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POSTPONMENT.

Owing to a failure on the part of our workman to have our new meeting house ready for opening on the 20th of this month, we have to defer the opening until the 27th. There will be no failure on the 27th.

NOTICE TO CHURCHES.

There will be a meeting of delegates from the churches composing the Georgian Bay co-operation at Meaford, Saturday, August 26th, at 8 p.m. An important business will be transacted if necessary that all the congregations should be represented. H. T. Law, Sec. G. B. C.

OUR ENLARGEMENT.

We have received a goodly number of encouraging letters from the brethren throughout the Dominion saying "go on." All seems bright as yet, but as we will have three issues of the monthly before we begin our enlarged edition, we still hope to hear from you. "Loyalty to Christ and to our brethren" will be our motto. As many as will endorse the motto and lend a helping hand, will confer a favor by sending us a postal. We would not undertake the work unless we felt sure it would meet the approbation of our brethren. We are willing to work anywhere and anyway that will advance the cause of our blessed Saviour in this fair land, therefore we want to be subject to our brethren as far as possible. But we will have the independence to assert what we conceive to be right even if some do differ from us, for we believe that brethren can differ in opinion and yet enjoy christian fellowship.

OWEN-SOUND MEETING.

We commenced our meeting at Owen Sound July 17th and continued until August 6th. The meeting was only fairly attended from the start. We labored on the best we could under the circumstances, and we enjoyed many good meetings together during our stay. Our hearts were much rejoiced by two noble young ladies coming out on the Lord's side.

The church at O. S. is in good condition, all at peace, and working harmoniously together. I think "brotherly love" abounds to a much larger degree here than is found in many other places. Their meeting house is small but neat. Their singing is really good. They are sparing in their criticisms and see the good side of the questions as well as the bad. This is a rare thing for critics. The church is largely indebted to Bro. W. A. Stephens for the excellent condition of things. They have learned that whoever is absent, that Bro. W. A. Stephens is present, and ready to give words of fatherly counsel and instruction. We were not expecting a great in-gathering at this meeting, and if we have strengthened the ones that are laboring on in their quiet way, we have done well. Two were added to the saved. If they are faithful until death, and I pray that they may be, their salvation is worth the labor of a whole life time. They will carry the word of life to others, and thus spread the results of this meeting, so we can never know the full results of our labors until the curtain of eternity is lifted up, revealing everything as it is. Therefore let us labor on "till Jesus comes."

Any of our readers knowing of any Disciples in or near Barrie, will confer a favor by sending their names and address to CHRISTIAN WORKER, Meaford, Ont.

WARSAW, Ky, July 21st, 1882.

ELDER SHERMAN,

DEAR SIR, I received the other day, two copies of your paper published at Meaford, Ontario, called the CHRISTIAN WORKER. Thanks for it. The paper has a good name, but I fear it is a "misnomer." Your article giving the "experience" of "Sincerity seeking the way to heaven," is an old worn out fraud; the forgery of one of your preacher's who was well-known to us. A school child could see that it bears the marks, not of a young man "seeking the way to heaven," but of a "full fledged" Campbellite preacher. It ought to be entitled "Hypocrisy seeking the way to self glory," because it is a shameless fraud; false in statement, low in design, mean in birth, and propagated by the spirit of anti-christian proselytism. I suppose you know the thing to be false; therefore, why do you publish it? Such answers as are attributed to "Mr. H.," were never given by any Methodist preacher to such questions. You locate the affair in Cincinnati, Ohio. I read the same slander in a pamphlet published by one of your brethren some years ago. He located it in St. Louis, Mo. The fact is, it is like all other falsehoods, it has to change location to find darkness under which to hide its features. For very shame, either cease to publish such groundless slanders, or change the title of your paper. Don't soil under false colors. If you publish what I write, be generous enough to send me the paper containing it.

Yours truly &c., L. D. SHAW. P. S. As you sent me the paper, I felt I had a right to criticize it. L. D. S.

REMARKS ON THE ABOVE.

We ask our readers to read the above letter carefully, for we give it as a curiosity, and going on the principle that "a little diversion now and then, is relished by the best of men." We think your tastes for amusement is now fully satisfied. It is given also as a *Pink of Methodist Sincerity*. It savors of that pure Methodist spirit everywhere found, that we do not have to be told that Mr. Shaw is a Methodist preacher. We are not responsible for the sending of the CHRISTIAN WORKER to our irritated friend, but will be held responsible if he does not get this number. Now that "Sincerity" has found the right way to the Lord, and the narrative is closed, and Mr. Shaw, of *Warrens, Kentucky*, has been relieved of much Spiritual Bile, we hope to survive the shock, and move on in the even tenor of our way, with Mr. Shaw as a regular subscriber to our excellent little paper. We will still sail under our banner "CHRISTIAN WORKER" until we receive a rebuke that seems to come from a gentleman at least. Mr. Shaw is misled if he says that we claimed to be the author of *Sincerity*. If this narrative is "an old worn out fraud," be it known to Mr. Shaw and all of his ilk, that it is a facsimile of the frauds that are being perpetrated by his people, (especially preachers) on honest enquirers every year, and has been practiced so long by the Methodists that we are inclined to think it about time the fraud was worn out, and in order to assist in wearing it out, we have republished this tract which was written by one of the grand heroes of the current reformation. The effect of this tract and the labor of its author in *Warsaw, Ky.*, has been to dry up the fountain of Methodist foolishness there; is this not the truth Mr. Shaw? You call it "forgery," you know as well as you are a man, that if Methodist teaching and practice had set for a Photograph, it would not resemble your teaching and practice more than this narrative does. You say, it ought to be named "Hypocrisy seeking the way to self glory," be it even so, I submit that a part of the narrative could very properly be thus named, especially the part acted by "Mr. H." It has always resembled something of that kind to me, when a preacher will not tell an honest enquirer what the Lord has commanded him to do, but

tell him to do something else; it is so-called "hypocrisy seeking the way to self glory" and you know, Mr. Shaw, as well as I do, that a Methodist preacher never was known to answer the sinner's question "what must we do?" as the Apostle Peter did. "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins."—Acts 2:38. Nor as Ananias did to Saul of Tarsus, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord," and if a Methodist preacher was to adopt this much of apostate teaching and practice, he would be turned out of the Methodist ranks as a "Campbellite." You say it is false in statement. I deny your charge I know from experience, (being born and raised a Methodist until I was twenty years old), that the statements are true so far as the character of the advice given by Mr. H. is concerned, and you know the same, but I would be as much ashamed of it as you are, if I like you, was still clinging to the system. About the only thing that is left for you to do is to become irritated and volitionally deny, but the facts still remain the same. I was at the mourners bench night after night not 20 miles from where you now live. I prayed as earnestly as ever a boy prayed. I could not "get the blessing!"

The Preacher W. S. Mahan whom you doubtless know, tried to get me to "jump up and shout glory to God"!!! I tell you, me that was "the way to get religion"!!! thus offering a premium on hypocrisy, for it would have been hypocrisy in me if I had done as he told me to. I was led to believe that it was nearly all hypocrisy and after watching its workings for years, I confess my mind is not much changed. I am glad to say to you that the bible does not teach any such stuff, and that the Methodist alone are responsible for it. You say, "I suppose you know it to be false," no Mr. Shaw I do not know any such thing but on the contrary, I know it to be true in sentiment. I cannot affirm as to the actual occurrence from personal knowledge, but have been told by reliable persons that "sincerity" was an actual person, and that the enquiry and conversations, are given as they occurred. Of this I cannot speak from knowledge, but will give space for any one who knows, to state what the facts are. I published it; not as a *true glory*, but as faithful representation of the systems of teaching.

You say, "such answers were nor given by any Methodist preacher," I am inclined to about half agree with you, for as a rule their answers are not half as sensible or scriptural as Mr. H. S. "Come to the altar of Prayer, I Look up to the saviour, I Say 'hore Lord I give myself away! pray for faith! Oh, Lord! I Send converting power, I Come down and convert these seekers! Come through the roof! I will pay for the shingles! Baptize us with the Holy Ghost!" &c. &c.

Now all such instruction I have heard over and over, and such prayer almost blasphemy! I have heard around the "anxious seat." Now sir, this is not over drawn but what I have heard with my ears. Mr. H. S. answers are more dignified than the above.

I would be willing to pay a nice little sum to see any scripture for such instruction: Can you give any Bible authority for your mourners bench performance? No sir, and you would not try it. I have read this tract a number of times, but never saw it located in St. Louis."

I do not say that you misrepresent but I would like a little testimony all the same.

This tract has been the means of leading a great many honest inquirers out of the meshes of spiritual Babylon into the true light of God's word. The authors Crown of Glory will be brighter, we think an account of his having written this book.

Who can say this much of L. D. Shaw, for writing his book trying to show that our Saviour was not immersed!!! "For very shame," L. D. Shaw let us not hear anything more from you about things being "false in statement" may in design and low birth. You aimed your book at the Baptist people, but you hit the

Savior of the world of all the bungled arguments and of all the assertions that mortal man ever scanned your tract." Takes the red ribbon.

R. G. Ingersoll never peined a thing that was more dishonoring to God and his word, than is L. D. Shaw's tract.

We do not think that every Methodist is of your stripe, or else we would feel like saying "Lord are there few that be saved." Now let our astute critic read, Mark and reverently digest the foregoing and we think he will feel better if he does not "slap over" again.

Let not thy righteous indignation rise to such sublime heights that you cannot pull down your vest." Send us another of your tracts for our "Chamber of Horrors."

GOOD WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

Editor Worker.

I am pleased to see by the last number (July) of your paper that you have decided to enlarge the WORKER and issue it semi-monthly. A semi-monthly, or a weekly, is what I have desired to see for several years. The days for monthly pamphlets have passed; people want news more fresh now. The wonderful facilities for communicating thought from country to country, and from mind to mind by steam and electricity have educated the people to require information more speedily than since my recollection. When I first began to read the "Millennial Harbinger and Christian Messenger" in 1830, I was quite satisfied to get these monthlies, but now that is too long to wait. Even in secular papers a weekly is too slow, we must have a daily. In your case it will not do to go on in too great haste for the sake of getting news often, and especially in publishing. It costs money to publish, and unless a publisher can sell his papers he must suffer loss, and that is what no one desires. But, now, to publish a sheet of the size and style you propose for one dollar I think there will not be much risk. People are better able to pay one dollar now than in my youthful days ten cents, and then we had to pay postage, now nothing. I used to have to have to pay 12 cents on every number of the Harbinger and \$2 for the paper, in all \$3.50 per year, besides 12c. on every letter. As you propose to get out a respectable looking paper I need not offer many suggestions about that. We shall hope to see something far superior in quality of paper and workmanship to the present WORKER. Appearances are powerful, and we all like a neat, tasty thing, and one we are not ashamed to look at and to hand to our neighbors. I hope the matter will be unobjectionable as the paper. Your decisions on that are good. I hope you will keep keen, pungent, personal insinuations, flings, twits and downright thrusts out altogether. Nobody, and certainly no Christian, likes them. It is too much conformity to the world—the political world. A Christian paper should stand as far above such a spirit as heaven is higher than hell, and as much purer as heaven is purer than Satan. I hope you will receive all the above suggestions in the spirit they are given, indeed I am confident you will. If you do these things you will gain the hearts of the brethren and you will not fail. Let your paper be free from impurities in doctrine and speech; let it breathe the pure, mild, gentle, loving spirit of the Master, and good will certainly come from it everywhere, and you get the approbation of your brethren and the Lord of life and glory.

In addition to the above I hope you will be able to evangelize quite generally, visit every church, preach for them a longer or shorter time as circumstances require, for general acquaintance with the brethren, and encourage a general co-operative evangelising system to build up and spread the cause far beyond its present boundaries. I will help in the work all I can. The Lord bless you and make you a blessing to many.

JOSEPH ASH.

Died at Cobourg, Ont., on the 19th of June, 1882 at the early age of 75 years, Sister Frances K., the beloved wife of Bro. Wm. E. Squibbs.

Of her it can truly be said that those who knew her best loved her most. Over all within her sphere she cast the influence of her sunny disposition, and she seemed to live and move in an atmosphere of kindness and love. To her the Revelations of the Bible were realities. People led by no lingering doubts nor fears. She fearlessly stood upon the promises of God, and daily lighted the lamp of a devoted piety at the altar of faith.

For her, death had no terrors. Trusting in Christ through life she found Him doubly precious in death, and calmly fell asleep, to await the morning of that day to which all others tend.

H. A. MACDONALD, July 26th 1882.

INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.

Editor Worker.

When reading the obituary notice of the late Sister Pomeroy, of Cobourg, in the last WORKER an incident was brought back to my memory that took place some time before Sister Hale became the wife of the late esteemed brother Charles Pomeroy. She was the daughter of a brother and sister Hale, long since deceased. Bro. Hale and family were very dear to me, for I had been a humble instrument in the hands of God of showing them the way of the Lord more perfectly, and had buried them in baptism. Also they were from the same place in England where my grand parent Ash came from, to wit the town of Leek, Staffordshire, and they were intimately acquainted with many of my distant relatives.

On the occasion of their daughter being immersed into Jesus Christ they (bro. and sister Hale) made special request that their daughter's name should be changed from Louise to Naomi. I told them they had right to change their daughter's name as they pleased, that there was law then in Canada for the registration of births, marriages and deaths in his country, and that I was matter open for them to change the daughter's name at pleasure. If they having been instructed in infancy that names must be given in baptism, could not entirely overcome that early teaching. I knew it was matter of no real consequence as yielded to their request, and when their daughter into the beautiful waters of the Ontario I said sister Naomi by the authority Jesus Christ our Lord I now baptize you into the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. That perfectly satisfied the parents and all connections, and from that day she was no more called Louise but Naomi. Perhaps this may be of use to her surviving children. Sister Pomeroy has gone to her eternal home and her children need not mourn her departure. She has played her part well, and oh, when I think back the time of her baptism and the founding of that little church, now about 48 years ago, of which she and her father and mother were charter members, I become almost enthusiastic with joy over the cause as it then, and in tracing it till now. The writer of the obituary of Sister Pomeroy (her son I recollect) repeats what she says about our early struggles to be primitive christians. "When Joseph Ash came in we had a meeting." In saying this I presume she meant when I came into the place of meeting. But oh the meeting! Think of it one so young so timid as I was that when I stood up I trembled in every limb to make a big meeting. But really she was correct, for though small in number and weak we were truly big in comparison to all the meetings of our about us.

I am strongly urged to write series of articles for the coming year, or the WORKER giving the history of the rise and progress of the ancient gospel in Canada. I have consented "the Lord will" to this. There is living person but myself who knew it from the beginning.

JOSEPH ASH.