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Take Notice.

Occasionally we hear of subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly. We would feel greatly obliged if all such would promptly notify us of any failure to get the EVANGELIST. We send them out regularly to all whose names are on our list. If any go astray and we are informed at once of the fact, we can usually supply another copy.

Societies in the Church.

When a company of active, earnest Christians first become associated as a church of Christ, there is great need, and always many occasions, for the exercise of forbearance one towards another. People of different temperaments are apt to view things differently, and to have varying ideas as to how the work should be carried on. There is constant danger that mere methods of work shall be made of as much moment as the plain declarations of the scripture with regard to the conditions of membership in the church of Christ. When after a while a congregation has settled down to some way of doing things, whether it be the best or not, there will be less friction and more harmony. In the meantime until the members do become acquainted and do come to understand one another, there is constant necessity for the exercising of "the two bears,"—bear and for-bear. In regard to all matters concerning which the Lord has left us free we should use our freedom in a charitable way, and be ready to make concessions, rather than to demand that they should be made to us.

"Societies in the church" offer a possible source of trouble. These societies are intended as expedients for carrying on the work of the church, and they are quite generally the expression of the desire of earnest people, young or old, male or female, to do something for the cause of Christ. As such they deserve to be regarded with patience and judged with charity. Whatever may be unwise in their principle or methods, may and ought to be faithfully pointed out, but in the spirit of kindness and with due recognition of the good motives and right intentions of the particular portion of the membership of the church, composing the society, band, circle, etc., as the case may be.

In this connection it is well to emphasize constantly that the church is the institution—the Divine institution—and that all bands, circles, committees, officers, are to be considered with reference to their effect in furthering the true spiritual work of the church. No section of the church, by whatever name it may be called, or in whatever capacity it may be acting, has any right to assume the functions, or ignore the will of the church, nor should it persist in a course which is manifestly producing discord in the church, and severely straining the bonds of brother-

ly love, but rather keep in mind the exhortation, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works."

The Prohibition Convention.

So far as we have had an opportunity of learning from the press and from persons who attended the recent prohibition convention in Toronto, it was an unqualified success. The attendance was very large, and representative of all sections of the Province. Great wisdom was shown in refusing to discuss extraneous matters and in keeping before the convention the fact that the issue now is the plebiscite on the first Monday in January, 1894. This is not a time to argue the propriety of the plebiscite as a means of finding a basis for legislation, nor of raising questions relative to woman's right to vote; but simply this, that inasmuch as the plebiscite has been ordered by the legislature, and will be taken, every voter who believes that the liquor traffic should be made illegal should so mark his ballot on January 1st, 1894. Let not the real question and the simple issue be complicated by any means. You would like to see the liquor traffic abolished; then say so by your vote.

And who would not like to see the liquor traffic abolished? Who does not believe that the material, the moral, the spiritual interest of the country would be greatly furthered thereby?

No doubt for some time, perhaps for a good while, there would be difficulty in enforcing a prohibitory law. Many, not all, of those who have now a financial interest in the traffic would do all in their power to bring the law into discredit. But if the best people of the country were really determined upon making prohibition effective and permanent, in due time their efforts would be crowned with success.

Our Omnibus.

We learn that Bro. A. C. Gray and Bro. J. D. Stephens were also at the Chicago Convention.

"I like the book (On the Rock) very much and also the EVANGELIST; would not like to do without it." So writes a friend.

And another says, "I would like three more copies of 'On the Rock.' I want to lend them. The one we got before is away all the time."

"We value the EVANGELIST very highly; the more so, I think, as we are so far removed from one of our own churches." This is from Northern Michigan.

It is well occasionally to remind our readers that the editor does not endorse everything that he publishes from the pens of others. The reader is allowed to judge for himself to "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good."

On Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, there passed away from this life, at the residence of his son-in-law, Bro. Malcolm McKinnon, in the township of Erin, one of the Lord's elect, Bro. John Thomson, for many years an elder of the Erin Centre Church. There was a very large funeral on Thursday, Oct. 5th; the services were participated in by Brethren S. Woolner, P. Baker, R. W. Ballah and the writer. In our next issue we hope to have a full obituary notice.

Referring to the marriage notice in another column sent us by Bro. Knowles, we have received from another friend this further word: "Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will take up their residence in Aylmer and will be of

great assistance to the church there." That is a good word to say for a newly married young couple. The EVANGELIST joins in congratulations, and in the wish that they may live long together, and prosper and do good.

Here is a paragraph from *Wives and Daughters* which we have pleasure in passing around:

Coincidentally with the municipal elections in Ontario, in January next a plebiscite, or popular vote, will be taken on the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors throughout the province. What a swelling of savings-bank accounts; what an addition to the little comforts of many a home; what a subtraction from the miseries of mothers, wives and children, were the thirty or forty millions of dollars now every year worse than wasted in Canada on liquor, turned into useful and non-injurious channels! Think, also, of the saving of many a workingman's time now wasted because of drinking. We need not ask women to use all their influence in favor of putting away intemperance from this banner province. Their interests and instincts alike invite them to action.

Church News.

ERIN VILLAGE.—One baptism here since last report.

R. W. BALLAH.

OWEN SOUND, Oct. 4th.—Four baptisms at Kilsyth last week.

J. LEDIARD.

GUELPH.—We regret to learn that Bro. Geo. Fowler has tendered his resignation as preacher for the church in Guelph, the same to take effect at the end of the present year. One baptism at Guelph recently.

GEORGETOWN, Oct. 6th.—Bro. Lediard was with us last Lord's day. We enjoyed his sermons very much. He had a very good hearing and was well received. He preached to a good congregation at three o'clock, on Christian Union.

A. CHESHER.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.—Please send the C. E. that has been coming to me at Summerside, P. E. I., to my new address, West Gore, Hants' Co., N. S. I move over next week. I preached in Hants' Co. two years before I came to the Island.

Fraternally yours,
W. H. HARDING.

ST. THOMAS.—Bro. T. B. Knowles, we are sorry to say, has resigned at St. Thomas, and will remove shortly to Watertown, N. Y. Bro. Knowles will be much missed from Ontario. He has not only been faithful in his own local sphere, but has interested himself in the general work, lectured to our ministerial students in Toronto, and written many able articles for the EVANGELIST.

LONDON.—The work is moving along most encouragingly notwithstanding the hard times and the fact that so many have been thrown out of employment. Two have been added recently to the little band; one by confession and obedience, and one who had been a member of another church. The 22nd of October, the fourth Lord's day of the month, is the time of our anniversary. Everybody is invited to be with us on the occasion.

T. L. FOWLER.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, ONT., Sept. 28th, 1893.—DEAR BRO. MUNRO: We will have one or more baptisms here to-night after our prayer meeting. Some who have been followers of the Saviour for many years, but now having learned the way more perfectly, they wish to fulfill all righteousness. I have resigned the work here and in Buffalo, and shall soon leave for other

work. At least five who have not obeyed the Master fully have expressed their intention of uniting with the little band here.

R. B. RAY.

BOWMANVILLE.—Bro. R. A. Burriss, of Williamsville, N. Y., has been engaged to succeed Bro. E. B. Barnes, as preacher of the church in Bowmanville. Bro. Burriss labored for a number of years at Williamsville, and was instrumental in doing much good there. Last summer the meeting house was renovated and made better than new. The EVANGELIST extends a hearty fraternal greeting to Bro. Burriss, and trusts that his work, together with the church in Bowmanville, may be greatly blessed of the Lord.

EVERTON, Oct. 9, 1893.—One confession and baptism here since last report. The following brethren have kindly taken the writer's place on various occasions recently: E. Tolton, H. Black, S. Woolner, A. Tovell, J. D. Stephens; their labors were appreciated, and we are thankful. The anniversary services of the church in Owen Sound on Oct. 1st, were enjoyed by the writer. The church there is prospering under the labors of Bro. Lediard united with theirs. On that day J. D. Stephens, of West Lake, preached in Everton and Mimosa; Bro. Lediard was in Georgetown, and the writer in Owen Sound. It was a change of field for each laborer, and we trust was spent profitably.

P. BAKER.

Presentation to Miss Kilgour.

Miss Annie E. Kilgour, who has been an active worker in the congregation of the Disciples of Christ church, known as Zion Chapel, was waited on on Monday by members of the congregation, at the residence of her brother, Mr. E. S. Kilgour, and made the recipient of the following address on the eve of her leaving for Cincinnati:—

MISS ANNIE E. KILGOUR:

DEAR SISTER,—It has been so ordered by the wisdom of God that you are to leave us. Duty calls you to other fields of usefulness. Believing that God's hand is leading you, we are not here this evening to express our regret at your departure, but rather to convey to you, in a slight measure, our appreciation of your earnest, conscientious, self-sacrificing labor among us towards the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom, and to express our highest admiration for the noble Christian character you have shown at all times.

In all departments of church work you have been most faithful, and when we say that your place will be hard to fill, they are not words of fulsome flattery. We feel keenly the loss that we shall sustain in being deprived of your willing hand and your loving cheery words of encouragement; but we know that God's hand is leading you, and we bow to His will and say that our hearts and prayers go with you to your new field of work. As a slight token of our respect and love, we ask you to accept this purse.

May God's richest blessing follow you. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen."

In behalf of the Church of Christ—
MRS. GEO. FOWLER,
ANNIE M. HARRIS,
JOSEPH P. REED.

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 25, 1893.
The address and gift were suitably acknowledged. Miss Kilgour leaves this evening.—*Guelph Mercury*.

All men covet perfect health but very few have it, because of the widespread prevalence of dyspepsia. K. D. C. is the cure for dyspepsia. Try it!

Co-operation Notes.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—Pres., Hugh Black, Rockwood; Vice-Pres., John Campbell, Erie Mills, St. Thomas; Rec. Sec., J. W. Kilgour, Guelph; Cor. Sec., Geo. Munro, Hamilton; Treas., John McKinnon, Everton; R. Widdatt, Bowmanville; Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton; John Black, Rockwood; Edward Tolton, Ospringe; Enos M. Campbell, Toronto Junction; A. J. Thomson, Hillsburg. All contributions to the funds of the Co-operation should be sent by Registered Letter or Post Office Order to Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec., 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton, Ont.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

The following clause, if inserted in a duly executed will, may be used in making a bequest to the Co-operation:

"I give and bequeath to the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario, the sum of _____ dollars, for the use and purposes of the said Co-operation."

Space does not allow us to state many principles of law involved in making a good and valid will; but if you cannot secure the services of a competent solicitor, observe strictly the following legal formalities as to execution in Ontario:

The testator must select two persons to witness his will, both of whom must be present at the same time and see him sign it, and the witnesses must each sign as witnesses in the sight and presence of the testator.

The attestation clause which they sign might contain a statement that this was done.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

S. S. Erin Centre.....	\$ 6 00
" Erin Village.....	3 10
" Toronto, Cecil St.....	5 14
" Mimosa.....	2 75
" Everton.....	11 50
" Georgetown.....	1 00
" London.....	5 00
" Acton.....	2 00
Church, Collingwood.....	12 50
P. Baker.....	5 00
Missionary Aux., St. Thomas..	5 00

"We are sorry the collection is smaller than last year. The cause, I think, is that the Sunday school raised \$50.00 towards the church debt just a short time ago." That is a very satisfactory explanation from the Cecil St. Sunday school, Toronto, and is another indication of how hard the Cecil St. people are trying to reduce the debt on their church property.

Last year 21 Sunday schools contributed to the Home Mission Fund. Already this year 19 schools have sent collections. We have not yet heard from a number of schools that always give. So we may say the Sunday schools are doing very well for these hard times.

It is arranged that Bro. R. Moffett will begin his evangelistic work in Ontario, at Hillsburg, about Nov. 1st. From Hillsburg he will go to Orangeville. The Board has now applications from half a dozen other places, all of which would like Bro. Moffett right away.

Bro. John Campbell and Bro. J. W. Kilgour represented the Co-operation at the C. C. M. C., Chicago, re the resolution anent affiliation passed at Everton. They were courteously received and had a conference with a special committee, a report of which will be presented at our next Annual Meeting. Our big journalist brother of St. Louis, the *Christian Evangelist*, nods a little in announcing that the proposed union is already consummated.

The November Collection.

The Board of Managers have once more to draw the attention of the churches to the fact that a special collection is desired for the support of the Home Mission work of the co-operation. On the first Lord's day in November, or soon after, all the congregations of Disciples of Christ in Ontario are requested to make an offering for Home Missions.

The Board has some anxiety on the present occasion on account of the hard times and the low price of farm