

Lard's labours give us much strength and courage.

It is known to many of you that the church here has been in a low state for some time. We could not entirely overcome the injury inflicted upon the cause here by that —— man, who "vowed he would break up the church, root and branch, if it lay in his power." Many of you also know he endeavored to do the same at Owen Sound. Judge then of our great joy in seeing so many come forward to confess the Saviour. Those who have recently united are mostly young people, only four or five heads of families. O, it was charming to see them bow to Jesus. We think much good seed was sown that will yet produce fruit.

• Bro. Lard is truly a great and good man. He is one of the clearest and closest reasoners I ever heard. Indeed he leaves not a point to which the caviler or objector can take exception. When he closes a matter up, it is closed up entirely. He completely entangles the sinner and sectarian, and leaves them no alternative but to writhe in their sins and follies, or come out and obey the Lord. He was listened to with profound attention; although the audiences were large, indeed much crowded, the silence was so deep that by times it was really oppressive. For most of the meetings our house was quite too small. This is only the beginning, and we anticipate much more good, as the result of his labors during the year for which he is engaged. Engaged! did I say; yes, engaged. This may not sound well to some, as there may be some, or perhaps there may be a few, disciples in our land who object to engaging and paying a man for preaching, or, in other words, remunerating him for laboring in the gospel. Those who thus object, as I think, violate one of the clearest commands of the New Testament. I would ask such objectors how long, suppose you, we here in Oshawa would have to labour as we have done before we could see such results as we now see. I want you to look at this, and remember that "the laborer is worthy of his wages," and that no church can prosper as it should and might that neglects or refuses to reward the laborer; It is manifestly unjust, most decidedly. No individual can stand justified before the Lord who clings to his wealth and lets the preacher labor among them and even pay his own travelling expenses. Brethren, I want you to look at this and well consider it.

I would speak in Bro. Lard's behalf in regard to his Quarterly; I would like to see it get a wide circulation in Canada. The first number of the second volume is soon to be issued. It is a noble and good work. We may feel proud to put it into the hands of any man. Brethren, subscribe for it.

I could relate many pleasing incidents in connection with our late meeting, but as brevity is a positive law of the "Adviser," I desist.

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THE LAND IS COMING.

So the sailor sometimes says when the vessel is nearing a harbour. Do not some brethren talk much after this fashion? "How fast the sects are coming over with regard to instrumental music!" says a preacher who had introduced a melodeon to do the singing. "What a reformation is going on among the sects!" says another, why they told me I preached a first rate orthodox sermon the other day. (You did not mention the terms of salvation.) "The sects are coming nearer" says another—we do not think it wrong to employ the term "Reverend" when speaking of preachers—neither do they! Besides how convenient to have Rev. Mr. so-and-so on the door—people will easily know that a preacher lives in that house. And when they are coming to the door they will feel that they are approaching some superior being. Rev. Mr. Paul, was your engraven knocker conspicuous when you worked with Rev. Mr. Appolos at the tent making business? Rev. Simon Peter, what became of your inscribed knocker when they scourged and imprisoned you? Rev. Messrs. Paul and Silas did you lose your official title when on your way to Philippi? How is it they scourged you and put you into prison? But they had more sense in Lycaonia! more genteel—more respectable! Ah! they were sound in the faith. When the Rev. Mr. Barnabas and yourself approached they must have seen your official indications standing out in bold relief. And Brother Paul why did you tell them you "were men of like passions with them, and that you had come to turn them away from such vanities!" What a sickly sight! Brethren apeing the sects in things which are no where countenanced in the word of God, and which in themselves grieve the meek followers of Jesus!! The solemn day