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## MISSIONARY WORK.

In Canada the missionary spirit has not been fostered as it has been in the United States, and consequently our common cause has not progressed nearly so rapidly here as there. In Canada our membership will not exceed 15,000 while in the States it is estimated at seven hundred thousand. This disparity cannot be accounted for on the ground of inequality of the population of the respective countries, for assuming the above figures to be correct ours out of every 30 of the population of the U. S. is a Disciple, and only one out of every 335 of Canada's population is such. The above figures are suggestive and should cause every Disciple of Christ to ask himself: "What am I doing towards advancing the Master's cause? If the Saviour of the world should descend and demand an account of our stewardships, would not a great many talents, (intellect, opportunities, wealth, &c.) be found buried or hid away? Is it enough to know or believe that, individually, "we have obeyed from the heart, that form of doctrine" about which the apostle speaks and have but little if any interest in the salvation of our friends and neighbors, about us? Our Saviour willed that the gospel be preached to every creature. Are there not villages, towns and even cities in Canada in which our plea has never been presented? Shall this state of affairs continue? Who is willing to assume the responsibility of its continuance? Ponder over these questions dear reader and resolve to do your share in promoting and disseminating the grandest principle, the most elevating truth, and participate in the enjoyments which flow from such a course. "God loveth a cheerful giver." "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Thus it is written, and are we going to displease God by giving but little, and that grudgingly or are we going to deprive ourselves of the blessings which accompany the act of giving unto the Lord? Till recently the opportunity for giving to home missionary work was not so great as now, owing to the absence of a Provincial or Dominion Missionary Society, but when the Ontario Co-operation was organized at Acton on June 12th, 1883, it was thought that a want long felt (by many of our brethren) had been supplied, and a true missionary spirit would permeate the brotherhood in Ontario at least. In some respects the expectations of the promoters of this Co-operation have been more than realized. Much good has been accomplished through the instrumentality of its missionaries or evangelists, over 150 have been added to the congregations visited by them during the last two years. And now after a short suspension of active operations in the way of evangelistic work we are able to inform our readers that an evangelist has been employed and before another WORKER visits you he will be in the field "scattering seeds of kindness," telling "the old, old story," and pointing

sinners to "the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."  
Bro. C. W. Martz, of Indianapolis, Ind., has consented to "come over and help us" and will commence operations on the second Lord's day in November, at some point in the Western part of Ontario, not far from Ridgeway where Bro. Ledlard is preaching. Bro. Martz comes well recommended and about him—the President of Butler University has this to say.

Oct. 4th, 1885.  
To the Board of Managers of the Ontario Missionary Co-operation:  
DEAR BROTHERS:—As our dear brother, C. W. Martz, is considering the propriety of an evangelistic work under your supervision and direction. We take great pleasure in bearing testimony to his irreproachable Christian character and to his prudence, wisdom, and efficiency as a preacher of the gospel of Christ.

While regretting to lose him to the work in our State, we cordially commend him as worthy your fullest confidence.  
D. R. VAN BUSKING,  
3rd Christian Church,  
Indianapolis, Ind!

Bro. John W. Bramwell, Secretary of the Ontario Missionary Society says, "I concur in the foregoing."  
Bro. Martz has paid several visits to Canada and is well-known to many of the brethren in the Niagara peninsula. We bespeak for him a kind and hearty reception into the homes and congregations of our Canadian brethren, and we pray that heaven's richest blessings may crown his labors among us. H.T.L.

## RECEIPTS.

During and since the annual meeting of the Ontario Co-operation, the following amounts have been paid into the treasury:

Pickering congreg'n,	\$ 3.00
Acton "	12.10
Collingwood "	4.00
West End Mission,	14.00
Euphrasia congreg'n,	2.50
Aurora,	10.00
Ridgeway & Blenheim,	20.00
INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.	
W. C. Boyd,	\$ 5.00
T. W. Klinck,	5.00
Perceval Baker,	1.0
Mrs. S. H. Scott,	30.00
Law & Whitelaw,	10.00
	\$122.60

There are several congregations against which unpaid pledges appear on the Treasurer's book. Will not some good brother or sister undertake the collection of such pledges at once? If the amounts thereof are in the treasurer's hands the Co-operation would be in a good position financially.  
H. T. LAW,  
Sec.-Treas.

## EXPLANATION.

Just before going to press in September a letter was received signed by Bro. James Black and others, in which they expressed their disapproval of some remarks made by Bro. Scott in the July number and in an article on "Home Talent," in the August number and also attached some blame to us for publishing such articles.

Bro. Black has since recalled the communication, with the best and kindest motives, and a sincere desire for the best interests of his cause, he and Bro. Scott have expressed their approval of a suggestion that the matter be not further discussed, excepting a few lines by the writer. The objections raised were:

1st. That Bro. Scott spoke of the WORKER as being the best paper we have had in Ontario and should therefore be supported. This it was urged was an uncalled for comparison.  
2nd. The reference to some

elder as being tediously long in his sermons and speeches was very wrong. That the elder whom they supposed was meant, was a very excellent brother, and one who was highly respected by all.

Now in reading Bro. Scott's letter over when it came to hand, we did not see that the plety, honesty, or zeal of any elder was called in question, but simply that an argument was made against long and tedious sermons, and as no name was mentioned no one should apply it to himself unless his discourses are long as stated, and as to the WORKER, all should be free to enjoy an opinion; nothing was said about any paper being unworthy, it was not bad, worse, and worst; but good, better, and the WORKER best.

We believe however, that Bro. Scott made a mistake in making a personal illustration so plainly, that some could decide that a certain Bro. was meant. Especially was this indiscreet where some allusion already existed and where even the smallest matter would be keenly felt. We may learn from this that we should so speak and so write that no personal thrust will be made, and particularly where any former unkindness has existed. We should also hear and read with that charity and forbearance that will think no evil, and that will not impugn the motives of anyone beyond what the words clearly indicate. We cannot refrain from thanking Bro. Black for his kindly words of advice and encouragement in his private letters, and we shall endeavor to profit by them. He manifests an earnest desire that all should endeavor to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" and be found doing those things that make for peace and things whereby one may edify another. J.C.W.

## BRADEN VS. WATTS.

Several papers in Waynesburg, Pa., in commenting on the Braden and Watts debate, speak very highly of the manner in which Bro. Braden conducted his part of the discussion, of the strong, irresistible, and overwhelming arguments advanced by him, and of his powerful and effective refutation of the arguments advanced by Watts. Bro. Braden knows how to meet all their delusive and beguiling ways and can shew an audience that the charges made by Watts and his friends against the Bible, are untrue and prepared by them in a manner calculated to deceive the people.

We had the pleasure of attending a course of Bro. B's lectures some years ago, and can therefore speak from personal experience. If he should visit Canada again this year, which is not at all unlikely, the brethren should make arrangements in their various localities to secure a course of lectures; and we feel confident that all lovers of truth will be benefitted, and at the same time remember that Bro. Braden has to pay railway fare and support his family, therefore some provision should be made for finances. At Meaford a fee of 10 cents was charged at the door which all were willing to pay, and the sum thus realized was quite sufficient to remunerate the lecturer and some to spare. We would approve of this plan as it is not burdensome to any and is within the reach of all. If all who would desire such a course of lectures would write us on the subject we would confer with Bro. B. and see if he could come. J.C.W.

We have not heard from either Brother Ledlard, Finch, Lister, or Munro in time for this month's issue. What's the matter brethren.

## NEWS ITEMS.

Bro. Ledlard is now in Stratford preaching for a few weeks.

See the report of Bro Braden's debate copied from Waynesburg papers.

Bro Finch will probably make a trip to Bracebridge, and Bro Stirling will return again if he can get away.

Look for the report of Bro. Stirling's meeting at Bracebridge. It is as short as a telegram and you may miss it unless you look carefully.

Bro. D. Stirling was with the church at Warton, Lord's day, 11th inst, morning and evening and also held meeting on Monday evening, when one made the good confession and was baptized by him.

We have received from Bro. Sherman a poster advertising the opening of the new house at Beamsville for 18th inst. We would like to be present to meet with the brethren and hear Bro. L. L. Carpenter.

We learn with sorrow of the death of Bro. Sanderson, of Plum church, Detroit. Many have spoken very highly of him as an earnest and devout brother and a great worker in the church. He now rests from his labors to enjoy that rest which remains for the people of God. Bro Harding went from Stratford to attend his funeral.

Jordan, Oct 13.

The writer just closed a series of meetings at Jordan, resulting in eleven additions by confession and baptism.

R. AINSWORTH.

BRACEBRIDGE MEETING. — I preached in and near Bracebridge for four weeks, commencing Aug. 30th, and closing 22nd Sept., with fifteen additions. Baptized eight, and seven immersed from the Methodist united with us. Found six disciples there.

D. Stirling.

Meaford, Oct 15, '85.

The last Lord's day in Sept., closed my first year in Beamsville and the church by unanimous vote, extended to me a call to give all of my time to this congregation for another year. I have baptized 43 during the year. There has been raised by this church and other places where I have labored about \$3000.00 for all purposes. Our work is on a solid foundation, and we hope to build in many spiritual stones in our building during the coming year. United and happy we enter upon our second year full of hope.

H. H. Sherman.

Stratford, Oct. 8th.

Dear Bros.—Bro. Harding left us on Thursday, Sept 24, to go home to Kentucky. During his stay among us we had the largest meetings we have had since the commencement of the work. I would consider that perhaps more than three times as many strangers attended than at any previous meeting, although we had less apparent success. On every hand evidences of a beneficial influence from the meeting are visible, and I think that seed was sown which in the near future will produce fruit to the honor of our Lord Jesus. God grant that it may be so. We expect Bro Ledlard to come to-morrow with the intention of spending a week or ten days among us for the edification of the church. Yours in

the hope of Israel.  
EDGAR MACKLIN.

MEETING AT WARTON.—Our good brother Scott of Walkerton held a meeting at this point, commencing Sept. 20th, and continued till Oct. 6th, including three Lord's days. The meetings were fairly attended, and those who came night after night appeared to be deeply interested in the various themes presented for their consideration. No doubt many were "almost persuaded," and we trust they will give the most earnest heed to the things which they heard. I still look for good result from the teaching Bro. Scott gave the people here. The gospel of Christ has not lost its power and the effects of our brother's earnest appeal to the dying sinner cannot fall powerless to the ground, but must be like bread cast upon the waters, seen after many days. One who for many years had worshipped with the Methodists, an excellent man and head of an interesting and intelligent family, came forward and was "buried with Christ in Baptism"—learning the way of the Lord more perfectly, he arose to walk in a new life. Another who had been out in the cold world for many years took her place among the people of God. The meeting closed without any visible manifestations of opposition from our religious neighbors. Brother Scott does not preach at the people though he does not shun to declare the whole counsel of God.

H. Brown.

Warton, Oct 7th.

Bros. Law & Whitelaw:

Our opening services in Bidou were very well attended. Had four meetings during the day and evening. Bro. Munro was with me, each one preaching twice. At the close of the afternoon meeting five precious souls came forward and confessed their faith in Jesus the Christ, four of whom were baptized the same hour. Meetings are still going on, but owing to wet weather are not very well attended. Bro. Munro takes well here.

Yours, etc.,

W. M. CREWSON.

Bayville, Oct. 14:

Bros. Law & Whitelaw:

As Bro Munro has so lately reported the state of the cause on the Manitoulin Island I need not say much. I found that the brethren were generally well pleased with Bro M's visit, and had been benefited by it. I labored on Lord's days, and had the satisfaction of knowing, before I left, that those who had for some time stood aloof from the church at Gore Bay had made up their mind to take their places in the church, where I hope they will continue to work as children of the light. The brethren meeting at Gore Bay, and Ice Lake are now meeting at both places on Lord's day, so that those who cannot go from one place to the other may not be deprived of remembering the Lord's death in the breaking of bread. This is as it should be, and I commend them for it. I arranged my business quite satisfactorily for the present time and had a good visit with some of the brethren, though I was so busy that I could do but little for the Master.

Your brother in Christ,

W. M. CREWSON.

P.S.—I heard of Brother C. J. Lister at Little Current. He was laboring at Shequindah, where a few Disciples are located.

Bro Munro is now with Bro Crewson, near Bayville preaching.

In Nov. WORKER Bro. Scott will commence again his articles entitled "Meditations"

During Bro Scott's meeting at Warton one was baptized, who had been a Methodist for many years, one was added from the Latter day Saints, and one who formerly was a member at Erin Centre, came back to the fold, and will worship with the church at Warton.

Bro. Stephenson has recently returned from Prince Edward Island where he conducted a very successful meeting, having baptized upwards of 40 during his visit there. He is now laboring with the congregation at St. Thompson as heretofore. Bro. S. is a young man of good ability and possesses energy and zeal for the cause, and we trust his services will be retained to this Province. H.T.L.

Bro. Scott has entered upon his third year with the Walkerton Church. In that time 21 have been baptized there, and during the past year the church raised \$720.00. This church beside sustaining Bro. S. half his time, is paying off their building debt, and they also contribute to nearly all the missions.

Mr. Anderson, the publisher of the Harding and Wilkinson debate, has informed us that the book will now be ready in about two weeks. It will be for sale at the WORKER office, Meaford, price \$2.00; all orders sent to us by mail will be promptly filled. We believe that both parties have taken pains to prepare their speeches well for the press, so that the book will contain most of the strongest arguments on the baptism controversy, but we will be able to speak more fully about this in our next issue. In the meantime send in your orders promptly. Send money by P.O. order or registered letter to CHRISTIAN WORKER office, Meaford, Ont. L. & W.

TORONTO—WEST END.—This congregation continues active and zealous. Our members have lately been increased by several young disciples coming into the city, whom we are much pleased to have making their church home with us, we gladly welcome them. Our meetings on Lord's day, and our prayer meetings continue good and interesting. On the 8th of October we were delighted and edified by having with us at our prayer meeting Bro. J. Ledlard of Ridgeway, whom we all love, and Bro. C. W. Martz of Indianapolis, Ind., who we expect will labor in Ontario, in missionary work the coming year. These brethren spoke to us words of christian love and encouragement. What we greatly need and must have in order to succeed, is a Meeting House. As we are now situated we have no place to carry on Sunday School work, or to conduct a series of meetings, both of which we desire to do. We have appointed a committee to select and purchase a suitable building lot, and hope soon to have one secured, when we purpose to move in the direction of building. In the meantime we are going steadily on with our meetings. On the 11th Oct., Bro. H. T. Law, of Meaford was with us, and all were pleased with his interesting, pointed, and instructive discourse. We admire the earnestness, love, and zeal of Bro. Law in the Saviour's cause, and wish we had many like him in Ontario. G.J.B.

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