

NOTES.

- A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
- A USEFUL NEW YEAR.
- A BUSY NEW YEAR.

In the *Standard* of Dec. 15th 2,111 additions were reported; and in that of Dec. 22nd 1,712.

We ask our readers to give a careful reading to our selections in this number. They are all on important subjects by able writers.

Bro. Robert McMillan, of Hillsburg, leaves on the 8th inst. for California. He goes in quest of better health than he has in Ontario. We trust he will find it, and that in all his journeyings he may be preserved from all harm. We indulge the hope that he will favor us with some account of his travels and observations for publication in these columns.

We have received and examined a copy of the *Standard Eclectic Commentary on the International S. S. Lessons for 1889*, prepared by A. N. Gilbert and S. M. Jefferson with Geographical notes by Prof. McGarvey, also *The Zöllars Lesson Question System, Maps, Journeys of Jesus, Harmony of the Gospels, etc.* It has been prepared for the S. S. teacher. It is just what the teacher needs, and what every teacher should have. Address the *Standard Pub. Co.*, 22 East Ninth St. Cincinnati, Ohio.

The price of *Literature*, Alden's Illustrated Weekly Magazine, has been reduced from \$1.00 to 50 cents a year. It was cheap at a dollar. In the number for Dec. 8th, there is an interesting sketch of Bayard Taylor with two portraits. Young men and women with a literary turn of mind could not invest 50 cents to better advantage than by subscribing for *Literature*. J. B. Alden, Publisher, 393 Pearl St., New York.

Not a few churches in Ontario refuse to give anything for foreign missions. They think we have plenty to do at home. Well, we are now appealing to the churches in behalf of the work at home. Will they contribute? Oh, we don't approve, they say, of the way it is done. What do they approve? They approve of the obstructive plan which affords ample opportunity for talking without disturbing the money in their pockets. Men who do not want to give can always find some excuse, and can reason themselves into the conviction that they are consistent and sincere.

Don't forget nor neglect to lift a collection on Lord's Day Jan. 13th, in aid of the work of the gospel in Ontario.

Don't say:—"We have use for all the money we can raise at home and are unable to give anything for others."

Don't talk that way nor act that way;—because (1). It is contrary to the spirit of the gospel. (2) The light of the churches which have talked and acted that way has gone or is going out. (3). It is a sure indication of a lack of faith in God who has committed unto us the gospel of His Son.

If all would say as some do, "We can't," the workers would be called out of their respective fields and the mission points given up. Please remember that it is a special collection and that every church is requested to generously remember the work in the hands of the Board on that day or as soon after as possible.

If all would contribute according to their ability there would be no necessity of asking a special collection from those churches which made pledges at the beginning of the Co-operation year. Let us remember that this is the work of the Master and that the reward is sure.

It will be noticed that our St. Thomas correspondent says that Mr. Munro the Baptist minister of that city thinks that the Baptists and Disciples are nearer alike than any other two religious bodies. But even if that be true, if the Rev. Mr. Guy, Baptist minister of Meaford, is right in thinking that the Disciples preach "the gospel of the devil," the Baptists and Disciples are not very much alike after all. But Mr. Guy is not right, and so if Mr. Munro be right, the Baptists and Disciples may be quite near together, and we presume Mr. Munro wished to be so understood. It would give us great pleasure to be able to present to our readers an article or two from Mr. Munro's pen setting forth his conception of the respective positions of the Baptists and Disciples. We want to understand the Baptists, we want to think according to truth concerning them, we want to speak the truth about them, we want to unite with them if possible. We have repeatedly requested the *Canadian Baptist* to enlighten us, but in vain. We do desire so much to know what it is that distinguishes the Baptist denomination from all other bodies claiming to be Christians. Will Mr. Munro kindly tell us?

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CHURCH NEWS.

OWEN SOUND.—Two additions at Owen Sound lately by primitive obedience. Dec. 7th, 1888. C. A. FLEMING.

MEXICO, MO., Dec. 10.—I am on my way to Hopkinsville, Ky., after three weeks here, resulting in 80 additions to the church—4 to be baptized to-night by Bro. Higbee.—A. P. COBB, in *Standard*.

MARSHVILLE.—The new meeting house at Marshville, is to be opened Jan. 6th. There will be three services on that day—at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7 p. m. Jas. Lediard is to speak in the morning, Mr. Armstrong, the Presbyterian minister at Hillsburg, in the afternoon, and George Munro in the evening. Collections in aid of the building fund will be taken up at the close of each service. Brethren and friends are invited to attend.

ERIN VILLAGE.—The brethren at this place have recently very much improved the appearance of the interior of their meeting house. The ceiling is now a pure white and the walls a delicate blue, with a deep and beautiful paper border next the ceiling. A chandelier now graces the centre of the house, an extension lamp is suspended over the pulpit, and new brackets and reflectors have been provided for the side lamps. The Sunday School gave a very pleasant entertainment on the evening of Dec. 24th, which was well attended, and at which Miss Mary Currie of the Erin Centre Church delighted the audience by her recitation of a thrilling temperance piece.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN., Dec. 27, 1888.—On Dec. 12th inst., two young men made the "good confession," and were baptized. We wish the EVANGELIST and our many other eastern friends—their readers, "A happy New Year." And that it may be assured, we herewith send a *never failing* recipe for happiness: "He that will love live and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile; let him eschew evil, and do good, let him seek peace, and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil."—1 Peter, 3:10-12. A. H. F.

BOWMANVILLE, ONT., Dec. 18TH, 1888.—I send two paragraphs of church news from this place.

On the evening of the 21st of Nov., Brother J. R. Gaff, of Toronto, formerly of Phila., Penn., began a series of special services in connection with our church. These meetings continued with unabated interest until their close on the second Lord's Day in December. The visible results of the meeting were the addition of 18 persons, by faith and obedience, to the church (two of this number were heads of a family; the rest from our Sunday School.) The members were strengthened, encouraged, and our eyes were opened to the necessity of more organized and aggressive work for our Master. A good impression was made on the outside community. In fact, all the departments of church life and work received an impetus, and the members are more than pleased with the work done by Brother Gaff.

There are several things essential to ministerial success. I will mention two because I observed them in Brother Gaff; and they made a deep impression on me from the beginning of the meeting. (1) Ability to adapt himself to the old and the young, quickly discovering the shell of excuses in which so many reside, and just as quickly breaking them before he departs leaving them with nothing but Jesus and His Commandments. To the young he is their brother, to the old he is their friend who seeks their highest good. (2) Method of presenting the Truth, plain, kind, forcible, earnest, making point follow point with ease and power, hence, he rivets the attention from the first and memory retains the thoughts presented. Brother Gaff is a man who preaches what he believes to be the gospel; and with him the gospel is everything. May the Lord spare his useful life that he may turn many to the Lord Jesus. Brethren pray for him and uphold him in his good work in Toronto.

The financial fruit of his work here, he gives to build up the cause in Toronto. M. GUNN.

TORONTO, JAN. 1ST, 1889.—Since last report the EVANGELIST one has been baptized here and eight others have taken fellowship with us. During the year just closed sixty-five names have been added to the acknowledged roll of membership—nineteen of them by baptism. We have dismissed two by letter, and the Master has taken two to the upper congregation. The names now on the roll are one hundred and sixty-one, and of these eight or ten are away without letters. We know where they all are; some likely may return to us.

I would suggest that our preachers and elders in every church in their teaching emphasize the duty of acknowledged membership so that all Disciples will own responsibility to some local congregation, and in moving away that letters be asked for and when location is again made that they are put in at once.

Our congregations are good and there is a healthy spiritual tone in our work and worship. The peace and love of the congregation grow and there is a ready response in all the congregation to all good works. Our elders and deacons are men who fear God and love the cause and seek its prosperity. Trusting in God we believe Denison Avenue, will in good time be a great power for the truth.

I recently held a meeting with the brethren in Bowmanville with eighteen baptisms.

Fraternally,
J. R. GAFF.

ST. THOMAS, ONT., DEC. 26TH, 1888.—I send you herewith a copy of the *Times* of Dec. 18th, containing an account of our Sunday School entertainment. As you did not receive the account of our church opening sent you I will do my best to give you one now.

To begin with: We have tried to give the interior of the church an appearance worthy of the cause which we advocate, and the strangers who visited it on the evening of Nov. — were surprised at the beauty which the little place had taken on. Proceedings opened in the basement at six o'clock and from that till nine things down there were pretty busy. At nine o'clock Brother Knowles took the chair, and opened the proceedings upstairs. It seemed as if every available foot of space was occupied. The committee had prepared a very nice programme of sacred songs, speeches, recitations, etc., and all things passed off very nicely. Miss Nettie (Sheppard, we presume,—Editors) favored us with two very fine recitations. During the evening Mr. James A. Coyne was called on for a speech and undertook to give a short history of the Church of Christ, stating at the outset that the idea with which it was founded was the union of all Protestant churches, and going on to express great praise of the union movement which is now becoming so widespread. Shortly after the Rev. A. H. Munro, pastor of the Baptist Church here, rose to speak and immediately took issue with Mr. Coyne on this union question. He said that while he would very much like to see all the Protestant Churches under one banner he did not believe there could be any real union excepting union of belief. He also claimed that the Baptists and Disciples are nearer alike than any other two religious bodies. Brother Knowles showed rare tact and fine dignity in his reply to these gentlemen, explaining our movement for union, and quoting the words of Thomas Campbell, "Where the Scriptures speak we speak, where the Scriptures are silent we are silent." One noticeable and good feature of the Churches of St. Thomas, is that they are not afraid of discussion. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to about \$80.

At the close of the Sunday morning service Brother Knowles called for subscriptions towards the debt on the improved building and the responses amounted to nearly \$300.

Things have been moving along steadily ever since. Two baptisms—both young men.

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THE CHRISTMAS PIE.

The scholars and teachers of the Church of Christ Sunday School are justly proud this morning of the success of last evening's entertainment. Only one week was spent in preparation and consequently nothing very difficult was attempted and in that fact really lay the charm, for what the scholars did was done well. The basement of the church was crowded. The programme opened with the singing of "Antioch" by the audience, after which Rev. Mr. Knowles led in prayer. Then came a Scripture reading, Matthew ii, 1-10, the chairman and the School reading alternate verses, and Luke, ii, 8-14, the chairman and the teachers reading alternate verses. The rest of the programme was as follows:—"Hail, all Hail," by the choir and the school; words of welcome, by the pastor, class exercise; "The Crown of the Year," and "Chiming Christmas Bells," by the choir; recitation, "The Lighthouse and its Keeper," by Paul

Knowles; trio and chorus, "Glory to God"; recitation, "The Children's Crusade," by George Clark; recitation, "A Boy's Confession to Boys," by Almon Knowles; recitation, "Christ and the Basket," by Mary Noble, song, "The Kingdom Shall Stand," by the school; and last but by no means least, the cutting of the Christmas pie. This was simply a very large pie with a paste-board crust and filled with small bags of candy and raisins, each little one sticking in his thumb and pulling out his plumb from a pieful of bran. The exercise was immensely enjoyed. The entertainment closed at 9.15 o'clock with the singing of the doxology and pronouncing of the benediction by Mr. Knowles. The collections amounted to \$9 11.—*St. Thomas Times*, Dec. 18th.

The second Lord's Day in this month all our churches in the Province are requested to take up a collection for *Home Missions*. It would be cheering to hear from all though the amount contributed by some may not be large.

MARSHVILLE DISCIPLES' CHURCH.

(From our Correspondent)

The church of Disciples at Erin Centre is the parent stem from which some three or four congregations have been planted in different localities. Of these none show greater spiritual and material prosperity, all things considered, than the Church at Marshville. The congregation was organized in the year 1861 with a membership of 25, and had erected a little roughcast house of about 18x24 in which to worship, using the furniture out of the old frame church at Erin Centre. Prosperity shone upon them in the meantime, chiefly through the labors of Brother S. Woolner, and the people thought they required more room and a better house, their numbers had risen to 85, and only 6 charter members remain to-day. Having this object in view, a new lot was purchased which fronts on the Ferguson and Orangeville road, and is about 300 yards north of the old church. Brick, stone, sand, lime, etc., were procured by the members and delivered on the ground during the past winter. Plans and specifications were prepared by Mr. C. Hemming, of Orton, for the new church. Last February tenders were invited for the erection of a brick church, and Buchanan & McCullough's tender at \$390 for the whole work, was accepted. Sub-contracts were let to Geo. Bunt for the carpentering, Robert Irvine painting and glazing, J. Robinson tinsmithing, B. & C. did the masonry, bricklaying and plastering themselves. Looking at the finished building, it is very solid, neat and tasty in all its parts. It is 32x48 with buttressed walls 14 feet high, lighted from double Gothic windows. A snug porch guards the entrance, and over the porch, carved in the everlasting rock is the inscription, "Disciples of Christ, 1888." Within the auditory the floor is of hard wood, no skirting is of black ash. At the rear are two dressing rooms, a baptistery, and a speaker's platform and desk, the ceiling is arched and 17 feet high. The pews are quite comfortable, with the arms and backs finished in a tasty manner. The whole business when complete being valued at \$1500.

The brethren expect to have a grand opening day on Sunday, January 6th, 1889, when some able speakers are expected to take part in the various services that day.

Hillsburg, Dec. 18th.—*Guelph Mercury*.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE LOBO C. W. B. M. IN MEMORIAM

Of Sister Christena Sinclair, widow of the late Elder Dugald Sinclair, in her case she was an earnest member of this society, a charter member of the Church, moreover a woman whose uprightness and guileless character, won the respect of all, while her genial nature and kind heart, endeared her to those who knew her best.

Resolved that by her death this Society has lost a counsellor whose wisdom and prudence were of inestimable value, the Church has lost a member whose modest faithfulness and pure and holy life were an example and help to many, and that the community at large has lost one whose life was on the side of right and whose heart was on the side of mercy.

Resolved that we tender to the family left so sad and lonely, our heart-felt sympathy and our prayer for their continuance in doing well until God shall call them higher.

Resolved, that these resolutions be presented to the family, published in the ONTARIO EVANGELIST, and *Missionary Tidings*, and spread on the records of this Society.

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MARRIED.

BROWN.—FLEMING.—At the residence of the bride's father Dec. 18th, 1888, by C. J. Lister, S. H. Brown to Jessie M. Fleming.