christ are dead because the spirit of God does not dwell in them and they are responsible for the spirit's absence; but the body of Christ, the temple, the church, is alive for the spirit of God dwells in the body.

A. Scott.

THE JUNE MEETING, ERIN CENTRE.

On Wednesday June 3rd Bro. Forester of Pickering arrived, and in the afternoon we left the busy wharf and bustle of the city, and proceeded by G. T. Ry. to Guelph, to attend the annual meeting of the Ontario co-operation of the churches. We soon left the city and all its attractions far behind, our train passing quickly out among the beautiful country scenes of farm house, woodland, hill, valley, and the fields of green, all presenting a charming picture, the latter promising a bountiful harvest as the reward of the busy husbandmen. Reaching Guelph at 6.20 p.m. we were soon welcomed in the hospitable home of Elder Kilgour, where we met brethren C. Sinclair and J. Leland, Ridgeway G. Munro, Warton, T. L. Fowler, Everton, H. Brown of Collingwood, C. J. Lister of the general field, H. T. Law, Meaford, J. H. Mandy, P. Hope, and J. W. Kilgour of Guelph. Ourselves, Bro. Black, who attended the afternoon meeting, and was unable to remain longer, had returned home. After tea we repaired to the place of meeting, which began with devotional exercises led by the writer. Bro. Forester and others taking part, after which Bro. Leland preached an earnest discourse touching the Macedonian Cry, "come over and help us," followed by Bro. Lister, with an exhortation of great earnestness and power, dwelling upon the thought of so many going down to death without a knowledge of Christ, the church hearing the cry of help help and making little effort to respond to the agonizing call; surely responsibility cannot be escaped. Thursday was occupied with devotional exercises, business addresses, etc., the meeting closing with a sermon in the evening by Bro. Sinclair, followed by Bro. Mundy with an

exhortation. As Bro. H. T. Law will report this meeting, I pass to the Erin June meeting. On Friday afternoon, a carriage was procured and a company of brethren consisting of Elder Kilgour, J. W. Kilgour, C. Sinclair, J. Leland, G. Munro, H. Brown, H. T. Law, and the writer started for Erin Centre, enjoying a delightful ride by the Guelph road, through Erasmus and Erin. The country was indeed beautiful, nature was roused in her beautiful robes of green, every where the eye rested upon scenes of exquisite beauty, through the rolling country we went, at times passing over short stretches of cotton land by an excellent road through groves of spruce, balsam, sassafras and cedar, forming avenues excellent in beauty anything of the kind provided by art in any of our cities, again we found ourselves on the higher plains from which on every hand, hills and valleys, woods, fields and houses, were to be seen stretching far away. Our company was a happy one, the time was spent in pleasant conversation, discussion of scripture subjects, and sacred song. Early in the evening after a drive of 18 miles we reached the "stone meeting house," at Erin Centre, Bro. Leland closed his eyes to John 10th chapter, 1st verse, and secured us an "open door," not exactly like the one Paul found at Troas, we entered and awaited the return of Bro. Leland and J. W. Kilgour who went to "spy out the land," soon returning laden not with "spices of Eschol, but with the good things which so richly in that region, being thus refreshed we repaired for the meeting that evening. Soon the brethren and friends came in, and the meeting began. Bro. Sinclair preached on the subject of the "Straits Gate," showing that it is placed at the end of the christian journey, and that we should strive to enter in, Bro. S. was followed by others with a few words of earnest exhortation and the first meeting closed. On Saturday morning the brethren assembled from far and near, (Bro. Sheppard of Bowmanville coming also as "chief speaker" to hear the report of the last year's efforts in extending the Master's cause, and to consult together in brotherly love and the bond of peace, as to the work of the future. The meeting was opened and a short time spent in prayer, praise and exhortation; led by Bro. Leland and the hearts of all were situated for the business of the day, which began wisely by appointing Bro. Hugh Black to the chair, after which Bro. J. W. Kilgour the secretary read the report of the past year's work, which was very satisfactory, after being audited the report was adopted. Then followed some discussion concerning co-operative work, and a brief history by Elders Kilgour and Parkinson of what it has accomplished during the past forty years, showing that many shall rise up and call these brethren blessed, who have laboured in the exalted work of proclaiming the glorious light of the gospel of Christ, surely only good can follow the wise counsels of such as brethren Kilgour, Sheppard, Sinclair, Parkinson, Stewart, Leland, McMillan, Thompson, Fowler, Brown, Munro, Law, Lane, McArthur, Currie, and many others who are faithful soldiers of the cross. It was pleased to see among the silver-haired veterans in the Masters army, so many in the prime and vigor of manhood actively engaged in the work.

Next followed a vigorous and pointed address by Bro. Fowler of

Erin Centre, full to the brim with telling argument and scriptural proof, showing that the whole spirit of the community, and word of the apostles is missionary, that the churches "co-operating" in sending out men and sustaining them in the work, at this stage in this exercise the meeting adjourned for lunch, which was bountifully supplied by the church, after which the meeting resumed and a short time was spent in devotional exercises led by Bro. Barclay of Toronto, then followed an able address by Bro. Sheppard, subject "Personal Responsibility," which was listened to with attention and deep interest, it being full of practical thoughts and scripture teaching, showing the great responsibility resting upon all christians, to "hold forth the word of life," earnestly entreating them to strive for greater purity of life, and more personal effort in the future. Elder Kilgour came next, his subject was, "To what extent are Christians required to give for the support of the Gospel," like all Bro. Kilgour's speeches, this was full of earnestness and love, and abounded with arguments well supported by scripture proof. He dwelt at some length on the duty of christians to give for the support of Gospel work and the great hindrance which the luxury and indifferency of some threw in the way of evangelizing. At this point business was resumed and finished. It was resolved to make still greater efforts the coming year to build up and strengthen the churches, and spread the gospel. The cause in Muskoka, and Bro. Crewson's work in that region was taken up and considered, the brethren decided to aid this work, what they could. All the churches were urged to make a special collection at once for this work and sent to Bro. J. W. Kilgour, Guelph, who will forward same. Next was an earnest thoughtful address by Bro. Woolner of Cambridge, on "How can our plea be made more successful," he discovered these chief requirements, more zeal, more preachers and more money; with out these we cannot accomplish much. Bro. Leland of Ridgeway followed with a carefully prepared and pointed address on "Woman's work in the church," which was very interesting, and elicited much enthusiasm, one good brother calling urgently for its publication. Then Bro. Munro of Warton spoke on "How to make our work more permanent," this subject was presented with much force and directness dealing with the work of the past and present its comparative failure at some points—particularly the cities—and the cause of such results, showing the necessity of united systematic efforts in mission work, which we must increase year by year, and extend until we have live active churches throughout the Province. There is strength in union, and although some may do nothing themselves but oppose and abuse those who are doing, we must go faithfully forward and not disregard the command of the Saviour, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." Are we doing so? This closed the meeting for the afternoon. After tea we again assembled for evening services the devotional part of which was led by Bro. Brown of Warton. Bro. T. L. Fowler preached an interesting discourse on the "Goodness and severity of God," showing God's goodness to all who love and serve him, and His severity with those who reject Him, God's love for man required this. On Lord's day morning after an early shower the sun shone forth in all his splendour,

making the air fresh, clear and invigorating. As the hour of meeting drew on, the hosts began to assemble from all parts of the country, along every avenue of approach they came in conveyances and on foot, showing this to be no ordinary occasion. The house was soon packed to its utmost capacity, holding some five hundred and nearly as many outside, assembled as near the windows as possible. Opening exercises were conducted by Bro. Leland, Elder Kilgour, leading in prayer, after which that good old veteran of the cross, Bro. Menzies of Toronto, who endears himself to all hearts, was called upon and gave a short address, referring with much feeling, to the joy of assembling together with those who for over forty years had labored in the Masters vineyard, all hearts were soon filled with emotions of tenderness and joy. The occasion was grand, the golden sunshine, the balmy air, the spirit of devotion and sacred delight led to a gentle flow of tears of sympathetic love, and penitential sorrow, it was indeed a time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord. Bro. Sheppard followed with an excellent discourse on the "Love of Christ," the effort was grand, the theme was very touching and deeply interesting, holding the audience with marked attention for an hour; the subject being treated with much earnestness and tenderness. Christians were entreated to love God—the Saviour and his cause, and one another more and more, thereby preparing to dwell in his presence forever. After a recess of five minutes, followed the partaking of the Lord's supper presided over by Elder Kilgour, who spoke a few words appropriate, kind, and loving, some four or five hundred sat down at this heavenly feast. Truly it was good to be there; 'twas almost a "fulness of joy." Such dwelling together in unity and love I cannot describe, there are thoughts that are too deep for tears, and scenes and occurrences too sacred for description. That happy company will not assemble again until we "gather at the trumpet call." This meeting was followed by an intermission of an hour, during which the whole audience was treated to refreshments generously provided by the brethren. It was also the opportunity for a happy social reunion, making new friendships and renewing old ones all appeared exceedingly happy, it was to me an antepast of that assembly "where congregations never break up, and Sabbaths never end." In the afternoon Bro. Sinclair preached on "The sin against the Holy Spirit" an able and instructive sermon which was listened to by a large and interested audience. He dwelt on the scheme of redemption wrought out for man, the bringing of salvation to a lost world through Jesus, the Saviour, the atonement made, the commission to the apostles and the mission of the Holy Spirit, and showed that those who rejected Christ, and received not the testimony of the Spirit through the apostles were in unbelief, in which condition they could not be for given in this world or the world to come. At night after a short address by Bro. Law of Meaford, Bro. Munro preached, subject, "Paul at Athens," the discourse was full of interest and practical thoughts. Bro. Munro is a speaker of much force and earnestness. As a storm accompanied by vivid lightning was approaching, the audience became much disturbed and restless, many leaving to care for their teams out on the street, the meeting therefore concluded unsatis-

factorily. The writer was to have followed Bro. Munro, with a short discourse and exhortation and twice attempted to proceed, but was compelled to stop and the audience were led in song until quiet was somewhat restored, the discourse was omitted, and sometime spent during the storm endeavoring to direct attention again to the discourses of the brethren during the meeting and making an earnest appeal to those out of Christ, to accept the Gospel call, yield themselves in obedience to the Saviour and begin their "walk with God." Elder Kilgour followed with a few words of exhortation and dismissed the audience. No one responded to the invitations given as both speaker and audience were disturbed by the storm. After the storm was over the audience separated to meet on Monday morning to speak last words and take the parting hand so bringing to a close a very pleasant, happy meeting one which will ever dwell in the memories of those whose privilege it was to be present. Some whose names and presence were familiar in these meetings were absent, some being unable to attend, others are with us no more, they have ceased their labors and entered their rest. The arrangements and hospitality of the brethren were all that heart could desire. We shall never forget their unbounded kindness, may the Lord prosper all the efforts of these good brethren, encourage them in their work, keep them faithful unto death and bring them at last, when the journey is ended, "With songs on their lips, and harps in their hands, To meet one another again."

GEO. J. BAILEY.

MANITOBA MISSION.

We wrote sister Scott (formerly of Toronto) to know how and by whom funds were collected and paid out, towards preaching the Gospel in Manitoba in years past, and received the following reply.

USAR BROTHER WHITLAW.

To your first enquiry I reply by saying, that Brother C. Sinclair had charge of the funds. To your second, I will say, that I hope, and think, that "same work could be continued." Surely the missionary spirit is strong enough among our sisters in Canada to sustain one, or more missionaries. I believe the funds were collected by voluntary contributions and sent to Bro. Sinclair, and distributed by him, Bro. McDairmaid, Bro. James Kilgour and Bro. Leland. When Bro. Sheppard returned from Manitoba he said that some brethren whom he visited were very desirous of obtaining a preacher, and I think he said they would give two hundred dollars towards sustaining one.

I most sincerely hope you will succeed in your commendable design, and that I shall soon hear that our sisters in Ontario carry on a flourishing missionary work which will be a great source of happiness and a blessing to many. To aid in rescuing the perishing is surely a delightful work.

Yours truly,

S. H. SCOTT.

There is no happiness in anger, nor in spite, nor in grumbling, nor in revenging those who would be happy to purge all these from their minds and hearts.

As chemistry was brought into dispute by the extravagant notions of the alchemists; so is the religion of Christ brought into dispute by the extravagant notions and practices of many professors of that religion.