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ANNOUNCEMENT

This number closes Vol. 3 of the CHRISTIAN WORKER. During the two years now past, Bro. H. T. Law and myself have been publishers and proprietors of the paper as advertised, and Bro. H. B. Sherman, Editor.

But during the last month Bro. Sherman has retired from the CHRISTIAN WORKER altogether, and until further notice Bro. Law and myself will discharge the editorial duties ourselves, and we ask the brethren everywhere to assist us in making the paper more and more profitable and instructive to those who read. The paper has been issued regularly and as promptly after the 15th of each month as possible; some errors may have been made in addressing and some delays occurred in the post office, but with these unavoidable things all must bear patiently.

The WORKER stands opposed to every tradition and commandment of men that contradicts, or sets aside, the teachings of Christ and his Apostles casting aside all such traditions and aiming to hold up before the people the Holy Scriptures as our only rule of faith and practice.

Several of the most competent brethren will contribute regularly and we hope that others quite as competent who have not done so in the past will be heard from often; and that in interesting subjects will be discussed in a most courteous and brotherly manner.

Every subscriber is requested to take an interest in the paper, and secure one or more new ones. Send it to some friends and it may be the means of teaching them the way of life. Make it a present to some neighbor, it will do them good. Let us all work while it is called to-day, the night will come when no man can work, then sweet will be the rest after active days of toil.

ST. VINCENT CIRCUIT.

The Campbellites defected. At one of my appointments at the above circuit, the Campbellites were holding meetings and had dipped sixteen, including members of the Methodist Church. They made their boast that they would erect a union Church, and that probably the whole neighborhood would join them. They had made an impression upon the minds of several of our members, especially the young. While they were in full blast I wrote for Rev. F. I. Wilkinson of Brantford, to give us a few

lectures on baptism. Mr. Wilkinson commenced meetings in the same neighborhood, and after his meetings commenced our Campbellite friends never got another person under the water. Mr. Wilkinson completely nonplussed them, so that their champion found it convenient to go back to Kentucky. This is simply a reiteration of his first declaration, made from the allusion to Mr. Harding's fortunate escape to Kentucky after his ignominious defeat, by the great invincible, intellectual gladiator, Mr. Wilkinson. What a great victory! No wonder Mr. Perry called to his assistance the type setters in the Christian Guardian office to aid him in publishing such a glorious victory to the world.

Now let us see what ground Mr. Perry had for all his foolish boasting. After Mr. Harding's meeting had closed which lasted over five Lorddays, during which the whole neighborhood was aroused, resulting in the conversion of sixteen intelligent persons and in much earnest investigation of the Scriptures. Mr. Wilkinson commenced a series of lectures in the Methodist meeting house on the subject of Baptism. Mr. Harding attended the first lecture, and with a great many others were shocked at the low and ungentlemanly manner in which he handled the subject. Fancy a minister of the gospel, while addressing an audience composed of ladies and gentlemen, talking about baptizing horses, skunks, &c., and the reader will have a faint idea of the character of the lecture which Mr. Perry lauds to the skies.

At the close of the lecture Mr. Harding promptly challenged Mr. Wilkinson to debate the question at issue, which was accepted, and the following day propositions, &c., were agreed upon, and committees appointed to complete arrangements for the debate. Mr. Harding pressed Mr. Wilkinson to go on with the debate immediately, but the latter declined, giving reasons which were satisfactory at the time for not doing so, although he found it convenient to remain in the neighborhood five or six days longer, during which time the debate might have taken place had Mr. Wilkinson desired it.

But we are told that Mr. Harding found it convenient to go back to Kentucky. What else was there for him to do? His meetings had closed. He had successfully reviewed Mr. Wilkinson's Meaford speech. Mr. Wilkinson could not be prevailed upon to go on with the debate and had returned to his home in Brantford, not even waiting to hear Mr. Harding's reply. We have taken the pains to lay the above facts before our readers so that they will see how much truth the readers of the Christian Guardian have been treated to by Mr. Perry, and hereafter when anyone more such foolish boasting is indulged in with reference to victories said to have been obtained by our opponents they will know how much dependence to place in them. We have read a great many public and private letters during the last ten years, but seldom have we seen such gross misrepresentation, less honesty and truthfulness, or poorer room position displayed in our short letter than in the one in question. Writing this is not a pleasant task and we very much regret the necessity for it, but when deceit is practiced and misrepresentation indulged in, when an effort is being put forth to excite error and disseminate truth, to make an honest and untruthful man respectable through the instrumentality of ministerial influence and to bring all religious discussions into disrepute creating strife and bickering, and an unbecoming language and offensive names, the WORKER will always be ready and willing to apply the necessary antidote, although its application may be an unpleasant duty.

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CHURCH NEWS.

Bro. Crewson reports two baptisms and added to the Church in Stayner, Sept. 13th. He stated for Muskoka the following Monday. See his report from that place.

The brethren at Kilsyth enjoyed 3 days visit from Bro G. Murray very much, and will be pleased to see him again.

At the evening meeting in Meaford, Lord-day, Sept. 21st, our made the good confession and was baptized by Bro Law the same hour of the night.

Bro. Sherman reports 5 added to the Church in Gainsboro, 3rd Lord-day in August previous to his visit to Ludlow, and also speaks of 4 believers being baptized by him at Andersonville Ind.

Bro. A. H. Finch passed through Meaford, Oct. 3rd, on his way to Muskoka district to assist Bro D. Stirling in a meeting at Magnet Cove. It is supposed that he saw "Hold the fort for I'm coming."

A friend from Sydenham township near Meaford called at the WORKER office to say that Bro. H. Brown of Warton, preached a few discourses in that locality, that they were pleased and edified, and had his promise for a lengthened visit, and more preaching ere long.

Bro Ashley S Johnson is giving lectures to the people of Welland, commencing on Monday the 15th inst., and to continue during the week.

Bro. Royal Ainsworth is to take up his abode in, or near Jordan, probably at Bridgeport, this week, so as to commence speaking for Jordan and Gainsboro, on 1st Lord-day, 19th inst. He is employed by said churches for a year.

Bro. Sherman has settled in Beamsville. Came down from Guelph on 10th inst. His new Co-operation will be considerably reduced from previous expectation. Jordan, Gainsboro, and Wainfleet may now be "counted out." But it is said that Smithville, Beamsville, Lake Shore and Saltkirk are strong in support and sympathy, and several individual Disciples will help all they can. He lectured on Temperance in Beamsville one evening, to the satisfaction of all who heard him. C.J.L.

Some of the sisters of the Wainfleet Church had a meeting at Sister Angle's the other day for the purpose of inaugurating a missionary movement, to be under the control of Sisters only. So said "Dame Rumour." The same authority reported a similar understanding, by Sisters in Owen Sound, sometime ago. If any of these Sisters would accept the assistance of one of the sterner sex, he would count it a pleasure to give them the names of a few in the Province who would cordially work with them. C.J.L.

Collingwood, Oct. 2nd & 4th. I left home on the 17th ult. for Stayner. began a meeting with the brethren there on the following Friday, which was continued nightly up to the first of Oct. The attendance was small throughout, but better the last few evenings.

Very good attention given by those present. One submitted to the claims of the Saviour during the meeting. Bro. Crewson spent a week at this point before his arrival. Two additions during his stay. To-day I go to Glenora to open up a meeting there, so be continued for some days. May God bless his own cause. C. S.

Bro. L. & W.

Elder E. Shappard of Bowmanville, Ontario, with his daughter Nettie, lately visited our prairie town to the delight and great profit of the Church residing here. His way with us extended over two weeks including three Sunday. There were two additions and the Church was greatly strengthened and encouraged. No person more highly esteemed and deeply beloved by the members of the Portage church than Bro. Shappard, he being an long and favorably known to the majority of them. All sympathize with him in the loss of his beloved wife, and all trust that he may long be spared to continue in his good work for the Master, and the Portage church hopes soon to have the pleasure of another visit from him.

MARGIE CAMPBELL, Portage-La-Prairie.

Walkerton, Oct. 6, 1887. Report of work during the year beginning October 1st, 1886, ending October 1st, 1887.

Number of sermons preached 188
Number of baptisms 193
Number reclaimed 6
Number of admissions 30
Churches visited 8
Churches organized 1
Sunday Schools organized 8

Almost constant visiting and preaching from house to house during the year. Added to the meeting held in West Haven, Michigan, in company with elder Star during a part of Sept., 1886, where I baptized 25 persons, making 128 baptisms in all during the last 13 months. This is the result of Co-operation.

Closed a meeting of two weeks duration in Lucknow on the 5th of October. Baptized one—this was the first immersion in Lucknow and drew a large crowd of people through the driving rain to witness the act. One added from the Baptists. Two commenced with us who belong to the Christian Connection. We expect them to take membership shortly. A church was organized, Bro. Anderson, Morgan and Watson will be the main workers. A. SCOTT.

IN THE GREAT NORTH-WEST.— We found the brethren at Portage-La-Prairie maintaining their loyalty to Christ by a steadfast adherence to his cause. The aged Bro. Sissons preaches on Lord-days and though he feels his own weakness the brethren love and respect him very much. We held forth the word of life while there preaching fourteen times, including the discourses of three Lord-days. The attendance was better than we expected, the meetings closing with the house nearly full. We had the pleasure of assisting two promising young ladies to obey their Lord in baptism. The immersions were in the Assiniboine river. The surroundings contributed to make the scene impressive and beautiful, and one never to be forgotten. Bro. Fagan (of the "brethren") was with us one Lord-day and one or two week nights. He is a noble man—his great work is collecting poor, homeless children in London, England, and bring them out to Manitoba for homes, he had 3 of his boys with him, each had a Bible and behaved in meeting better than some adults do in some places, they are admirably trained and taught. Bro. F. expressed himself as much at home with us. A brother from the church at Copenhagen, Denmark, meets regularly with the brethren at Portage. An evangelist must be sent to aid in the work: Will not the Sisters of Ontario help? They can raise about \$400 themselves. It should be done quickly! We next went to Brandon, having sent forward an ap-

pointment. The letter was addressed to Peter Mitchell. There are two Peter Mitchell's in Brandon. The wrong one got our letter. Home there was no meeting. Bro. Whitehead sent for us to go back to Brandon, but our arrangements would not permit. A church should be organized at this flourishing little town. Now Sisters at once, do something for Manitoba, and the great and good Lord of the harvest will bless you.

Bro. L. & W. After leaving Stayner I visited Wainfleet, Wainfleet, and West Graveland holding meetings at each place and was welcomed by Bro. Jacob Bowley at M., Bro. G. Bentley at W., and brethren East and Hae at Graveland. I went many miles then, and a good deal out of my way, to visit a Bro. Smallwood at Kearney, who is holding two Bible classes in two places, and four miles apart, but this I did most happily to the village of Spence where I attended and took part in a Scott Act meeting. There were two obstinate persons, who were affected even to tears, and I trust that whether the Act is adopted or not, they will get out of the business. I was then informed that an evangelist, (could not tell me who or what he was) had done some good work at Magnetawan, 7 or 8 miles north of the Nipissing road. I had heard that Bro. Stirling had gone to Nipissing, and I determined to go and see if this evangelist was he; and if reports were true with regard to what he was doing I arrived at M. about noon and had no trouble in finding Bro. Stirling and seeing some of the work he had done. And as Bro. S. does not generally blow his own trumpet, as he might often do, and especially in this case and I will try to report him, but in order to do so I must take in his whole trip through the Perry Sound district. Bro. D. S. had two brothers living in the district one John at Nipissing, a farmer and a disciple, and the other, Alex, at Magnetawan, a hotel-keeper and of course not a Christian. Bro. S. started on his tour for the good of his health, but got to preaching at Nipissing where there were a few brethren already and during his stay eleven persons confessed faith in Christ and were immersed. He then returned to his brother Alex at M. hired a hall and went on preaching, his brother and wife attended and in a few days made up their minds to obey the gospel. So the same hour of the night, they took down the liquor from the bar, went into the cellar and emptied every cask and keg out upon the ground, and resolved never to sell another glass, and that right there where they had been doing wrong, to acknowledge that wrong by a public profession of faith in Jesus, and repentance towards God; and to make a new start in life—a new life—by obeying the Saviour. As soon as this became known, it produced a profound sensation in the place, and on Lord-day, although wet all day, there were large congregations in the Hall and at the baptism. On the following Friday I arrived on the scene, and on Saturday evening, Bro. John Stirling and wife from N. and also Bro. A. H. Finch, of Owen Sound, W. broke bread on Lord-day. Bro. S. baptized eight here making 19 in the course of his trip. Bro. F. and I intend to labor with the churches out here for a time, they will need help, especially at Magnetawan. Let us praise God for the glorious work that has been begun, and let us carry it on in faith and hope and love, asking God's blessing upon our labors.

Your brother, &c. W. M. Crewson.

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