

**PERSONALS**

We were well pleased to meet Bro. A. Anderson and wife at Owen Sound on their way to Warton, where they expect to rusticate and preach some during the "heated term." Bro. A. is looking well, and while his hair is as white as wool his ruddy face does not indicate over fifty years of age. He is one of the pioneer workers in Canada who has been associated with the work in the Province from the beginning. It would be a hard matter to get into a congregation where the name of Bro. Anderson was not familiar. We hope he may have a fine time, do much good, and come to Collingwood on the 27th of August.

Mrs. Sherman was with us at Owen Sound for about ten days during our meeting. She thinks that Owen Sound, for natural scenery, is hard to surpass. We visited Ingels' Falls, which is a young Niagara; also the cliffs and caves west from Town. This coupled with the excellent sailing made the trip very enjoyable. Masters Errett and Garfield were also along.

W. A. Stephens, who is the Bishop of the Owen Sound congregation, is worthy of honorable mention for his devotion to the cause at this place. Through summer's heat and winter's cold he is in his place in the Lord's house. He is of "good report without" as well as within. It will be a sad day for the cause of Christ when Bro. Stephens is called "up higher."

A postal card from Bro. O. G. Hertzog reports four baptisms at Garafra recently. Bro. H. has a mission on his hands at Hamburg, N. Y., where the prospect is good for a successful work.

Bro. H. McDiarmid will be with us on the 27th of August, at Collingwood, and will be one of the principal speakers. He, no doubt, will be glad to see all his old friends there at the opening of our new meeting house. Come, brethren and sisters, let us have a grand rally on that day.

Bro. Gard reports that Stayner congregation is coming en masse to the opening of our new meeting-house at Collingwood on the 27th. This is right. Let all do the same that can.

Bro. O. C. Pomeroy, in a letter remitting money for our Collingwood mission says, that some of them will be up to the opening. We expect a goodly number from Toronto on that day.

Bro. Sterling has spent about three weeks recently at Warton, preaching and laboring among the members.

We cannot always tell the good that we are accomplishing. Bro. Stirling's labor at Walter's Falls, nearly two years ago, is now yielding fruit. He will read the letter written by Sister M. with much interest, and his heart will be much encouraged to press on. One sows the seed, another reaps the harvest. Both sowers and reapers are needed, so let one not boast over another. The reaper generally gets all the credit but this is not right.

**COLLINGWOOD.**

We want to call the attention of our readers to the Collingwood work once more, before we assemble to formally open our new house on the 27th of this month. We have had a hard pull at Collingwood to establish our work. The congregation is still weak and will need much help for some time to come. We hope the brethren will remember Collingwood when they feel like assisting the cause of our Master. When we entered the work for the Georgian Bay co-operation, it was clearly understood that the work at Collingwood should be the specialty of the year's labor. We entered upon the work full of faith that it would succeed; our hope has been large all the time, and is still great. When

we undertook to build a house in which we could meet for worship, it was a work of faith. We know very well that the little band at Collingwood could not pay for the structure, but we had great faith in God and the brethren that we would not fail. We have lost much sleep over it, and prayed that God would bless our work, and with this as the central idea have gone to the brethren and made our contribution known. The result has been that the brethren in many places have responded nobly to our call, and something that cheers us is that they seemed to do it so cheerfully. The Lord will bless you all for what you have done for His "lovely cheerful giver."

Brothers, the work is a success thus far, but we are not through yet. We need more money, and believe it will come. The charge has been made that our people are inclined to be penurious. The work at Collingwood has practically given this charge the black mark. There has been raised for this work, first and last for labor and building, more than \$1,500. This is not a bad showing by any means, and it has been done in a quiet way, and we can hold up our heads and say, that we have not resorted to any of the disputable ways of raising money so often resorted to by religious societies. No grab-bags, church fairs, nor religious raffles have been engaged in, nor shall there be while we are in connection with the work.

We now have a good house that those who have contributed will be proud of. The house will comfortably seat 275 persons. In size it is 34x50 feet main building, and 8 foot projection or "lean to" at the rear forming pulpit and two dressing rooms, with baptistry under the pulpit, making the house virtually 58 feet long. The ceiling is 13 feet high. Window are plain gothic 3 on each side, two in front. Seats are of plain neat make, placed in semi-circle position.

We expect a large representation of our people to be present at the opening on the 27th of this month. Brethren we want you to come prepared to make an offering to the Lord on that day.

Now brethren this is all for this time. We hope for your prayers for our success, and your help in other ways that will help this child to walk and then run.

Of course you will excuse us for devoting so much space to Collingwood when you know that it is the burden of our heart.

The Meaford S. School had an excursion to Stayner, on the 11th. About one hundred went, they met the Stayner school in the grove and had a pleasant time all around. We were sorry that it was impossible for us to be along.

**GREEN BAY, MANITOULIN.**

We have learned through private sources that the brethren at Green Bay will soon have their new house ready to occupy. The brethren at Kileyth have sent us their relief; this is right, and they need more help. Don't forget the cause at Green Bay. Send all money to Bro. Billington, Green Bay. We had hoped to see the saints on the island this summer; but it now seems almost impossible.

Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more saucy.

Idleness hands more souls over into the clutches of Satan than any other vice.

A little five-year-old, hearing his father say that a certain man was unable to "keep the wolf from his door," wanted to know why the man didn't shoot it.

We are sowing seeds of truth or error every day we live, to take root in somebody's life.

Half the failures in life may be attributed to the want of faith, patience and perseverance.

Many a sweetly-formed mouth has been disfigured and made hideous by the fiery tongue within it.

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