

SELKIRK. Closed our meeting at Sweet's Corner on Friday, 29th inst., having delivered fifteen discourses, resulting in eight being added to the church by confession and baptism.

R. AIN-WORTH.

Seikirk, Nov. 5th, 1886.

MINTO.—The brethren here have a good Sunday School which is kept up all the year round. The Lord's Day meeting is well attended, not only by the brethren, but also by others. But it must be recorded that the Minto brethren, with Bro. Darroch at their head, are "progressionists" or "retrogressionists," or some other bad thing. They actually meet to break bread in the afternoon, instead of in the forenoon, as they — — — well, used to do. And they say they like the change; it works well. One sister declares she has now no longer a Sunday headache. And with one consent they seem to agree that where a country congregation can meet but once each Lord's Day, they should meet in the afternoon. It tends greatly to facilitate the labors which farmers must do even on Sunday. The Sunday School meets immediately before the regular meeting. Those who have to drive can make one job of taking the children to the school and going to meeting, and thus save their horses, and that is the way to get over the difficulty of having Sunday Schools in the country places. There are other churches which might very profitably follow the example of the church in Minto, for that passage which says, the disciples met at 11 a. m. to break bread, did not stand in the way.

RIDGETOWN.—Things are moving along very nicely at Ridgetown. The brethren and friends are working in harmony, while at Blenheim matters are still better, for not only are our own brethren in concord among themselves, but several of the Baptists commune with them every Lord's Day afternoon. The Baptists have a large congregation at that place. Last Sunday I was invited to preach the Anniversary Sermon for them in the evening, and did so, to a large and attentive audience, from Rom. 12: 1, 2. This is very pleasant. Shall we ever be one people? The Hon. David Mills lectured for them, on the following evening, on the Pyramids. This instead of the wanted tea meeting.

Every other Sunday I have a third meeting at Guild's. House full. One of our families living in that locality has offered five hundred dollars and another two hundred towards a church building there. There is no need for a preacher to be idle in this field. Twenty miles drive one Sunday and twenty-six the next one, if returning home at night. Six, eight, or ten miles afoot on week-days; but I am in good health and am able to do all this and a fair average of talking, and a little doctoring besides.

Those of our friends acquainted with Bro. Gordon and family, of Florence, will be pained to know that their daughter, Isabella, while on a visit to Ridgetown was taken with violent hemorrhage of the lungs, and now lies in a critical state at a relative's in that town. We are sure that this most excellent family will have the sympathy and prayers of the brethren.

E. SHEPPARD.

Ridgetown, Nov. 13th.

MUSKOKA MATTERS.

Since my last report I visited Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, and found the brethren generally well, and doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances, as they have been considerably weakened in numbers and material by removals, but, on the other hand, they have also been strengthened by immigration. A Bro. White, formerly of Collingwood, with his family, has settled at Gore Bay; I also see, by papers sent me, that a Bro. A. Archibald, from Ohio, has arrived, with the intention of settling at Ice Lake. Both these brethren are "apt to teach," and will assist in the work. All appeared to be working in peace and harmony. I heard of Bro. C. J. Lister at Little Current, but did not meet with him. I enjoyed my visit very much, except two or three hard tramps through the rain that I took while there, and a severe shaking up on the water on the return trip.

Matters here are rather lively. A Mr. Ion, an Evangelist, and his wife are holding meetings in this village, and are drawing large crowds. I attended two of their meetings, and on the second occasion was invited to preach—I accepted, and spoke to a crowded house. I aimed to teach the truth. I am laid up with an attack of lumbago and inflammation of the lungs; but through the kindness of Bro. and Sister Bigelow, and the care of their excellent daughter, Alzina, am fast recovering. There is nothing like good care and kind attention to bring even a preacher through any ordinary disease. May God bless the dear

brothers and sisters everywhere, who do what they can for the comfort and the health of preachers. I would have been in a meeting in Brunel if health had permitted. I hope soon to fulfil my purpose. We look for a few additions here and there. May the Lord grant it.

W. M. C.

Baysville, Nov. 9th, 1886.

WEST END, TORONTO.—Things are progressing finely at the West End. The brethren were greatly benighted by Bro. Lediard's series of meetings and much cheered by the results of it, not only in inducing a number to obey the Saviour, but also in warming up, and binding more closely together the church. The Toronto News paid some attention to the meetings held by Bro. Lediard, and on one occasion, at least, published a synopsis of his discourse. The same paper also gave quite an extended, and, at the same time, a very intelligible report of the sermon delivered by Bro. Barclay, on the evening of November 14th. If our space would allow it, we would be more than glad to give the report of the News. (We can't publish one fourth of what we have on hand that would be of interest to our readers.) Bro. B. was discussing the question, "What Church shall I join?" Dr. Wild, of the Bond Street Church, Toronto, had the question up two weeks before, and we understand, gave an answer which would be about equivalent to a "pitch and toss" method of deciding. Bro. B. had his subject announced the Saturday before, and intimated that the answer would be different to Dr. Wild's. We need not tell our readers what answer Bro. B. gave. There was a large congregation; the brethren were delighted with the discourse, and the many strangers present seemed not to be displeased. At the close of the meeting two persons declared their purpose to be baptized. Read this that Bro. B. sent on a Post Card, dated November 22nd:—"You will remember that I told you a week ago, that two persons, father and daughter, were to be baptized on Thursday eve. Well, the mother came also, and the three were baptized last Thursday eve. We had a nice little meeting. It was a real "Thanksgiving" service, just such as we delight in. Our audiences yesterday were larger than ever. Splendid meeting last evening. We are feeling very hopeful that by the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we shall accomplish much good. Bro. and Sister Stewart, of Everton, and Bro. and Sister Harris, of Hamilton, were present with us."

Home Mission Work.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

In Toronto I spent nearly two weeks preaching each night, and closed with three meetings on the last Lord's Day of my visit. There were several additions by confession and baptisms during my stay. They have not been quite free from the disquieting influences to which our church life everywhere seems to be liable. Slight differences magnified by dwelling upon them, grow into serious offences. I wish we prayed about our difficulties more, and talked about them less, I am persuaded many of them would die suddenly. The meetings were well attended all through, and the singing is unquestionably the very best I have met with in any church yet. The outlook in the West End is very favorable, a strong and energetic membership, with good prayer meetings, and a live interest in all that pertains to the work of the Lord. Their need is a good man to devote his whole time to the work in that city, and this I find is the desire of many in the country who see the necessity of building up a strong church in Toronto, and I am glad to add that they not only wish to see it, but are willing to help in so desirable a work. Brethren in Toronto, wake up to the importance of this matter, and make immediate provision for placing a man there and you will be helped.

From Toronto to Pickering, where I spent three nights speaking to moderate audiences; this is one of the churches heartily in sympathy with Home Mission Work. By the efforts of Bro. Wm. Forrester their pledge amounted to nearly \$70.00, and they paid me over \$10.00 of this while with them, and will forward the balance in due time. I regret to say that Bro. Forrester is about to leave them, and while some other church will benefit by his zeal and ability, his loss will be keenly felt there, and not only will he be missed by the church, but the whole community will suffer a loss. It was one of the pleasant things in my visit to hear his praises sung by his neighbors and friends everywhere. This is as it ought to be. "Living Epistles know and read of all men," is how the Scriptures put it.

From Pickering to Whitby, where in company with Bro. Forrester, I made a call on Bro. J. E. Farewell; talked a while on the condition of the Cause of Christ in Ontario, and with the help of Bro. F. solicited his support of the work; results, \$40.00 given with a ready cheerfulness that was truly refreshing. "The Lord love a cheerful giver."

From Whitby to Oshawa. Here I found the audiences very small, and the cause in a very low condition indeed, with very little hope of improvement, but while the small church here feels it can do but little at home, it is alive to the needs of others. Without any appeal they had made provision for my visit, and send a pledge for Home Mission Work of \$65.00, with an additional sum of \$25.00 towards placing a man in Toronto to preach the gospel there.

From Oshawa to Bowmanville, where I spoke two nights, but have promised to spend the last Lord's Day in this month there, and so will see them again and appeal to them on behalf of Home Missions.

From Bowmanville to Cobourg. Here I found the church in a somewhat low condition, its membership reduced by deaths and removals, and the additions lately have been but few. A new Baptist Church was opened while I was there, that will, I suppose, divide the interest to some extent. I regret to find, too, that Dr. Wood is leaving, which will be a serious loss. They pledged \$40.00, and are taking it up by monthly collections.

From Cobourg I went to Wes. Lake, Prince Edward County, the most easterly church in Ontario. Here there is a church of almost seventy-five members. Brethren Sherman, Barclay and Martz have all held successful meetings here, and now Bro. Mundy is spending his whole time with this church and Hillier. I spent one week here, preaching every evening, but the weather was unusually stormy, indeed, a heavy gale was blowing, with rain and snow, the darkness of the nights was intense, and greatly hindered the meetings. On Saturday night I delivered an address on temperance to a full house, a subject of interest to the church here. On Lord's Day the meetings were large and interesting, and I closed with a good audience on Monday night. The church here has greatly improved, and they date the improvement from Bro. Sherman's visit. There is a fairly bright outlook for this church, and Bro. Mundy's labors are highly appreciated, and are already bringing forth fruit. They talk of a June meeting next year, which I hope will become a fact. Bro. M. is also trying to restore the church in Cherry Valley. The audiences are reported as fairly good, and the outlook promising.

From here I go to Hillier, then to Bowmanville on the last Lord's Day in the month, and will spend the first Lord's Day in December with the church on Denison Avenue, Toronto. J. L.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following sums have been received for Home Mission Work since last report.

Garafra	\$39 00
Erin Centre	30 00
Vaughan	12 00
Selkirk	30 00
Hamilton	18 00
Toronto, West End	25 00
Pickering	43 00
Oshawa	5 00
West Lake	10 00
"	18 00
Dr. McCullough, Toronto	5 00
Dr. Fry, " "	5 00
John Yake, Stouffville	2 00
A. Farewell, Oshawa	10 00
L. Merton, " "	5 00
— Merton, " "	5 00
J. D. Hudgin, West Lake	1 00
Mrs. Lambert, " "	1 00
Total	\$261 00

J. W. KILGOUR,
Secretary.

Foreign Mission Notes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

While less than a century has passed since foreign missionary work began among the denominations, only ten years have elapsed since this work began among "the Disciples of Christ," and it is safe to say that these have been our most prosperous years. The work has taken a deep

hold upon us, and while in our eagerness for a half century to get the people to read the last half of the commission correctly, we did not learn the first part of it as to extent, we now begin to seize the spirit of the Master. He commanded that his gospel be preached in every nation.

No people have ever prospered that have not been a missionary people. The most hopeful sign among us is our enlarged view of the commission. An opportunity is now given to every church in Canada to make a regular monthly offering to help prosecute this work abroad. What we need is regular systematic giving. Send regular remittances to Bro. McLean. We have no ecclesiastical machinery, no paid agents to do this work, but depend solely upon the inspiration of loyal hearts and the free will offerings of the disciples of Him who gave Himself for us. We can have fellowship with our missionaries by sustaining them in their work of faith and labor of love. We may not be a Carey but we can be a Fuller providing the means to prosecute the work. School houses churches and homes are now in process of construction, the Lord is opening new and greater opportunities to us, missionaries are multiplying, their labors are being crowned with success. The time has fully come for every disciple to do something for the world at large. The logic of withholding is to deny the gospel to the perishing world. 'There is that giveth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and yet tendeth to poverty.' Let us restore the ancient order in our missionary spirit and work.

O. G. HERTZOG.

The following sums have been sent from Ontario to the Foreign Mission Fund since last report:

Bowmanville	\$11 00
Colin Sinclair, St. Thomas	20 00
S. S., Collingwood	2 00
S. S., Glencairn	4 00
Owen Sound	5 25
Total	\$12 25

OBITUARIES.

HARGRAVE.—On Nov. 7th. at Medicine Hat, North West Territory, after seventeen days of great suffering from erysipelas in the eyes, Cecil E. Sheppard Hargrave, aged two years and nine months.

PEARSE.—Bro. S. H. Pearse of Owen Sound passed away on Saturday Oct. 16th. His remains were accompanied to the station on the morning of the 18th. by a number of relatives and friends, and put on board the 5.40 train, thence to Bowmanville, his old home, for interment.

SMITH.—Bro. Mathew Smith passed away at his home in Erin Township on the 4th. inst. at the advanced age of 88 years 9 months and 28 days. He came into Erin when it was a wilderness and did his share in making the Township what it is to day. He was a Disciple for many years and honored his profession by his quiet consistent life. A large number of friends and relatives followed his body to its last resting place.

May the Lord deal kindly with the aged partner of the deceased. F.

ROBERTSON.—On the 26th. ult. Sister Robertson wife of bro. Duncan Robertson of Eramosa died at her home near Everton in the 76th. year of her age. She was the mother of a large family all of which are grown to manhood and womanhood and are as far as known to us, walking in the faith in which their mother lived and died. She had been a member of the church of Christ now located in Everton from her early days, and that she was faithful in the discharge of her Christian duties is the testimony of all who knew her.

In patience, in meekness, and in all those virtues which adorn the Christian, her life was a reflection of the character of him whom she loved and so faithfully served.

To her belonged the rich promises of the gospel. F.

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