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Just as we go to press the Rockport Sentinel comes, contaming the obituary of a "mother in Israel," old Sister Stepnonson at the advanced age of 70 years. Thus one by one we are gathering home. We send our sympathy to the sorrowing

Word has just reached us from our betoved Bro. F. G. Allen, editor of the Old Path Guide, that he is prestrated with "typho cattarrhal fever." He says "all is lost that I had guned in coming to Florida." He was brought home on the 4ch inst. This is sad news.

ADDRESS CHANGED,-Bro J : epli Ash's address is changed 'r. . : Lyons to Rodney, Ont., codents will please note. Bry, A. says on a catd, that there is a good church at Rodney, and that Hro. Win. Campbell preaches ture one half of his time. He also easy that Bro. H. A Mucdonald was at Rodney recently, on a vocation from Port Hope. He is not well. We are glad to h ir from Bio. Ash, and that he has ut last found a pleasant place to settle down. We hope his highest anticipations may be realized

OUR JUNE MEETING.

We are making preparations for an "old time June meeting," and are assured of the presence of many brethren from a distance. A goodly number of our old pioneer preachers will be with us. are not sure but that it would be a good time to devise ways and means to earry the gospel to the There has been much talk about it, and now it seems the time has come to make a more it some practical way. However, we have promised not to urgo this matter any more. But come and enjoy a glorious meeting with me. Agrand convocation to the Lord will revise our drooping spirits.

PUZZLE

We have received a postal from a brother, who is a warm friend a ldressed "H. R. Sherman, V. D. M." We do not know what he means by the V. D. M. We have been called Elder.—Rev.— Mr. etc., but we do not know whether he is angry and means "very Dun much" or "very drunk man," or "Vindicator of the Divine Message," or "very dark We have submitted the D. V. M., toull the learned mer on the streets, and they shake their heads in a suspicious way and pass on. I am afraid it mosas something very bal. If I could interview " No I," and find out whether it means "I will

2nd Lordsday in June. It is im- on the "Canada de to remain more than one week, including the Lordeday, on

Bro. W. M Gard's time for which he was engaged expired on the 10th of this month, when he kit for his former home in indiana. His work during the year stance that great success could not be looked for, but eternity alone will tell the amount of good that on Manitoulin Island, and at has been done during the year by Wainefeet on the Poninsula beour brother. We feel sure that he will carry back with him the good wishes of all who have form. ed his acquaintance.

Bro. H. A Macdonald is work. ing away with might and main in order. Then when the winter is Port Hope and his labors are bring blessed as the following earl will show: "Bro Macdonald has been preaching sound doctring to full houses and the truth is having its effect, two more made the food confession at our priyer a ting. Our prayer meetings are good, attended by about 30 persons. We have organized a Sunday School and the work must 20 014

J. II. Mundy.

Bro M R. Hammond has deided to enter completely into the Master's work as a preacher. He is a good man and a close student. besides he is a fair speaker, and we expect to hear a good report from into in his new work. He has made an engagement to labor one half of his time in Colling wood and the other half at Glen, calm. The brothren at these places speaks for terms of praise of the man and his work. In this we rejoice, because we need many more laborers in this field. We hope the churches in Ontario will give especial attention to his ap. peal for Collingwood.

SPRING TIME

The long, severe winter is over at last, and springtime is smiling on us satyrically, as much as to say, "don't you rather like my aunshine, after nearly six months of perpetual snow I' At this writing (May Gth) great fields of ice are cruis ng about on the Georgian Bay, furnishing a breathlike midwinter, warning us all to protect our throats if we would avoid diptheria. Piles of snow still clings to the north side of the mountains, and are sending down the mountain sides, ice cold streams. I know this will read likefiction to many of our southern scaders, but its truth is not questioned here Considerable spring wheat has been sown, but this is late in the season for sowing. The fall wheat looks sickly at present, but a few growing days may change its appearance to a great extent. There is very little fall wheat sown in this section, as it is regarded as very uncertain. The reports from sections do not make a flattering outlank for the wheat yield the coming harvest. The fruit in the northern countrier is said to have escaped with its life, and the pros-pect is from fair to good. The reports from other quarters, are for the most- part cheerful as to

Northern Pacific' the long trains of co account of our inceting at Merford pudning into the fron tier to occu which begins on the 17th of June py the broad acres to a care free! offered to all who we cupy them. What a stimulator is spring. It thaws everything out into a new life. The summer campaign of the church should be as vigorous as are the Various branches of Lusiness. Already ne hear of preparations for a grand meeting at Gore buy tween Lake three and Lake the tario. A good meeting is arraut the sense of hearing. The repedied for to begun it Meaford on the 17th of next month. Prong. for his speaks of his "brethren in the first production has not bettern in -for seed soming, and sunmer-for cultivating, is natures upon us we have n "store laid by

against the time to come." Wo are in the springlime of our church work. Up! You is just men of God and sow breadast the word of truth. Die about the growing grain, that yo may have the largest possible yield of precions fre it for for the coming winter "when no man can work." "Go to the Ant thou sluggard and learn wiedom This applies alike in nature and ia grace.

Let us improve the days for they are swiftly passing by, when passed, they cannot be recalled again.

RICH MAN IN HELL We have a few observations to make on the Rich man in Hell,

which will furnish food for re flection. There are three interpretations to this scripture, and one Infidel statement. 1st. It is interpreted by some as a historical fact. 2nd: By others, that it is figure of speech or an illus-tration. 3rd. The infidel state-ment is that it is a fable borrow. ed from heathen Mythology. Of course we reject the latter with scorn, and are often shocked to acom, and are often shocked to hear a professed Believer in the Bit e flippantly talk of this as being a heathen fable! Such a char e against the Saviour, is blasp.cmy, and such statements against the Bible are calculated to create distrust in its authenticity. If one I eathen fable has crept in here, may not many others have crept in elsowhere I and is it not an easy way to get rid of those portions of holy writ which conflict with our preconcewed opin ions, to cry out Heathen Mytho logy 1 A Figure of Speech is often spoken of as though it was a re-cital of some historical fact, e. 3, "behold a sower went forth to " Like unto a housholde who went into a far country," etc. Therefore we conclude that this is a figure of speech. A figure must have a corresponding fact which is always greater than the figure used to represent it. The figure then is, " the rich man died and in Hell he lifted up his eyes being tormented in this flame," he called for Lazarus to bring " water to cool his tongue." This being denied he remembers his five brethren, whom he desires to warned of this awful place. This it a strong figure used to represent a fearful fact. His case is hopeless as indicated by "the great gulf." This is interpreted by the Universalists to represent Jews

secing) tormente ! (co recions a -use of feeling.) Cool my ton it. (sense of thirst.) "I have dividently "recollection" "They would hear if one came from the dad" (thought.) Latthem hear M set and the Prophets," (undersmalle t) He talked to Abra-ham, and answered lack, hency he had the ability to talk and youder world," he is not dele about this for Abraham tells him "let them hear Moses and the Prophets." If this does not this does not teach thu conscious existence of the senses of man after death and before the resurcection then it has no meaning. To this agrees the teaching of Jesus, "fear not man that can kill the body but cannot kill 'he soul." It may be replied that this latter quotation is heath en mytholog too, but I pity the theory that must cast such re-flections on the I ible in order to show the semblance of reason.

ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.

Pant, in the first verse of the 12th chapter of Romans entreats the church, in this Christ like manner, "I beseech you brethren into the sundame of Gol's love, by the mercies of (iod, that ye The best fruit on a tree is always present your bodies a living eacri- on the uppermost limbs, because ice, holy and acceptable to God mee, noty and acceptante to test which is your reasonable service." This tanguage implies a great deal that furnishes food for reflection.

1st, "I obsect you"—not, "I command you." This indicates that our soulies for the beautiful to the form.

that our service is to be from higher motive than the simple fact that we are commanded to worship do not see how we can worship God acceptably simply because we are cemmanded to-but our wor-ship should be upon the elevated plane of privilege. We do cor-tainly esteem it a great privilege to serve the great God:

2nd, We have the grandest incentives to worship God whether he has commanded it or not-. "By the mercies of God." When we remember his mercies, how he loved us, and manufested his love by sending his Son, and pardoned us through him, when we only merited his condemnation, it should call upon all that is within us to praise and magnify his name from a sense of gratitude. The offensive of sine, it shows a deprayed nature that is at once hor rid in the sight of God and right thinking men. "Present your bodies." This implies that we are to have religious hands, feet and heads-in short, we are to bring all our powers into requisition to render the service that is due to our merciful God. When all our powers -- spiritual, mental and physical, are fully enlisted in his physical, no fully entisted in his service—even then we are render-ing a poor return for his mercies extended in the past. We hear so much preaching about the salvation of the soul that we are liable to forget that we have bodies as well. We as members com note "the body of Christ." This

work of the headership work of the state, simulation with verse. Before of R. Mostatt, is doing perhaps what let God be true." That he we can it der a service to God more substantial work than any died is clearly stated. In Hell that will be acceptable to him we other State. The new meeting he lifted up his eyes (Sense of count love scale). in pecrisy. A grand preparation to begin with, truly Where to begin with, truly Where pure love exists there pure friend ship reigns, and all backbiting and evil speaking are strangers. ne ever spoke evil of him or her that he loved. This pure love for each other makes us any like David let us go up to the house of the Lord.' No little excuses will keep us from the assembly of those that we love. When he whom we love rises to speak or pray, we rejoice in our heart, and respond amen to every prayer. No adverse criticisms will be heard, but "charity (love) covers the multitude of sins. when the body is thus pre, and, is acceptable to Gal, and very profitable to us. Wo do not know the joya that we miss by not cultivating more love. My brother— theto are heights of christian enjoyment that we have never scaled yet. God has given us abundant means to enable us to raise up above the fog; will we use the means? I recently heard an old sea captain say that he had often, when sailing in the fog. urvey the coast in the sunshine. Let us climb up the nist and get into the sundanc of God's love. the sunshine is more invigenting. We can lear christian fruit if we live low in spirit, but it is poor knotty fruit. If we would rejoice knotty fruit. If we would rejoice in hope and "be patient in tribu-lation" we must "present our bodies a living sacrifice, boly and acceptable to God which is our reasonable service."

We scarcely need a word of ad mountion on the order of worship. but we need to cultivate mor spirituality.

CHURCH-MOVEMENTS.

In looking over our exchanges e see that the church is "putting on her beautiful garments" in many-fields. The armies of the Lord are marshaling their forces for a grand conflict, and the fight ins already opened in good earnest nas unready opened in good earnest along the front. The churches five in number, in Louisville, Ky. have on number, in Louisvine, by, have engaged in solid and united protracted work and have captured ever two hundred for King Jesus. The churches in Philadelphia, Pa. four in number, are making rapid and immense strides towards suc cess. After a hard fought battle the banner of Christ has been unfurled in the city of Harrisburge the capitol of Pennsylvania and the cause has come there to stay. A \$33,000 house was recently open-ed by the Disciples in Denver, Colorado. Arkansos is "calling to arms" the forces of that State Arkansos is "calling and already the work has opened out as never before. Kansas is fully armed and equipped and are pushing into the enem,'s camp, gaining grand victories. Texas has recently wheeled into line and a storm of shot from the may of Jesus is putting the enemy in

itie and a application of the figure to the of Christ of which we are mem.

Res., and fact. I know this will be a little bers. 2nd, The period first, perhaps, in Sunday school red wagons had on the the cy which teaches flist, "Let love be without districted work. Ohlo, under the leadership that did ath mean a unconsciousness, simulation." With verse. Before of R. Moffatt, is doing perhaps first, perhaps, in Sunday school work. Ohio, under the leadership be completed this season, and it will be out of flebt. New York with about twenty-five preachers am making forward moves towards more permanent success. Their annual meeting will be held in the city of Buffalo in June. Kentucky, oned the leading State among us, for members and ablo among us, for members and unio preachers, is still doing nobly, Bro. Munnell is the State evangelist, and they have more county and district evangelists than any other State. As we set in our sauctur, and look over the field, we long to be to the front, and wonder why there is not a general move made in this fair land to win men to Christ. From far off Oregon corner the word that they are now ready for a forward move. In twenty different places they have employed the best evangelists that can be secured, or are ooking for one, and are willing to furnish food and rain ent to any true man of God who is competent and valiant in fight. the best workers will be employed in other fields, then alas, for the field that is "slothful in business," standing idly by and letting one golden oportunity after another pass until it is "too late." Open your eyes, my dear brother, and behold the whitening harvest. Shall we thrust in the sickle, or must we lament when "the hatsest is past and the summer is anded f

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SIX HUNDRED VICIMS OF WHISKY.

The Corwin landed on St. Lawrenco Island, having orders to inrestigate the wholsale starvation of the natives. At the first village at which they landed all were dead; so also at the second, where fifty-four dead bodies were counted, nearly all full-grown males. At another place 150 personsmen. women and children-were dead. At the next settlement twelve dead balles and at the following thirty were found. All the inhabitants on the north side I the Island, where whisky-tradblow you up with Dynamite," or not, then I would feel easier. The writer says in his earl, "Lam The writer says in his earl, "Lam The writer says in his earl, "Lam The kerything seems to be adit. The writer says in his earl, "Lam The kerything seems to be adit. The lake Steamers are already ploughing these northerness, and the sailors are predicting a predicting and feel predicting a predicting a predicting a predicting a predicting and feel predicting and feel predicting a predicting and feel grain. This interpreted by the great dealing deadly blows to infidelity to body, of which we are members, the deal in the fruit prespects.

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