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CHURCHES wishing to obtain unfermented wine or the Lord's Supper, would do well, perhaps, to notice T. B. Barker & Sons' advertisement on page eight. Write to them or to THE CHRISTIAN for particulars.

GOOD NEWS. We are delighted to see that some of the churches in Hants Co., N. S., met Feb 10th at West Gore, for the purpose of uniting their efforts so as to place an evangelist in the field. Up to this writing we have received no particulars beyond what we find in the *Christian Leader*. This meeting is to be known as the Hants County Co-operation Meeting. As to the nature of the business transacted, the place and time of future meeting we know not. Judging from the following clipped from the *Christian Leader*, we would say that the nature and purpose of the Hants County Meeting is similar to our Yearly Meeting, with exception that the former is a county one—the latter is broader, extending an invitation to, soliciting aid from with a willingness to help brethren in any country throughout the province of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. May God bless these brethren in their efforts to further His cause, so that they may see their fondest anticipations more than realized. In the *Christian Leader* of Feb 26th, is the following:

Hant's County Co-operative Meeting, was held at West Gore, N. S. A storm on the day previous to the meeting prevented as large an attendance from distant parts of the county as would otherwise have been expected. Owing, no doubt, to this cause, one church in a distant part of the county was not represented. However, great earnestness and determination were manifested, some twelve speakers taking part in the proceedings, all, with one exception, earnestly advocating the extension of evangelistic work.

Other meetings will be held by the churches in the county, to advance the co-operative work.

There are many points in this county—many more now than a few years ago—where the people are ready and willing to hear the gospel. "Let us go up and possess the land."

With pleasure we clip from the *West Elgin Mercury* of Rodney, Ontario, the following:

On the evening of the 19th ult., a sudden rap came to our door and soon our house was filled with children and some older people, about 40 in all. It was of the nature of a surprise. It was pleasant to see so many smiling faces. Time passed off very pleasantly in singing and talking. By and by all were gathered and the following address was read by one of the scholars. A fine Bible was presented

to Mr. Ash and a beautiful dressing case to Mrs. Ash. A suitable response was made and all were regaling themselves by singing, &c., for some time. When the hour for parting arrived all were collected in one room when short addresses were made all touching and suitable to the occasion. Prayer was offered when a general good-by and hand-shaking closed the interesting occasion.

Our school is not conducted on the "Modern Plan" but as near the original, inaugurated by Robt. Rakes, as possible. The Bible, and the Bible only is our book.

JOSEPH ASH.

(COPY OF ADDRESS).

To Mr. & Mrs. ASH,—

We the scholars of your Lord's Day Bible School take this opportunity of manifesting our esteem to you and yours for the example you have set and the kindness you have shown to us.

We ask you to accept this as a token of our affection and love in which you are held by us, and that you may live many years to lead our school is the earnest wish of all. Signed on behalf of the school.

MRS. J. A. PURCELL.
MRS. LILLIE ORTH.

Bro. Ash has on several occasions contributed to the columns of THE CHRISTIAN and we trust that in the near future he will do so again.

THIS country, like all countries, has within its borders men that are unreasonably dissatisfied with things as they are, things beyond them are better than things around them, distance to them lends enchantment to their view. To such living in Canada it would be well to read the facts as presented by Erastus Wiman—the somewhat illustrious advocate of commercial union between Canada and the United States. Should it be said: Perhaps he is one of the class mentioned above, our reply would be: Surely not, for (1) he sees and appreciates the advantages of his own country. (2) Upon examination his statements are found to present facts. About a year ago (Feb. 25th), when speaking of Canada, before the Chicago Commercial Club, he said:

"Canada is forty times as large as England, Scotland and Wales, fifteen times the size of the German Empire, and three times the extent of British India. Its fertility is unsurpassed, its extent of mineral wealth beyond estimate, its forests of lumber the greatest on the globe, its 5,000 miles of coast-line fisheries—the most valuable, its coal beds equal to 97,000 square miles, its means of water communication unequalled, and its water power sufficient to drive the whole machinery of the world."

And in a recent date of the *North American Review*, (copied and favorably commented upon by the *Christian Standard*), he writes:

"In Canada and upon its borders is found more than one-half of the fresh water of the entire globe, Canada is a larger country than the United States, in fact it has few equals in extent, none in riches of resource, in accessibility and ease of inter-communication, and none superior to her in the advantages of climate. The Dominion has a greater wheat-producing area than has the entire United States; the soil of this wheat area is richer, will last longer, and will produce a higher average of better wheat than can be produced anywhere else on the continent. Moreover, in the matter of fisheries, Canada stands unrivalled; no country in the world possesses so much iron as Canada, in no land is it so easily mined, and nowhere is it quite so accessible to manufacturing centres. While no country in the world needs fertilizers more than large portions of the United States, no country is better able to supply them than Canada. Lead is abundant; the deposits of salt are the largest and

the purest on the continent, and the supply of coal is inexhaustible, etc.

DURING the past month we enjoyed a visit from Bro. G. E. Barnaby, of Bozeman, Montana. The mention of his name awakens pleasant memories among the older brethren in those parts, and, therefore, will give a few items of interest.

Bro. J. B. Barnaby, senior, was born in Cornwallis, N. S. At the age of nineteen he was baptized in the River Herbert. By whom baptized we are not able at this writing to answer—some of the friends thought by David Harris or Theodore Harding, others, by his cousin, I. E. Bill. After laboring a number of years for the Baptists, his views were somewhat changed by the preaching of a Brother Howard, which led to a separation from that body. He preached in many parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The building of the church at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, was one of the results of his earnest efforts. He died September 17th, 1858, and was buried at Lord's Cove.

Sister Barnaby is now in her 73rd year, and from her appearance and activity, you would never imagine that she had reached, say nothing about passing, the "three-score-years-and-ten." She was a Master, of Scotch Village, Hants Co., N. S. Her parents were Calvinist Baptists. She was married by a Mr. Pope, a Methodist preacher, on the 12th of May, 1836. Of twelve children, seven are living—four boys and three girls. Her boys are far away, but the girls, though married, are near at hand—within a few minutes walk of each other.

Bro. G. E. Barnaby, as stated above, is living at Bozeman, Montana. He was baptized February 18th, 1868, by a Baptist preacher, by the name of Lawson, and united with that body of people, meeting in Carleton, St. John, N. B. In the fall of 1868 he went to Boston. After a careful study of the scriptures, he learned, to use his own words, the way of the Lord more perfectly and walked therein. In 1875 he arrived at the place he now calls home. After becoming somewhat acquainted with the people and the place, and finding a few scattered brethren, he wrote to Bro. Sreator, who was preaching at Helena—distant about 98 miles. Bro. Sreator, in response to the letter came, and as a result they have now sixty members and a church building worth \$5,000.

Bro. Barnaby was on a visit to his mother and sisters, living in Carleton. He preached for us on several occasions, giving us many words of encouragement; and should he come this way again we'll be more than glad to see him.

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