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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE SEPTEMBER COLLECTION.

It is gratifying to know that a large proportion of the congregations of Disciples in Ontario contribute regularly to the support of missionaries in the foreign field. Twice in every year many of the churches take up collections as requested by the Foreign Missionary Society.

There is little reason for doubting that one thousand dollars will be given this year by our brethren in Ontario to Foreign Missions. Eight hundred dollars has already been contributed. The September collection will probably produce more than two hundred dollars.

"WE DO YOU TO WIT."

2 COR. 8: 1.

The above curious expression to modern readers occurs, we believe, but once in the Old Version of the New Testament and not at all in the Revised Version where we have instead, "We make known to you." Paul says in the passage alluded to, "Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia, etc."

United States only one of our churches in the United States to it. For we have reason to believe that our brethren in that country have very inadequate ideas of us and our interest in mission work. In our May number we showed that for Foreign Missions we give more in proportion to our numbers than the Disciples in the States, but we did not then know that we excelled them in Home Mission work too.

NOTES.

Some people are so religious they have no time to be religious.

It is not enough to do a good work—one must do it in a good way.—Condorcet.

Zeal for pure doctrine is, indeed, of the highest importance but worthless without living piety and active love.—DR. SCHAFF.

If you do not get the EVANGELIST regularly, be sure to notify T. L. Fowler, Everton, Ont. Mistakes will happen, but we cannot correct them unless we are aware of them.

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:— S. S. Lobo \$18.00 S. S. Erin Centre 6.00

A loving spirit is its own reward. Its love may not be returned, but its love cannot be lost. The gain of loving and its reward is—in loving.—SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES.

I have seen many dying beds but never have I seen one which seemed to me to be a proper place in which to make preparation for eternity.—ALBERT BARNES.

The article on Woman's Work which appears on our first page was read at the Annual Meeting of the O.C.W.B.M. The writer requests us to suppress her name, which we reluctantly do. We believe in the Scripture:—"Honor to whom honor is due."

Parents should know what kind of books and papers their children are reading. Many a young man or woman is ruined by bad reading. Let the young be supplied with good books and papers; give them a chance to grow up with a taste for pure literature; it will save them from many a temptation, and be a daily blessing to them.

We ask our readers to peruse attentively the selected article Justification by Works which we copy from the Christian Guardian the organ of the Methodist Church in Canada. We are surprised to find such an article in a Methodist paper from the pen of its Editor. It is far in advance of current Methodist doctrine: it is in fact a severe criticism of it.

We are often amused by the diverse styles in which letters are addressed to us. Sometimes, Mr. —; sometimes, — Esq.; sometimes, Rev. —; sometimes, Elder —; and sometimes plain —. No "Reverend" and no "Elder," brethren, if you please; it is all we can stand to be so styled by those not "of our own faith and order."

Occasionally we hear of some persons who do not understand the design of publishing in a paper selections from other periodicals. They seem to think they are put in merely to fill up, which, of course, is not the case. The supposition is that the Editor has access to many papers which his readers never see, and that he selects from them such articles as he thinks will be interesting and profitable to them. We have sufficient confidence in our own judgment to lead us to say that we think our readers will be repaid by giving our selections a careful reading.

The church of Christ and the cause of higher education have both suffered a severe loss in the death of President Woolery, of Bethany College. We unite with the press of our brotherhood in

lamenting his untimely death. We extend to Sister Woolery in her hour of darkness and sorrow our Christian sympathy, and we pray that her dear girls, who are now so ill, may be raised up to bless and comfort her. Bro. Kirk, who is now preaching in Owen Sound, is a brother of Mrs. Woolery. He feels it very much that he was unable to be with his sister in her sore trial.

We notice that our American brethren are not well up in the geography of our Dominion. For example, they very generally do not distinguish between Canada and Ontario. They speak of them as though they were one and the same. And, indeed, some of our Ontario Disciples, in speaking or writing of our work, seem to be forgetful of the fact that Ontario is not the whole Dominion. Although we understand Erasmus Wiman does say that Ontario is the finest part of the North American continent. It is a suggestive fact that though twenty-two years have passed since confederation, our nearest neighbours, and many of our own people, have not learned the use of "Canada," and "Canadian."

Blank lists are being sent to all the churches to be filled up with pledges for the Co operation. We ask those who receive them to canvass the churches at their earliest possible convenience and return to T. L. Fowler, Cor. Sec.

If more blank forms are required or if any church has failed in any way in being supplied they can be sent upon application. We have been careful to select an active brother in each church who we trust will see to it that the matter is laid properly before all the brethren and pledges solicited. Thus we know means some work, but should we not work for the Saviour? Did he not call us into his vineyard for that purpose? If we are unwilling to work and to make sacrifice for the Lord, can the Saviour say at last, "Well done, good and faithful servant?"

The old Kirk of Scotland has relaxed the formula which all ministers were to sign on ordination. Now they simply take it all in a general way—make a sort of a job, but of it—and the most sensitive conscience can dodge all the protuberant absurdities without being injured. One of the leading lights of the General Assembly, Mr. Cunningham, congratulated himself and his brethren on the passing of the Confession, and stated that now they "would be able to look at other people in the face like honest men," which is very suggestive of how they used to have to squint when they met people who did not believe in the whole of the Confession and knew that the persons did not believe on SATURDAY NIGHT.

It is a curious fact that the Church of Scotland is in advance of the Presbyterians of the United States and Canada with regard to the Confession of Faith. We should like to have the fact explained. The question of marriage with a deceased wife's sister was dealt with at the late General Assembly in Toronto. Hereafter in Canada a minister subscribing to the Confession will not be required to commit himself one way or the other on that subject, though the article dealing with it remains unchanged. How would it do to allow the same liberty with the whole of the Confession?

This from the ONTARIO EVANGELIST: Two years ago this month we published what the editor of the Leader called "the scriptural methods" of spreading the gospel, and called upon him to produce chapter and verse for the same. To our knowledge the request has not yet been complied with. We repeat it now. Let the editor of the Leader keep cool and produce the Scriptures if he can.

You will find our "Scriptural methods" in the Acts of the Apostles, along the line where the apostles and evangelists of the apostolic age preached.

Our readers will observe that the editor of the Christian Leader does not comply with our request. We challenge him to make good his assertion that his "scriptural methods" can be found in the Acts of the Apostles. If he will do so, or even attempt to do so, we shall give our readers the benefit of his effort. What we want is not a general declaration that we shall find them in such a book, but the chapter and verse for each of his methods. We venture to think that the Leader can not more profitably employ a portion of its space than in squarely taking up our challenge.

It seems difficult for us to realize that W. H. Woolery, President of Bethany College, is dead. Just why one so able and apparently so necessary should be taken away in the morning of his usefulness—long before his sun had reached the zenith—is a mystery, yet we believe that He "whose we are and whom we serve," doth all things well.

Bro. Woolery was one for whom nature had been unsparring. In appearance he was a King among men. He was large physically and mentally. He had a large heart and sympathies and found a large place in the affections of those whose privilege it was to know him. To know him was to admire him, yes, to love him, for he was Christlike in character and unassuming as a child.

He was very fast rising to the foremost rank among the Disciples, but he is gone and with sad hearts we bow before him "whose thoughts

are above our thoughts" and whose "ways are past finding out." Our sympathies go out to the heart broken widow and the little family. May the God of all grace richly sustain her and hers.

CHURCH NEWS.

St. THOMAS.—One baptized by Bro. Knowles since last report.

MIMOSA.—Just closed a meeting here with twelve additions, eleven of whom were by confession and baptism. T. L. FOWLER.

RODNEY.—Bro. Percival Baker is engaged to preach for the church in Rodney. Two persons were baptized by him recently.

MOSA.—Bro. Sheppard protracted a meeting here for about ten days commencing after the Annual Meeting in St. Thomas. Three were added by obedience.

MINTO.—Bro. Alfred Harris of Bethany College held a meeting in Minto closing August 14th. The attendance was large, the interest good, and five persons confessed the Saviour and were baptized.

ACRON.—Bro. John Thomson of Acton sailed from Montreal for Scotland August 7th. It is his purpose to spend the winter in the old land. We wish him a safe and pleasant voyage and a happy time with his friends while away.

ERIN VILLAGE.—Bro. D. D. Burt who attended Hiram College last session, paid his parents a short visit in July. He preached to a good audience in Erin Village, Lord's Day evening, July 7th. Bro. Burt preaches every other Lord's Day not far from Hiram.

OWEN SOUND. The members of the church at Owen Sound are looking forward with no little pleasure to the time when they will have a neat and comfortable house in which to worship God. Work is progressing very rapidly at present; the plastering is going on, the furnace is in, and no doubt the house will be ready to open by Sep. 29th, 1889. We trust that with a good church building located in a convenient place, the cause of Christ may be more abundantly blessed. Bro. Sherman Kirk of Bethany, W. Va., labors with us very acceptably. The Church desires to give thanks for the following contributions to the building fund,

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Toronto \$19.00, Everton 14.00, Erin Village 7.00, Erin Centre 7.00, Walkerton Church 6.00, Wainfleet 2.96, P.M., Perry Station 50, Henry Tolton 5.00, J. B. Lister 2.00

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These committees are expected to take cognizance of matters pertaining to their respective subjects and report to the next Annual Meeting. Brethren desiring information, or having anything of interest to communicate, may correspond with the chairmen.

T. L. FOWLER, Cor. Sec.

Life hath no blessing like an earnest friend; than treasured wealth more precious, than the power of monarchs, and the people's loud applause.—Euripides, B. C. 460.