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Special Notice.

We are sending out a great many sample copies of this number. A large number of these are sent at the request of friends desiring to see THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST. We flatter ourselves that they will be so well pleased with the paper that they will order their names put on our list of regular subscribers at once. Those receiving sample copies without having ordered them will in like manner, we think, be favorably impressed, and we cherish the hope that they, too, will promptly notify us of their desire to take THE EVANGELIST. All subscriptions should be sent to our Toronto office, 65 Yonge Street Arcade.

"The Canadian Evangelist."

Having determined to enlarge our paper and publish it twice a month instead of once, we have concluded to enlarge its name by substituting "Canadian" for "Ontario." Some of our correspondents have from the first been writing to THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST; unlike the rest of us they will have no change to make in their style of addressing THE EVANGELIST. As the paper has never been exclusively devoted to Ontario, it seems fitting that it should receive a name more in keeping with its constituency.

It is not necessary here to say a word by way of describing the altered and enlarged form of the paper. Those who read these lines have within their hands a more satisfactory means of gaining information on this point. In the April number we promised a paper that would "present as fine an appearance as any religious journal in Canada." If that promise be not fulfilled in this number, all we can say now is, that it will not be our fault if it be not in the next number. We think the Disciples in this country want, and deserve, and will support a religious paper equal to the best from the standpoint of printer and publishers, and we are therefore resolved to use every lawful means to provide such a paper.

So far as our old subscribers are concerned there is no occasion for setting forth here our principles, our aims, and our methods. And for the information of those who are unacquainted with us, we, perhaps, cannot do better than quote a paragraph which appeared in the first number of THE ONTARIO EVANGELIST, published May, 1886:

"It is our intention that THE EVANGELIST shall be a means of communication among the Disciples of Christ in Ontario, a channel for the dissemination of such information as shall be calculated to stimulate them to increased zeal and activity, and a medium for the discussion of such questions as are of practical importance to them in preaching the Gospel to sinners, and in edifying the saints. And we wish it to be freely used by them for the purposes indicated—as

freely, of course, as our space will allow."

This indicates the purposes with which we undertook editorial work, and if "Canada" be inserted in place of "Ontario," it expresses very well the objects we have before us in continuing to publish a paper.

We take this opportunity of saying that we do not entertain the idea that a religious paper, however Scriptural in its doctrine and in its spirit, can take the place of the Bible. We do not think that the most attentive reading of the most excellent religious journal will excuse a Christian for not reading the Scriptures, nor make up to him the spiritual loss that will follow his neglect to drink directly from the fountain of the inspired word of the living God. Rather one of our chief aims shall always be to stir up all our readers to a more regular, more thorough and more practical study of the living oracles.

We invite all who sympathize with such purposes as are herein expressed to enter into fellowship with us by subscribing for THE EVANGELIST, and by aiding us in largely extending its circulation. We have, we are gratified to be able to say, received many hearty and generous promises of assistance from brethren and sisters accustomed to write, and we trust that the paper will be so conducted that all who love the pure Gospel will have no cause to consider us unfaithful to the truth. We have placed before ourselves a high standard of excellence. If we cannot reach it, we hope by the aid of our brethren and under the blessing of God to be continually approaching it.

In conclusion we desire to say that we enter upon this larger enterprise with the conviction that, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," and with the confidence that the Master is able to make even a feeble effort productive of large good, if so be that the effort is undertaken in His name, and permeated by His spirit.

The Right and Wrong Use of S. S. Lesson Helps.

A question-paper, or a question-book, is always out of place in the hands of either teacher or scholar in a Sunday-school class. Unless a teacher knows his lesson well enough to be able to ask his scholars about its facts and its applications without using a series of printed questions for that purpose, he is not prepared to teach that lesson. And if a scholar is interested in his teacher's words, as he ought to be in the class hour, he will not want his attention diverted or divided by the words of a printed lesson-help. It may, however, be well, in some instances, for a scholar to make a note, during his lesson-study at home, of such points as he would like to question his teacher about; and those notes can be used by him for reference in the class, without any such disadvantage as would result from the use of a printed lesson-paper. It is a teacher's duty to know his lesson before he tries to teach it; but a scholar is not bound to know in advance all that his teacher has to teach him. Hence, while a teacher has no right to depend on another man's printed questions in his class-teaching, a scholar may be the gainer by making a note of points that he would like information about.—*The Sunday School Times.*

The time of the year is at hand when the summer Sunday Schools re-open, and we take the opportunity of directing attention to the sound sense contained in the above paragraph. It is absurd to denounce lesson-helps as an evil. Good lesson-helps, well used, are a great aid to the earnest teacher and scholar. But they should be kept in their proper place, which, as *The Sunday School Times* rightly remarks, is in the hands of neither scholar nor teacher during the time of recitation.

The May Collection.

As this paper will be in the hands of the greater part of its readers before the first Lord's Day in May, another word concerning the May collection for Home Missions may be pardoned in this place. We may be repeating ourselves, but we venture to say that the following facts should stir the hearts of our brotherhood in Ontario, and lead them to resolve to do conscientiously all they possibly can to support the glorious cause of missions in our own land:

First, then, encouraging reports come to us from all the points now receiving assistance.

Second, appeals are being made to the Board from places in Ontario which from lack of funds the Board is unable to respond to.

Third, from Manitoba and the North-West the cries come thick and fast, and loud and long. And let it be understood by every man and woman who loves the truth, that those great countries look to Eastern Canada, particularly to Ontario, for the Gospel. The denominations, if they are not endeavoring to outstrip one another, are in almost desperate tones imploring their members to send preachers to the North-West. This is emphatically the nick of time for those regions. During the coming summer there might be a number of preachers in the North-West proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ after the Apostolic manner, if there were funds in our Mission Treasury to support them. Does any one upon reading this say, why do not the preachers go without the promise of support and travelling expenses, and trust to the Lord to provide for them? To any honest man who seriously and candidly asks such a question, we would kindly say, "How much have you risked or sacrificed, how much would you risk or sacrifice for the Gospel's sake?" "Happy is he," says the Apostle Paul, "that judgeth not himself in that which he approveth."

Paul thanked God when he remembered the "fellowship in the Gospel" of "the saints in Christ Jesus that were at Philippi;" shall not we in these days thank God for the opportunity of having "fellowship in the Gospel?" It would furnish occasion of great encouragement if liberal collections should be taken up in all the churches on the 4th of May, or some Lord's Day soon after that date.

When our friends are sending in sums of money to us not larger than ten dollars it is better for them to get a post-office order than to register the letter now that the registration fee is five cents. On orders up to four dollars the fee is two cents, and over four dollars and up to ten dollars five cents.

From a letter of Bro. D. A. Ewors in the *Christian Evangelist* we learn that the Wesleyan Methodists in Australasia are making very little progress. It is thought probable that the work of the Salvation Army has something to do with this state of affairs. Many of the "progressive" Wesleyans, however, contend that the class meeting test of membership is responsible for the crab-like progress of the body. In each conference a strong effort has been made to alter or modify this test, and in many cases the conservatives have been outvoted. A similar agitation, we understand, is being carried on in England.

THE PUBLIC WARNED.

Many people are deceived into neglecting bad blood, dyspepsia, constipation, etc., and thus allow these and other diseases to become established. Act promptly by using nature's blood purifying tonic, Burdock Blood Bitters, which regulates the entire system, curing all diseases of the stomach, liver, kidney and bowels.

We ask our friends to read carefully the standing notices on the fourth page. By attending to them they will save themselves and us some trouble. It is of special importance to observe that all matter intended for publication is to be sent to the editor, Erin, Ontario; and that all business communications and remittances are to be addressed to THE EVANGELIST PUBLISHING CO., 65 Yonge St. Arcade, Toronto.

Many of our readers will already have heard of the death of Bro. John Stewart, of Eramoan, on the second day of April. We have received an obituary of him, written by Bro. Hugh Black, which we are compelled to hold over until next number. We extend our sympathy to his wife, and daughters, and grandchildren. We doubt not but they all tenderly loved him. Many who were not connected with him by fleshly ties loved him for the truth's sake which abode in him. No preacher of the many who were made to feel at home in his house will ever forget his generous hospitality, and his delight in discoursing on the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Rev. Robert Dann, a Baptist minister, who has changed his views on church polity, requested to be admitted as a minister of the Presbyterian Church. His application was referred to a committee who reported in favour of it.

This is a daily paper's report of one item of business transacted at a late meeting of the Toronto Presbytery. It would be interesting to know by what process of reasoning Mr. Dann was led to change his views so far as to believe that infants are proper subjects for baptism.

Faith and feeling are two distinct things. Men may feel that they are right when they are decidedly and terribly wrong. Saul of Tarsus verily thought that he ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. But though he felt that he was right, he was, under the influence of a false religious zeal, fighting against God. He had a "zeal of God, but not according to knowledge;" and had he not changed his course on being enlightened, he would have been condemned, with all the religion he had. Just so it is now. Men may talk of a change of heart, and of the power of godliness in the soul; yet if it does not lead them to seek to know and do the will of God, it is all in vain. "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."—*Signs of the Times.*

The above is very wholesome doctrine. The idea that if a person feels he is right, he is right, is a delusion of Satan. It is a doctrine unknown to the Scriptures, and those who hold it have very little use for the Scriptures. "Great peace have they which love thy law," says the Psalmist.

Church News.

AYLMER.—Excellent meetings at the young church in Aylmer. Several additions since last report. One person baptized Lord's Day evening last. The Wednesday night prayer meetings are a great help. The Sunday School recently organized is proving a success.

MINNEDOSA.—The latest word from Minnedosa is quite cheering. It is expected that the meeting-house will be occupied about June 1st. The little church is going forward with the faith that their brethren and sisters in Ontario will stand by them, and what has already been contributed furnishes ground for believing that they will not be disappointed. Again the readers of THE EVANGELIST are kindly urged to send in subscriptions to Miss Jennie Fleming, Kilsyth, Ont.

COLLINGWOOD.—We closed a meeting of six weeks on the 30th of March, immediate results, fifteen additions—fourteen of them by confession and baptism. The meetings during the past month were very encouraging, the attendance being much better than at any previous meetings, and a very apparent interest, which, we trust, will yet bring forth fruit to the glory of God in the salvation of men. Our Sunday School is doing finely and we are all hopeful. G. SINCLAIR.

AURORA.—The church here, till of late, held no evening services. Now the Christian minister, Elder W. H. Chidley, from Kettleby, preaches every Lord's

Day evening. This has proved mutually helpful and looks as though there was a desire for union. Especially do we think so since the arrangement is likely to continue. The Sunday School is very active. This is one of the churches that is bound to live, because they are determined to work. Whether strong or weak such a church will soon become a great power.

TORONTO—REV. J. R. GARR.—Two baptisms recently in Donison Avenue—a gentleman and a lad from the country who will take membership there. On a recent Sunday evening, after a sermon on "Who are the Disciples?" a gentleman, who had been attending our meetings a short time, arose and publicly accepted our position, saying he had occupied such ground for a quarter of a century. He is well grounded in the Scripture. On the same day a lad from the Sunday school, and well taught at home (one of our Christian families) came forward for confession. Recently our sisters gave an evening social and reception to members of the church and their friends. A large number of people were present, and a pleasant evening spent in making acquaintances and in conversation. Social evenings like this occasionally can be made of great benefit where "kindred spirits come to meet, and mingle in fraternal love."—April 21st, 1890.

MUSKOKA MISSION MATTERS.—We have held meetings for about a fortnight at Menominee, some ten miles from here, where the people have been asking for the preaching of the Gospel for some time. I have been there occasionally before this but never to hold a series of meetings. Two young persons confessed their faith in Christ. Some eighteen months ago I baptized two at Menominee, so that now there are four or five, with prospects of more. I have arranged to preach there fortnightly. Faith-cure men have been operating among the gullible for some time, but their work is growing less day by day. On account of the state of the roads, lumbering, sickness and hard times less has been accomplished during the past winter than formerly. Preaching only once a fortnight or once a month in a place is not likely to accomplish much but will only keep up an interest in the work, and scarcely that. We cannot be said, on these accounts, to be advancing much in this district. W. M. C. Huntsville, April 18th, 1890.

HAMILTON.—The Church of the Disciples, a religious organization, which has been in existence in this city for the past ten years, has finally become strong enough in numbers to contemplate the building of a suitable place for worship. Until a few years past they were contented with meeting in the private houses of the members, but lately have been holding weekly services in Good Templars' Hall, corner of King William and James streets. During the winter, active steps were taken towards securing a site, and in January a lot 58 x 32 feet, was purchased on the corner of Wilson and Cathcart Streets. About two weeks ago, the excavation for the foundation was commenced, but operations are at present at a stand-still owing to a difficulty existing between the real estate people, Messrs. Bush & Brown, and Mr. Thos. Kinrade. Mr. R. N. Wheeler, one of the elders, stated to a *Times* reporter to-day that he thought that obstacle to the site would be removed, and inside of two months expected to see a neat little church on the premises. The plans call for a brick structure 52 x 20 feet, with a Gothic roof, and having seating accommodation for three hundred persons. There will be a gallery over the entrance, and the basement will be occupied by the Sunday School. There are a large number of believers in the doctrines of the Disciples, who will no doubt rally around the officers in their commendable efforts. The services will be conducted by Mr. A. Anderson, the presiding elder, assisted by Messrs. M. Warner, D. Harris, A. Tolton and R. N. Wheeler.—*Hamilton Times.*

RIDGERTOWN.—By the cordial invitation of the brethren here I came to this beautiful and interesting town in the early part of February last. The brethren had not been meeting for some time, partly on account of the impassable condition of