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## READ THIS OFFER.

We have some complaints about our space being taken up with advertisements, and that "we would like to have one paper exclusively devoted to religious reading." Now brethren, we want this as well as yourselves. We now kindly ask all who will pledge to pay two dollars, if it should be needed to make the paper pay expenses; to write us to that effect. Our present subscription list will not pay the running expenses of the paper for the year. We are doing all our work as Editor and publisher, free of charge. Not one cent is paid except for paper, printing, and postage. As soon as we hear from a sufficient number of the brethren pledging themselves to pay two dollars or their proportional part of two dollars, to make the paper come out even at the end of the year, we will settle with our advertisers, and give the paper in solid reading matter for the same price as heretofore. We have not as much room as we want now, but if the advertisements were out we would have four columns more to use.

I feel sure that if a united effort is made, the subscription list can be made to pay the entire expense. If it does, you will not be asked for any part of your two dollars pledged. Write to J. C. Whitelaw.  
EDITOR.

## OUR YOUNG SISTERS.

It may be thought strange that any advice should be given to the young sisters in the Church, but such is the purpose of this editorial. A grander sight cannot be imagined than that of a young lady coming out from the world and holding fast to the Redeemer; a sight that excites the admiration of all the good and pure of earth, and causes angels to rejoice. The soul is filled with holy rapture as the humble, confessing young lady descends into the liquid grave, and "rises to walk in newness of life." We need not disguise the fact, that the young sisters are the soul of the Church, or ought to be at least. Yet it is a source of regret to think how little attention is paid to cultivating Christian activity among this class. The question is, "What can we do?" A better question would be, "What can't you do?" Your pure lives ought to enable you to accomplish a great work for the Master. You must not think that because you are a woman that you are therefore free from responsibility. There are many things connected with Church work that cannot be done by any one so well as by the young sisters. The Sunday School furnishes a grand field for your development in usefulness. The boys ought to be gathered up and brought into the Sunday School, and there instructed "in the way of life and salvation." No one can do this so well as the young sisters. Your loving nature will not fail to impress the importance of the Christian religion on these young minds, if you will set about it in earnest. In this work you will not doubt find many perplexing obstacles in your way, but you can overcome them if you will. You will find it necessary to come on your knees before God often for help in this work, but it will do you as much good as it will your work. The young sisters may do much in smoothing down the rough places for the old. It does the old people good to know that they are remembered by the young. They will be glad to have you come and read for them, and will pay you a hundred fold in blessings on your devoted head. The remembrance of comforting one of the followers of Jesus "who has borne the burden in the heat of the day," is a source of delight to every lover of Jesus. The young sisters can organize themselves into a missionary society and use their nimble fingers in making shalable articles and creating a fund of their own, that will enable them to have the gospel preached in some destitute place, or supply the poor of the Church with religious reading, or clothing, and a hundred ways may your work be turned to the glory of God. You can cultivate your gift in singing, and sit together in the Lord's house and swell the notes of praise. You can wield a wonderful influence over the young men by kindly refusing to accompany them to questionable places of amusement. You can do much by speaking a "word for Jesus," when opportunity offers. I feel certain that your loving hearts are anxious to do something to show your love for the cause of Christ. Select from the suggestions that I have given, and go to work. Write us a letter and report your success. We will help you all we can.

## YOUNG MEN.

My dear young brothers, I want to call your attention to a question of great importance to the cause of Christ in this Province. It may astonish you when I tell you that there are only twelve men in all Ontario devoted to the work of the ministry among our people, yet this is the sad fact. Now, if this has a real cause, we ought to ferret it out and get rid of it. I am not sure of one young man amongst us preparing for the work of the Lord in this important field. Surely the work of the Christian ministry is honorable. I know from experience that it is a life of privation in some respects, but can you not get the consent of your mind to undergo some privation for the cause of Christ? You are strong now, and you ought to turn this strength to good account in the Lord's work.

I am quite anxious to open a correspondence with sincere young men who have an inclination in the direction of the Christian ministry. If you will take hold of the work in earnest and persevere, you will succeed, if you have a natural gift for public speaking. I would be glad to report at the end of this year, at least a dozen young men in training for the ministry. The old brethren will soon be gone "up higher." Who will take their place? There are several important things connected with the work of which I will not speak now, but wait until I can hear from the young men on the subject. Write me in all confidence that I will treat you as a brother in Christ.

## COLLINGWOOD.

Three months of incessant labor has been bestowed on Collingwood. From a small beginning we have steadily grown, until now we have twenty-two members—nine males and thirteen females. We think we can without boasting say that they are all true to the gospel of Christ—ask for nothing more, and will accept nothing less. The Church was organized Dec. 18, 1881, and since that time we have had services each Lord's Day. In our struggle to plant primitive Christianity here, we have met with determined opposition from the start. First, they circulated the report that we "denied the divinity of Christ;" second, that we teach "water salvation," and so on through the entire catalogue of misrepresentations usually dished up on such occasions. We have vigilantly followed up these false statements with a denial, until now the hull after the storm is quite apparent. They then tried to sneer us out of existence by

paying that we are too weak to do anything. We have groaned under these jeers, and sent up our cry to God for courage to press on. With one heart we met together and pledged ourselves that we would undertake to build a house in which to meet to worship. We have secured a lot 60 feet front and 110 feet deep, centrally located, for \$500. We are not able to do this ourselves, but we have faith in God and the brethren that we will not fail. We intend to build a plain house capable of seating about three hundred persons. I now appeal to our brethren whom God has blessed with abundance of this world's goods, to lend a helping hand. There is not a point in all Ontario of more importance to our cause than Collingwood. We now have several students here attending the Collegiate Institute who are members of the Church of Christ. There will be many here every year. These ought to have church privileges. I know, brethren, that you can see the importance of this suggestion without me enlarging upon it. This city is a great thoroughfare, having two railroads, and being the terminus of the Chicago and Duluth Steamer Line on the lakes. Besides this there are many here who are tired of the dry husks of speculative theology who are ready to embrace Christianity as soon as they hear it. People who are not educated up to our standpoint, see Christianity through a meeting-house sponser than any other way. Then we are paying rent for a hall: this money ought to be paid out on a permanent place of meeting. Aside from the reasons above, there are many reasons that are not necessary to mention, why we should have a meeting-house here. Our members here will pay the last cent they are able, but they will not be able to get through with the work. We want this to be the Lord's house—built by the Lord's people. No "grab bags" or fairs to extort money from the people will be used. If we can't build without trailing our banner in the dust and bringing shame on our cause, we will let the cause drop. We cannot do this without your help. Will not every one who reads this open his heart on this matter, and send a thank offering with free will for this work. The Church unanimously selected Sister Maria Frame for Treasurer to receive all monies sent and she will receipt it by post card.

Now, brethren, the case is before you. We must build now, or our labor and money already spent, will go for naught. Send all monies to Miss Maria Frame, Collingwood, Ont.  
EDITOR.

For goodness sake, Bro. Neal, don't enlarge any more. Your readers will hardly appreciate six yards of paper for 50c, and you are ruining the business. Bro. Neal has enlarged the Louisville Christian Worker again, and gone headlong into the Temperance cause "for life." Success to you.

## SELECTED.

"I adore the fulness of Scripture. I do not admit what thou bringest in of thine own without Scripture." Tertullian.—If all would act like this there would be no sectarianism or any division of the One Body.

Rev. Geo. Miln, pastor of Unity Church, Chicago, has resigned. He is the man who recently defended the theatres by asserting that he drew his best pulpit inspirations from the theatre. He will go to law. He can be spared.

A preacher has gone wrong in Meaford and is now going to Manitoba. Better be honest, and set thy heart right in the sight of thy God. Success will not attend him.

## EDITORIAL JOTTINGS.

All our exchanges come to us in better humor, it seems, than they were a few weeks ago.

We meet at Sister Frame's in Collingwood every Saturday night to practice singing.

I preached five times at Glenora during last month, to fair audiences. The mud came and we left—until a better time presents itself.

Bro. Rowe of the Review is just now wrestling with a "crank" by the name of Heermans. Bro. Rowe will use him up, it seems.

So many of our brethren have the Manitoba fever that we cannot tell what a day may bring forth. I think it is cooling off a little just now.

Since our last issue, the Standard reports 3500 additions. This is very encouraging. At this rate the Standard alone will report in twelve months 42,000 additions.

Since our last issue we have preached every Sunday in Collingwood. Our Sunday evening audiences are quite large, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Bro. Ellmore has taken up his pen again for the Review, he writes on "going on the train—through tickets and right roads, etc." Bro. E. is some on "Machines, Railroads, Shocking" etc., for illustrations.

We dismissed brethren Rowe and Allen from further discussion on "Where is the Church of Christ?" Since then we have heard no more of it. Neither whipped—nor is any one converted.

In a private letter to the editor, Bro. Lediard of Hillsburg, says: "Bro. McDiarmid is preaching to large audiences in Williamsville, N. Y." Also that Bro. Norton will soon visit Erin Centre in the interest of the India Mission. We would say that our papers from the States speak in high terms of Bro. Norton. He is certainly in a laudable work, and the WORKER wishes him abundant success.

AN INCIDENT.—I was in a house a short time ago where the parents had lately obeyed the gospel, and two little girls, Annie and Mary, were given a lunch before bedtime, consisting of cake, and bread and butter, which they placed on a chair, and the younger, Mary, not 4 years old, said to her sister, about 5 years of age, "Now Annie, you must pray as pa does." "Well," said Annie, "then you must keep still, as we do," and bending her head over the chair, she said, "Our Father which art in heaven, we thank thee for this good cake, and bread and butter; please give us some more when we want it, for Christ's sake. Amen." "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, thou hast perfected praise." Who will say that the simple expression of thanks coming from the lips of those little girls was not far more acceptable to God than much of the formal thanks-givings of professing Christians. W.

## OUR SAD COLUMN.

Bro. SHERMAN.—Please chronicle in your next issue the death of Sister Emily Vaughn, member of the Church at Jordan, after a short illness of three days of inflammation of the lungs. She fell asleep in Jesus Feb. 14th, leaving a husband and four children to mourn the loss of one that was near and dear to them, but not as others that have no hope—having gained many friends of the entire neighborhood the audience at her burial place gave ample proof. May the blessed ones all seek to meet her where parting will be no more. Age of the departed sister, 66 years.

Also the death of Bro. George Reece, who departed this life on the 10th Feb., after suffering two weeks of inflammation of the lungs. He fell sweetly asleep in Jesus in the 56 year of his age, having been a

member of the Church of Christ for 20 years, a portion of the time a Deacon of the Church at Jordan. Bro. Reece leaves behind him a wife and two children to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and affectionate father, and a score of other relatives. A vast multitude of friends came to witness the respect that was due to a noble man. Peace be to his ashes.  
THOS. M. RENNIE.

Mary Lavock died in Meaford Feb. 18th, aged 26 years. This is another case of one being cut down in the prime of life, we are unable to explain why this is so, but it gives great force to the statement of Jesus, when he said, "In such an hour as ye think not, the Master will come. Be ye also ready." Sister Lavock was baptized by Bro. O. G. Hertzog at Selkirk about 7 years ago. "She lived a Christian, and died in the faith." She leaves the companion of her youth to mourn his loss, and a babe who will never fully know the strength of a mother's love. Bro. Sterling officiated at the funeral on the 19th. "One by one we are passing over to the other side."  
EDITOR.

With sadness we announce the demise of Hattie Tolton, in the 26th year of her age. She peacefully "passed over to the other side," where heart-pangs are no more, at 8 o'clock, on Feb. 20th, at her mother's home in Owen Sound. Hattie—once so lively and happy, is no more. About a year ago she was stricken with disease, and gradually declined until the "grim monster's" footstep was heard, and the fatal day came. She confessed her Savior at the tender age of thirteen, and was buried with Christ in baptism by Bro. W. A. Stephens. She never "denied the faith." To say that she had no faults, would be to say that she was not human. No one could see her faults but herself. She was so different in this respect from those who can only see the faults of others. She was noble in life, and I suppose died without an enemy. She was a successful teacher in the schools for seven years. Her last days were peaceful, for she had a firm faith in God. The writer was perhaps as well acquainted with her during her last days, as any one outside of the family. I have watched her patience during her lingering illness with admiration. We confidently believe that she is now in the "Paradise of God." This is our sweetest comfort in this hour of sorrow. Her dear father preceded her to the goodly land. Another link is now added to the golden chain that binds those who are lingering here to the home above. Brother Stephens who buried her in baptism officiated at the funeral. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the widowed mother and sisters and brothers.  
EDITOR.

Judson Williams, aged 27 years, "passed away" at his father's home in Meaford, March 6th, and was buried March 8th, 1882. Brother Williams was much afflicted in his life, but he was above suspicion as a Christian. All who knew him said he was an upright young man. He was immersed by Bro. B. Franklin about seven years ago. The writer officiated at the funeral. The relatives have much to comfort them in the life of him for whom they mourn.  
EDITOR.

I have just received a private letter from Bro. J. C. Holloway of Washington, Indiana, in which he says, "You remember old Sister Phillips of this Church. Well, she did a large washing yesterday, was in good health, but in the afternoon told her daughter that she was going to die soon, and told her what to say to the absent children, and at night died without a struggle." Yes, my dear brother, I remember that dear sister in Christ. I have worn a pair of gold sleeve buttons, a present from her, ever since our blessed meeting at Washington in May, 1880. I recollect very well that she told me that she was baptized by Walter Scott in 1832, at Carlisle, Ohio. I hereby extend my deepest sympathy to the family, and to the Church at Washington.  
EDITOR.