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Our Premium Picture.

We are issuing a supplement with this paper, which we are certain will delight our friends. All *paid-up* subscribers will receive a picture of a number of our pioneer preachers. We are fortunate in having secured good likenesses of all these.

Any subscriber not receiving the premium picture will understand that it is because he is in arrears on his subscription. By the payment of arrears and *renewal for one year*, any and all of our readers may have a copy of the picture by return mail. New subscribers will, of course, also receive the picture.

We think the friends of the EVANGELIST should use the present opportunity to increase our list. Many Disciples in Canada will want this picture. They may have it and the EVANGELIST for one year for the small sum of one dollar.

The Annual Meeting.

THE BEST YET.

Hillsburg is not the largest place in Ontario, nor is it the most convenient point to reach by rail, but a large number of Disciples from all quarters of Ontario found their way to the pretty village in one of the gardens of Ontario upon the occasion of the late Convention. The weather was propitious, the entertainment first-class, as was to be expected from the Erin people, and generally things seemed to conspire to make the Convention one long to be remembered for its social pleasures, spiritual joys, and because the business transacted will, with the blessing of the Lord, redound to the good of His cause and the praise of His name.

This enlarged number of the EVANGELIST is given up almost entirely to the Annual Meetings of the Co-operation and of the O. C. W. B. M. Such reports and items of business as cannot be published now, owing to the fact that they did not reach the Editor in time, will be given in next issue. Therefore, so far as matters of that kind are concerned, it is not needful that we should dwell on them here.

We may attempt, however, to justify the statement at the head of this article that the Annual Meeting of 1894 surpassed any other such meeting ever held by the Disciples in Ontario.

1. Never before have we seen so much time intelligently devoted to the real business of the Co-operation. Usually a large part of the time has been given up to the reading of papers on questions important enough in their way, but still not of such immediate consequence as the mission work for which the Co-operation mainly exists. We think that brethren and sisters alike went away from the Convention feeling that they had a clearer insight into the work, and a stronger grip upon it. There is room for improvement yet; but the very conspicuous advance in this regard over former years encourages the thought that in

future years, there will be still less occasion to lament the waste of valuable time by irrelevant and untimely talk. The "conference" feature should be developed, giving as it does an opportunity for a general expression of views, and it prevents the action of the Convention from being merely the result of the thought of the few. It is very pleasing to note the facility with which brethren and sisters, too, express themselves. Not the least of the benefits of these annual gatherings is their educative effect in this regard. Many a man who first found his voice and legs in a business meeting has become a useful speaker in the religious meetings of the church.

2. The determination of the sisters of the O. C. W. B. M. to make the experiment of joining with the Co-operation in Home Mission work, will mark the Hillsburg Convention of 1894 as a notable one in our annals. We say this because we believe the experiment will prove a success, and will lead to a great enlargement of our power to do the Lord's work. When the discussion of affiliation was going on in the EVANGELIST last winter and spring, we took no part, believing that the sisters had the right and the ability to deal with the question and to arrive at a conclusion that would, without lessening their peculiar power as members of the O. C. W. B. M., increase their weight in the general body, and so more largely contribute to the only end that we have before us. We feel very strongly that the auxiliaries of the O. C. W. B. M. have done, and are doing, a good work. We have seen, as we think, but the beginning of their good influence. May the Lord graciously guide them into larger spheres of usefulness for the furtherance of his cause both at home and abroad.

3. The resolution passed on Saturday evening, adopting the recommendations of the Committee on Education, provided the requisite money can be raised, marks, we believe, the dawn of a new era for the Disciples in Ontario. The proposed beginning is not a large one, but it is none the worse for that. We do not yet need a large concern. Such a project, as suggested by the committee, is sensible and feasible, and well within our means, especially as we can count upon the hearty support of the O. C. W. B. M. We are sure the educational scheme will commend itself to our brethren and sisters generally. As an aged brother said to us at Hillsburg: "Our brethren will support it, they will be proud of it." It should be noted here and always, that it is not proposed to have a Bible school simply for young men who intend to be preachers, but one for all, whether male or female, who wish to increase their knowledge of the Word of God, that they may serve Him better in public or in private, in the pulpit, on the platform, in the Sunday-school, in the young people's society, at home, or in foreign lands. The time has come, and now is, when, if the Gospel of the grace of God is to maintain—which really means to increase—its hold upon civilized and educated people of the world, the knowledge of the Holy Bible must be greatly extended, must become more exact, more thorough. This is a necessity growing out of the condition of things induced immediately by the exertions of the higher critics, as they call themselves. And, for our part, we feel under obligation to that class of scholars for having made it so clear that he who runs may read, that the sacred Scriptures must be brought intelligently within the range of the people generally, if Christianity is not to perish from the earth. We think the time is opportune for the establishment of a Bible School in

Toronto, and we consider that the Disciples are the people, who, by reason of their freedom from the tyranny of stereotyped creeds, are the best fitted to found a school which shall not be devoted to the propagation of effete creeds, but to the exaltation of the living Word of the living God. We cannot doubt but the Lord Himself will be pleased with this humble effort to magnify His own Word, and to increase the efficiency of all those among us who are ambitious to be able ministers of the New Testament, and of that larger company who in less conspicuous spheres serve the Lord in their day and generation.

Our space, as the newspaper men say, we fear, is exhausted. We are not, and our past experience in attempting to give our brethren and sisters an intelligible account of the Annual Meeting, leads us to think, that our readers are not exhausted either. Nevertheless, we perforce must close only adding that Bro. W. J. Lhamon, as chief speaker, maintained well the traditions of our annual meetings, that Bro. R. Moffett gave us one of his big sermons, and that our preachers who filled the pulpits of the Hillsburg churches on the Lord's day received the hearty commendation of all who heard them.

We are engaged in a great and good work, brethren and sisters. Let us commend ourselves once more unto Him whose we are and whom we serve.

Dr. Macklin.

The chief personal interest at the Convention gathered around Bro. Macklin, who, as is known to our readers, is now home on furlough from China. The doctor has been studying in hospitals in Chicago and New York, that he may be up to date fully in his profession. He expects to return to China with his family and Bro. Williams' boys about the last of August. He has visited a good many points in the States and delivered missionary addresses, and has had a chance to gauge the mission sentiment among our people there.

Ontario Disciples have naturally a special interest in him, as he is one of us. It was a very particular pleasure to have him at the Annual Meeting. He delivered three addresses in Hillsburg, one at the sisters' open meeting, Friday afternoon, one at the mass meeting, Saturday evening, and the third in the Presbyterian church on Lord's day evening. In his own pleasant and practical way he opened up the minds of the people to a clearer apprehension of the actual state of the Chinese in their own land, and to the proper missionary methods which experience has shown to be most profitable in the long run. He has a very plain word in season for the professing Christians at home, who care not for the heathen at home. He has a very wholesome contempt for "the clubs," as he styles the churches, which have fallen from the high estate of being Christ's servants to the poor, and seem to exist only for their own selfish social gratification. We imagine that in some places his remarks on this subject would not be "well taken" at the time, though they would, if there were a remnant of Gospel fire in the hearts of the people, bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness by-and-by.

Bro. Macklin has been the object of tender solicitude to us in days past. Those who have now come to know him in the flesh will think more of him, and we trust heed more the call of his Master and ours, to "preach the gospel to every creature."

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Notes.

An interesting letter from Bro. B. B. Tyler urging a large attendance of Disciples at the Cleveland C. E. Convention is unavoidably crowded out.

Children's Day promises to be a great success this year. We hope every Sunday-school will join in the annual offering.

The EVANGELIST was remembered by a goodly number at Hillsburg in a tangible way; and by the Convention in an intangible way. For all of which we are duly thankful.

The editor of this paper has received a courteous invitation from Rev. D. Spencer, of St. Thomas, to be at a Conference in the First Baptist Church, of that city, on Thursday, June 21st, which conference he hopes to be able to attend.

Dr. Macklin says we are on the right track in determining to establish a Bible School in Toronto. The Doctor's head is level on this as on other subjects, excepting it may be "the Single Tax." We are not yet prepared to swear by him on that.

TO OUR AGENTS:—Now is your time if you really wish to help to put the EVANGELIST into every home in your church. Every family will want the picture of the Pioneers. Only one dollar for EVANGELIST one year and the picture. "Strike, friends, while the iron is hot."

This, we may say, is a double number. We think our friends will be pleased with it and will be content to wait until July 15th for the next issue. June 15th came too soon after the Annual Meeting to permit of our giving by that date a satisfactory account of the Convention.

We are glad to say to those who were so kindly enquiring after Bro. A. Anderson, at Hillsburg, as well as to his many old friends all over the Province, that he is rapidly regaining his normal condition of health, and expects to start from Hamilton for his usual summer trip to the north about July 1st.

The Provincial election campaign is near its end. The 26th of June will be a great day for Ontario. It is not proper for us to say here anything that would savor of party politics. But we would entreat our brethren, in the name of truth and righteousness in the name of freedom and fairness, in the name of the golden rule and the gospel of love, to help to snow under the P. P. A.

The young people were at Hillsburg too. And never did they show to better advantage in one of our conventions. The efforts of certain to array the young against the older have failed and left scarcely a trace behind. The hearts of the young Disciples are in the right place, and their faces are in the right direction, and, thank the Lord, they are moving too.

"Our fathers, where are they?" must have been the thought of many at the Convention. For the number of aged Disciples was smaller than at former meetings, not because of a lack of interest or confidence in the work, but because they had departed to be with Christ. Nevertheless it was not a convention of young men; for another generation of old men is coming—is almost here. Gray hairs and bald heads were not a rarity at Hillsburg.

We feel that we are not doing full justice to the Annual Meeting, albeit we are giving this large number almost



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entirely to it. We have learnt that what may be called the "gossip"—"good gossip"—of the Convention, is appreciated by those who could not attend. There are many worthy of mention if space permitted. Of our hosts, Bros. R. W. Ballah and Joseph McMillan should not be left unnamed, because they did their part most excellently well.

We have a peculiar satisfaction in issuing our Premium Picture. The names of Jas. Black, Dugald Sinclair, Alexander Anderson, Jas. Kilgour, and Edmund Sheppard, are dearly cherished by the older Disciples in this Province. We desire that the younger people may learn their worth and honor them as they deserve to be honored.

Another of our pioneer Disciples has passed over the river—Bro. James Menzies, formerly of Esquimaux, more recently of Toronto. The writer remembers well being at his old home in Esquimaux nineteen years ago, and marvelling at his remarkable memory and his unusual gift of expression and argumentation. We shall look for a suitable obituary for our next number.

O. C. W. B. M.

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