

are afraid to have their children educated in our non-sectarian public schools; and it is shameful when Protestant ministers clamor to have the already heavily burdened public school teachers required to teach the Bible. Let the ministers do their duty and leave the teachers free to do theirs.

Co-operation Notes

CONTRIBUTIONS.

H. M. McMillan..... \$5 00
Joseph Watson 4 00
John Matheson 16 00

The first of June draweth nigh, and that \$500.00 is needed by that time. Will the friends of the Home Mission work take notice?

What will be the consequence if that sum is not raised? Have you ever thought of that? The consequence will be that the faithful preachers whom the Annual Meeting authorized the Board to assist in supporting will be wondering how they are going to meet their necessary expenses.

Does some one say that will do them good; it will teach them to trust in the Lord? If such teaching is a benefit to them, it will not hurt the rest of us; so let us trust in the Lord sufficiently to keep those preachers from distrusting us. The entire sum we are trying to raise this year would be no burden at all if fairly distributed even among those who approve of the work. What is needed is a general participation on the part of all. Those who give most largely we find always cheerful in their giving. They count it a privilege and enjoy it. Those who have but do not give are often cross when the matter of giving for missions comes up. Such people are to be pitied—poor things! going through the world without experiencing the luxury of doing good with their money.

One of the most pleasant things in connection with this mission work is the way some brethren—brethren here is used in its Scriptural sense to include the sisters—have of coming up and "button-holing" the Cor. Sec., and saying, "Here is \$5.00, or here is so much for the Home Mission fund." They are so bashful like: they'll get you off into a corner and turn their back to the crowd and hand out their wallet so canny like. The Cor. Sec. does not get any salary, but such folks pay him over and over again in the course of the year. Really the pleasure some people take in contributing is a lesson and a benediction. Happy are they, for "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

As announced in last EVANGELIST the churches are asked to take up a special collection for Home Missions on the first Lord's day in May. A circular letter calling the attention of the churches to that fact will be prepared and distributed soon.

The programme for the Annual Meeting is being prepared, and will be announced shortly. We are hoping and praying for a grand meeting.

We know of a number of young men who are willing to spend a few months—beginning about June 1st—with churches. Churches desiring the services of such may correspond with the writer.
Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.

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Church News.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION. — Two confessions and baptisms on the evening of the 5th inst., making five additions since last report.

RIDGEMOUNT. — At our regular meeting last Lord's day evening a young man confessed Christ and was baptized. He leaves for Hiram College, Ohio, this week.
H. BROWN.
April 8.

ST. THOMAS. — There have been three additions by letter in St. Thomas since last report in THE EVANGELIST. The Young People's Society is doing well. Bro. Knowles has been preaching some discourses along the line of "Humanism vs. The Commission."

BLENNHURST. — Bro. Stewart began his labors here one week ago yesterday. Last evening he preached at Guilds to a full house. We organized a Sunday school yesterday with an attendance of twenty-two and promise of more. We had prayer meeting last Tuesday evening with encouraging outlook. Our regular service here is still at three o'clock.
B. S.
April 13

GUELPH, ONT. — Our special services closed on Wednesday evening, 1st. The immediate results to the Church were five accessions; four by confession and baptism, one by acknowledgment. Two others last Lord's day by letter. Bro. Sheppard gave us some of his best sermons. His sermon on "The Mission of the Holy Spirit" pleased everyone that heard it. The congregation of the Second Baptist church used our baptism during the meeting.
J. K. HESTER.
April 8, '91.

BOWMANVILLE. — Our meeting closed with thirty-seven additions; all but one by confession and baptism. Taken altogether it was one of the most successful meetings this church has ever held. Many of those who confessed Christ are heads of families, and we trust that they will be permanently useful in His cause. Bro. Rains preached some stirring sermons, and we hope to have him with us some time in the future. During the last week Bro. Gaff preached some very instructive discourses, and the Misses Joy assisted greatly by their singing. The church is encouraged and hopeful for great things in the future.
April 14, '91. E. B. BARNES.

HAMILTON. — Our meetings have been steadily increasing. Starting with an audience of forty or less we now have the house quite well filled, but still there is room for many more. An excellent young man (Presbyterian by birth) made the good confession last night, and was immersed the same hour. He intended becoming a minister but could not reconcile the Westminster Confession with the Bible. Now he intends to devote his life to the preaching of the simple Gospel of Christ. We thank the Lord for such additions. Had two additions by letter since last April. Next Lord's day morning we take up a collection for Foreign Missions.
M. PUTMAN.
April 1, '91.

Two confessed the Saviour last night. One was baptized the same hour. Yesterday morning the collection was taken for Foreign Missions, amounting to over \$20. We rejoice and take courage.
M. PUTMAN.
April 6, '91.

Two made the good confession yesterday. Three were baptized in the evening.
M. PUTMAN.
April 12, '91.

GRONOWTOWN. — We had a grand religious awakening in this town—no such as has never been seen here before. The town was stirred to its very centre, and the country round took up the cry and came out to hear the whole round Gospel as preached eighteen hundred years ago. Bro. W. D. Campbell preached twenty-four times to large and very appreciative audiences. Our religious neighbors who came to hear confessed to have learned a great deal of Gospel truth which they had never before been taught, and we were all greatly benefited by Bro. Campbell's clear forcible expressions and logical conclusions, drawn wholly from Scripture. There were seventeen baptisms, and three taken into fellowship, making in all thirty-eight as a congregation of Disciples of Christ here who have a pure creed and plain teaching, and, moreover, the sympathy of not a few outsiders and many of our religious friends. The brethren here are not strong financially, but their faith is steadfast, and as we have begun so shall we continue, ever striving to keep the truth in its simplicity before the people, knowing that from the seed sown, "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." May others in this country be moved to action by the success achieved by the brethren here, and begin to open fields where the plea for primitive Christianity has never been heard. You cannot fail, brethren, if your faith is sufficiently strong. Try it! and you will be happy to see the cause of Christ grow and develop, as the "Word" which is the "seed" is received into good and honest hearts.
W. G. CHARLTON.

March 30, '91.

IMPORTANT TO SUBSCRIBERS.

A short time ago we sent to each subscriber a circular with a statement showing how they stood on the list. This was done in order that subscribers would have it for future reference; by this they are enabled to tell when their subscription expires. People are continually writing to us to find out when their subscriptions run out, as they wish to renew. By having this circular filed they can turn to it and see without trouble.

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The reason why subscribers do not send us promptly is because they think that their arrears being only \$1 or \$2, as the case may be, cannot make much difference. If only one thought that, it wouldn't make much difference, but the trouble is, a vast number of our subscribers are evidently arguing in the same way. No one would think of treating the publishers of a secular paper in that way, and why should you do it with us? It takes money to run a religious paper as well as any other. We do not ask you for anything but that for which you have received value, the same as your grocer or tailor would.

Yours respectfully,
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Literary Notes.

GRIP, 1891. — At the beginning of each year the intelligent man—especially if he be the head of a family—decides upon the papers he will subscribe for. This is a matter of very great importance, and as the amount thus to be invested is usually limited, not a little thought must be exercised if a wise choice is to be made. Next to the local paper—for no public spirited citizen will fail to support one or other of his home papers—the journal which affords the best value for the money in this country is *Grip*, our national humorous journal. Its weekly visits, freighted as it always is with fresh, bright and cleanly fun of pen and pencil, are events of the most pleasurable description. In Canadian homes, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, *Grip* is hailed with delight by the children as well as their elders, and for all it is a source of profitable instruction and healthful laughter. The splendid success of *Grip*, which is now in its thirty-sixth volume, is a credit to Canada, for in the opinion of good judges, so far as pith and point are concerned, it stands in the front rank of the world's comic journalism. It costs only \$2.00 per year, and, if patronage were always granted in accordance with merit, it would be in every Canadian household without exception. Parents, who wish their growing boys and girls to be influenced in a right way, should not overlook this powerful agency.

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