

CHURCH NEWS.

MUSKOKA.—It is some time since I sent any items for the EVANGELIST, and even now there is scarcely anything for me to report that will be of interest to the brotherhood. Owing to ill-health I have not been able to do much this winter. For the greater part of the time I have kept up my appointments in Baysville and Ridout, and going to Brunel when the weather was favorable, roads passable, and I able to stand it. Spent a week in the last mentioned place lately, in speaking to good audiences, but had no additions, still good was certainly accomplished. I promised to return, but was not able, and am now laid up with lung disease again. There is much need of more labor in Muskoka, not only to open up new ground, but also to cultivate the field already broken up, and to gather in the fruits. We have a young man of promise studying for the work, who has just learned the results of his first quarterly examination in "Correspondence Bible College," Knoxville, Tennessee, receiving a standing of I think ninety-eight per cent. He is poor in this world's goods, not strong in body, and has a small family to support, and I wish to enlist the sympathy of the benevolent among the brethren in his behalf. He is a very earnest and studious disciple, who will, I trust, do good work wherever it may be his lot to labor for the Master. But he needs help and is worthy of it, and any assistance for him sent to me will be properly acknowledged and handed to him. I shall do what I can to help him, and then expect him to help me in this or some other destitute or neglected field. I shall try to write more fully next month. Brethren, pray for us.

Your brother in Christ,  
W. M. CREWSON.  
Baysville, Feb. 22nd, 1887.

BOWMANVILLE.—The church in this place has been, since last March, like a flock deserted by its shepherd. Although we were left in a very bad position, so far as help was concerned, yet we were determined to make the best stand we could, and we hope our efforts have not been altogether in vain. We still continue our services, one of our local brethren generally speaks to us in the morning, and in the evening we meet to study the Scripture, followed by devotional exercises, led by the young folks, and it is certainly cheering to see them, some only fifteen or sixteen years of age, lead the meeting and come boldly forward and take part in our meetings. The attendance at our meetings is larger than, under the circumstances, could reasonably be expected, but we have a noble band of brethren and sisters who are willing to stand by those trying to assist in sustaining the cause of the Redeemer. We have been trying all these months to secure the services of some one to labor in word and doctrine. We had, as announced in your columns, secured or thought we had, the services of one Bro. Wilson, but after waiting over two months for him, and after the announcement of his appointment had been made, he coolly informed us he could not come. We hope, however, ere long some one may be secured who will devote all his time and energies to the cause of the Master in this place. G.

WELLAND.—On Wednesday, Jan. 26th, Bro. Campbell, of Beamsville, came to assist us at Welland. His promised week of assistance proved to have ten nights in it, and, though on several of these the weather was very disagreeable, still his attractive and interesting discourses counteracted it greatly and a good interest was awakened. A full house greeted him at the close and we all were loth to see him leave when the future seemed so cheering. Two were added. His absence and the drenching rain on Lord's Day abated the interest. Bro. Lediard, who was at Beamsville on Sunday, came immediately to Welland. An ice storm followed his arrival within an hour, and though the weather was often inclement, still we had a week of good meetings. Four were added, one being restored. Two made the good confession at our prayer meeting on Wednesday night. Our meetings on Lord's Day, both morning and evening, shewed that a considerable interest has lately been aroused.

Feb. 21st, 1887. S. M.

RODNEY.—I, Dennis I. Donahue, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Elgin, do certify that there was filed in my office, on the 19th day of November, 1886, a paper, writing whereof the following is a true copy:

"We, the undersigned, hereby certify that at a meeting of the church of "Disciples of Christ" meeting in Rodney it was moved by John McKillop, and seconded by John Purcell, that in conformity with an Act passed by the Ontario Legislature in 1883 in regard to the solemniza-

tion of matrimony, that Joseph Ash, Elder, and Samuel Keffer, Evangelist, of the church aforesaid, be authorized to solemnize matrimony in a legal way."

The above resolution being put to the meeting it was carried unanimously.

Done in our presence this 14th day of November, 1886.

Signed, HENRY WILLIS,  
JOHN W. JOHNSON.

Given under my hand at the city of St. Thomas in the County of Elgin, this 19th day of February, 1887

D. I. DONAHUE,  
Clerk of the Peace, County of Elgin.

The foregoing we presume fills the requirements of the Act of 1883. Although we were amply qualified to act under the old Act as many of our brethren were, there was a case where doubt arose as to the person's legal qualification producing quite an excitement in that locality and it was deemed expedient to have that doubt removed, which was done in the passing of said Act. We therefore felt it was the safest way to have the church take action, as above expressed. And again, inasmuch as the Legislature has passed an Act especially for us as a religious body, we deem it the duty of every church to avail themselves of the privilege of the Act.

JOSEPH ASH,  
SAMUEL KEFFER.

MARION, MICH.—Permit me space in your valuable paper to pen a few lines concerning the church at this place. Bro. McKellar, of Brockway Centre, Mich., has just closed a two week meeting which resulted in four additions, two by confession and baptism, and two from the Baptists, and the church greatly strengthened. Bro. McKellar is an able speaker, and preaches nothing but sound doctrine. He is certainly a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. He will long be remembered here by the church. There is a fine congregation here, numbering about thirty-five members. We would be glad to have any of the brethren give us a call when passing this way.

ELIAS TARZWELL.

Feb. 9th, 1887.

TONAWANDA, N. Y.—I thought it might be of interest to the readers of the "EVANGELIST" to know how the Church of Christ is getting along in this place. Well, Bro. Talmage has just closed a series of meetings, with 58 additions. This makes 201 additions, in all, during the sixteen months of Bro. Talmage's ministrations here. This brings in a great variety into the church. We have them from all nationalities and from all denominations, except, I believe, we have none from the Mormons. Peter's sheet let down from heaven, had a full delivery here, and demonstrated fully that "God was no respecter of persons, etc." Our church now numbers 308 members, and our Sunday School averages nearly 300. Bro. Rand has no equal as S. S. Superintendent. Our prayer meeting is held every Wednesday night, at which we have often a full congregation. The young men also hold regular prayer and conference meetings every Friday night. We also have a Sunday half-past-four prayer and conference meeting. We doubt if there is another church in the land that can show so good a report—all through the power of a faithfully preached word. The little church at Duluth, Minn., which the writer assisted in organizing, is doing nicely, and its numbers were largely augmented through the preaching of Bro. Talmage. To God be all the glory.

E. EVANS.

ERIN CENTRE.—The writer, beginning with Jan. 30th, was with the Erin Centre church over three Lord's Days. The weather nearly the whole time was very unfavorable, yet the brethren in general did nobly in turning out in almost all kinds of disagreeable weather and roads. The meetings on Lord's Days were largely attended. There was but one confession and baptism: it is hoped however that good was done in other respects. There is a grand opportunity for Christian work for these brethren. We trust they will not neglect it.

G. M.

We understand that Sister S. H. Scott, late of Detroit, but formerly of Toronto, died in Detroit Feb. 22nd. We hope to have a suitable obituary notice for our next number.

Professor Agassiz once said: "I will frankly tell you that my experience in prolonged scientific investigations convinces me that a belief in God—a God who is behind and within the chaos of vanishing points of human knowledge—adds a wonderful stimulus to the man who attempts to penetrate into the regions of the unknown."

LETTER FROM N. Y. STATE.

A warm welcome is always accorded the ONTARIO EVANGELIST. The news from the churches and doings of many personally known to me are full of interest. These things revive many pleasant memories and kindle a desire to pass through similar scenes and experiences. I can recall many days of earnest toil, but these were in the midst of joyful associations. I often think of the hearty, cheerful support, the cordial sympathy, the tender solicitude for my welfare. The confidence and love of the brethren, can never be forgotten by me. Some of sainted memory, whose presence and counsels helped and cheered, have gone to the Lord. I recall the homes of Brethren Dickson, of Garafraxa and Acton, Parkinson and father Black, Everion, and others. Some of the mothers in Israel whose kindly ministrations largely compensated for the sacrifice of being from home have been called to their reward. The fortunes and destinies of the cause we love are being placed in the hands of others. Those who inherit the estates of their fathers know but little of what toil and sacrifice these represent, so the present generation do not realize what it cost to bring to them the priceless treasure of simple apostolic Christianity. The perfection of the lives of parents ought to be reproduced in the children with the added experience and opportunities of the children, hence we hope for greater things in the future among the churches than in the past. I hail with joy every onward movement in any or all the churches. Sometime, I cannot now say when, I mean personally to see now all the dear old friends do.

Our work in New York State is more promising than at any time during the past ten years. The two churches planted last year are both vigorous and give promise of great usefulness. Several of the older churches have recently been greatly revived. An effort will be made the 1st of March to plant a church at Lacona. Bro. Talmage has recently added fifty-four to the church at Tonawanda. Buffalo is building a fine church and getting ready to do a good work in that great city. A meeting at South Butler and Cato recently by the writer added eighteen to the faithful ones. Dr. W. A. Belding is now in the midst of a meeting at Rochester with Bro. M. B. Ryan who has charge of that mission. Other meetings are in progress in the State. I am now in a good meeting in the Green Mountain State. Wishing you all success and prosperity, I remain yours truly,

West Pawlet, Vt. O. G. HERTZOG.

REPORT.

The following sums have been received since last statement:

Erin Centre .....	\$ 20 00
Everton .....	34 50
Acton .....	16 22
Mrs. S. H. Scott .....	10 00
Ridgetown and Blenheim....	43 75
Aurora .....	13 00
Stayner .....	13 00
West End, Toronto .....	10 00
	\$160 47

J. W. KILGOUR, Sec'y.

Guelph, Feb. 24th, 1887.

OBITUARIES.

At Maple Farm, Portage la Prairie, on Feb. 2nd, Ashley Garfield, beloved son of Thomas and Mary Sissons, aged 2 years, 11 months and 8 days.

WHITE.

At her residence, near Priceville, December 1st, 1886, Janet McNeil, wife of John White, fell asleep in Jesus, aged 61 years and 7 months. She had for years been suffering from heart disease, but seemed to be in her usual way until within a few minutes before her death. She expired without a struggle sitting in her chair, and her husband were immersed by Bro. McDiarmid shortly after the debate held by him at Priceville. Sister White lived a consistent Christian life. She was the mother of seven children, six of whom are still living to mourn the loss of a loving mother. But "they sorrow not as those who have no hope." They believe that their loss is her gain. Bro. White and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sad trial of losing one so near and dear to them. May the Lord who wept at the grave of Lazarus console and cheer their drooping hearts. Bro. King gave a very appropriate discourse at the funeral, which was attended by a large number of friends and neighbors, that the Lord will help us all to be ready when he may please Him to call us from time to eternity to the prayer of

Jan. 21st, 1887. DANIEL FERGOUSON.

CRAWFORD.

Died at her home in Wiarton, Feb. 17th, 1887, Jennie Finch, wife of Bro. James Crawford, aged 38 years. Sister Crawford gave her heart to Christ and obeyed Him under Bro. Laster's preaching about ten years ago in Kilsyth, from which time she lived a devoted Christian life. She was faithful in her attendance at the meetings of the church, when her health permitted, and also an active, earnest worker in the Sunday School. The writer made her house his home, when preaching in Wiarton, and many were the acts of Christian kindness received at her hands. At 4 o'clock a. m., surrounded by her father, husband, brother, sisters and other sympathizing friends, she fell asleep in Jesus rejoicing in prospect of the rest before her, that remains for the people of God. The funeral services were held in the meeting-house, where a large audience had assembled to pay their tribute of respect to the departed, thence the body was conveyed to the Oxenden cemetery, to await the resurrection of the just. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

D. STIRLING.

Meaford, Feb. 23rd, 1887.

[Sister Crawford was an active member in the church at Wiarton, and greatly interested in the prosperity of the cause. Though firm in her convictions, and ready to give expression to them on all proper occasions, she was yet, by her kindly manner and charitable disposition, able to retain the good-will even of those who differed from her. She was a warm friend, an affectionate sister, and a devoted wife. Those who knew her best, loved her most, and she will live long in the hearts of such. Her bereaved husband has the sympathy of his friends, and of his brethren in Christ, and, let us add, of the dear Lord Himself. He has also the glorious assurance enjoyed by the Christian, that we are not eternally separated from those "who die in the Lord," that death but makes a little break in our association with those we love, that in the land beyond it will be renewed, and there remain unbroken forever.—G. M.]

MARRIED.

YANKEEF—EISELER—On New Year's day, 1887, by Elder W. M. Crewson, Mr. Samuel J. Yankeef to Miss Hannah J. Eiseler, both of the Township of Meaford, Muskoka.

GUNN—WEBSTER—At Guelph, Ontario, February 3rd, by Elder James Kilgour, St. Gunn, Minister at Lobo, Ont., to Emma D. Webster, of Poplar Hill, Ont.

SMITH—BURT—At the residence of the bride's father, 5th Line, Erin, Feb. 15th, by George Munro, John H. Smith to Mary B. Burt, both of Erin Township.

McKELLAR—GRAY—On January 20th, at the residence of the bride's father, by Elder E. Sheppard, Mr. Archibald D. McKellar to Miss Janet Gray, both of Lobo.

COULTHARD—BROWN—On January 26th, at the bride's home, by Elder E. Sheppard, Mr. George T. Coulthard, of the Ridgetown "Standard," to Miss Eliza M. Brown, both of Ridgetown.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

We mentioned in the Feb. EVANGELIST that Bro. Isaac Erett had started on his travels through Europe, Egypt and Palestine, and that he was expected to write, as a rule, weekly for the Standard while away. Two "Letters of Travel" have already appeared; they are very interesting. For the benefit of those who wish to subscribe in order to have these letters, the Standard is offered for six months, or as much longer as the letters may continue for one dollar (\$1.00) per copy. If you are not now a reader of the Standard, and want to have a treat for six months, send a dollar to the Standard Publishing Co., 22 East Ninth St., Cincinnati, Ohio. We presume that back numbers can be obtained by those desiring to have the first and second letters.

I have peeped into quiet "parlors," where the carpet is clean and not old, and the furniture polished and bright; into "rooms" where the chairs are neat and the floors carpetless; into "kitchens" where the family live and the meals are cooked and eaten, and the boys and girls are as lithe as the sparrows in the thatch overhead, and I see that it is not so much wealth and learning, nor clothing, nor servants, nor idleness, nor town, nor country, as tone and temper that render homes happy or wretched. And I see, too, that, in town or country, good sense and God's grace make life what no teachers or accomplishments or means or society can make it—the opening stave of an everlasting psalm; the fair beginning of an endless existence; the goodly, modest, well-proportioned vestibule to a temple of God's building that shall never decay, wax old, or vanish away.—Dr. Fenn Hall.