

Correspondence.

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FAITH'S RECORD.

DR. BUCHAN, Dear Friend:

Some time ago I sent you a short record of the way the Lord has answered prayer in behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children. Let me again tell how "They that wait upon the Lord renew their strength, run and are not weary, walk and faint not"—because, in the Lord Jehovah is their strength.

Day by day our daily wants have been supplied from His bountiful hand; & recently the work has so increased that it has been found necessary to move to a larger house, although it is only a year since we moved to where we are now, giving us then eight additional beds.

We asked the Lord to guide us, and in the quiet of the night, the house formerly occupied by the Protestant Sisterhood, on Elizabeth street, was suggested to us. Upon making application for it, we found it could be purchased for \$2,500 in cash, and that \$500 remained unpaid to the builders. We said the Lord had not limited us to asking only for our daily supplies, and He who for three years, has so regularly sent us all we have required for three hundred sick little children, could and would send us enough to buy this house. Trusting only in Him, we undertook the purchase, appointing 5 gentlemen as trustees, to hold the property for us.

Many alterations were required in order to make it suitable for our work. These, including the \$250, would amount to about \$500: this we agreed (Matt 18: 19) to ask from the Lord.

Feb. 28. The land upon which the house stands has been given to us.

March passed—no money "for the house." April came and spent four of her days, and yet no money; but God gave us special strength to trust Him. On the 4th we met as usual at the H. S. C. Agreed to ask the Lord that that money might be to hand by the 1st of May, in order that all the world might see that He was "the same yesterday, to-day and forever;" and to assure us we were acting in accordance with "His will," he would send us before this day week some token, if only one dollar marked for the building.

We left the matter then at His footstool, deciding not to ask again, as we believed He would send it (Matt. xxi, 22). April 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th passed, still no money. On the morning of the 8th, the post brought a letter enclosing \$50.00 "for the immediate exigencies in connection with the Elizabeth street property."

The 11th: just one week to-day since we asked our Father to send us a token, and with grateful hearts, we knelt and thanked Him. Before the meeting closed, a lady came in to say her husband had some letters would send us by the first of May the sum required, \$500. Oh, "trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not on thine own understanding," for "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might, He increaseth strength."

I simply make these statements, that all

the Lord's children may see and know that He who watches the fall of a sparrow, will redeem His promises." Only trust Him, only trust Him now!

We take possession of the house on the 1st. Many extras will be needed, as also the remaining \$2,000, but "The Same" will supply all our need.

Yours faithfully,

L. MCMASTER.

April 12th, 28/8.

Religious Intelligenc.

DENOMINATIONAL

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

Baptisms reported during the month at: Ailsa Craig, 11; Alvinston, 21; Brantford, 12; 3; Brantville; Chatham; Claremont, 13; Durham; 3; Eugenia Falls, 4; Forest, 7; Grimsby, 7; Hamilton, Park St., 10; Kincardine, 5; London, York St., 20; Malahide and Bayham, 22; Manilla, 2; Medoms, 2; Midland, 2; Montreal, 12; 1; Oliver, 8; Mount Forest, 3; Notfield, 13; Port Rowan, 11; Priceville, 11; Smith, 7; South Gower, 5; Sparra, 2; Stratford, 6; St. Catharines, Queen St., 4; St. Thomas, Zion, 3; Toronto, College St., 21; Tyrus St., 18; Parliament St., 8; Yorkville, 2; Welland, 3; Whitty, 1; Wingham, 6; Yarmouth First, 15.

Pastoral Settlements.—Bro. G. B. DAVIS, of the C. L. Institute, has accepted the call of the Onondaga churches to be their pastor, and expects to enter upon his ministry in the latter part of this month. Bro. J. H. MARSH has returned from the United States, and settled as pastor of the church in Barstow, Que.

Ordinations.—Bro. A. M. ELEY has been publicly set apart to the work of the gospel ministry at Howick. Bro. THOMAS B. GREEN, of Bolton, Que., has been ordained as an evangelist at Howick, Que.

Church Recognition.—The newly organized church of baptized believers, at Ansonville, was publicly recognized as a sister Baptist church, by a Council that met for that purpose on the 6th March, ult. There are at present 18 members.

Chapels Dedicated.—BISMARCK.—A very neat frame chapel, costing \$1400, was opened for Divine service in this rapidly growing village, on the line of the Canada Southern Railway on the 24th of February. Rev. Prof. Torrance, of Woodstock, preached the dedication sermon.

OTTAWA—The basement of the new edifice being erected for the Ottawa Baptist church, was dedicated to the service of God on Lord's Day, March 17th, the sermons being preached by the Rev. J. L. Campbell, pastor of St. Catherine St. church, Montreal. Rev. A. A. Cameron, the esteemed pastor, and his people are to be congratulated on so soon moving into their new home. It is confidently hoped that the whole edifice will have been completed and dedicated before the forthcoming meetings of the Eastern Convention, to be held at Ottawa in September.

CHATHAM—On the same day (17th March) the completion of the Baptist chapel in Chatham was celebrated by appropriate dedication services, the preachers being Rev. Dr. Fyfe, of the Institute, Rev. J. R. Battisby (Presbyterian), of Chatham, and Rev. Dr. Davidson, Secretary of the Convention. Through the efforts of Dr. Davidson and the blessing of God, the handsome sum of \$4,800 was raised in cash and pledges during the various meetings connected with the dedication services. The Chatham chapel is a handsome brick building in the simple Gothic style, which, with ground, organ, furnishings, etc., is worth some \$18,000. The main audience-room will seat comfortably 1,000 persons, while the Sunday

School apartments will accommodate 400 scholars. The pastor is Rev. E. J. Stobo, formerly of Brampton.

Miscellaneous.—The Barrie Baptist church celebrated their first anniversary on the 22nd of February, by a very enjoyable Social. The annual report showed an increase in the membership of the church during the first year of its existence of 66 souls, of whom 20 were added by baptism, 15 by letter and 21 by experience. The amount of money raised by the church during the year was \$1,500. The Barrie church are a live people, with an earnest, eloquent and devoted pastor; and God is blessing them.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Baptisms reported during March: Aylesford, 10; Beaver River, 23; Billtown, 34; Bridgewater; Bridgetown, 2; Chepoggin, 20; Digby, 24; Elgin, 4; 1; Fairfield, 2; Lawrenceburg, 1; Long Reach, 5; Lower Sable, 8; Mabou, C. B., 8; Moncton, 12; New Germany, 14; New Glasgow, 3; Osborne, 2; Oak Bay, 14; Paradise, 24; Rosway, 8; Southampton, 4; St. George, 1; St. John's, 12; St. Margaret's Bay, 9; Sussex, 4; Tyron, P. E. I., 10.

Ordination.—Bro. J. B. WOODLAND was publicly set apart for the work of the gospel ministry at Cavendish, P. E. I., on the 28th of March, and has settled as pastor of the church in that place.

MANITOBA.

The Church in Winnipeg is enjoying a season of revival, and several converts have been baptized.

JAMAICA.

The following paragraph will be peculiarly interesting to those who know Mr. Philippo. Nearly forty years ago, when in *Christian Messenger* knew him he was a fine portly gentleman, of apparently good years of age. He was therefore now be upwards of eighty years old! From Jamaica comes the news of an interesting baptismal service at Old Harbour Bay. On the Sunday, after services held during the greater part of the preceding night, and on the early morning of the Sabbath, when an immense congregation assembled, Rev. Mr. Philippo administered the ordinance of baptism to twenty-seven persons in the sea. According to the writer, the mass of spectators of all classes which lined the shore for a considerable distance, on foot, on horseback, and in different vehicles, added to the numbers that nearly closed the place of baptism, was beyond calculation. Services followed during the after part of the day to overflowing congregation, and the day closed amidst mutual congratulations of worshippers on the auspicious circumstances of the occasion, and with expressions of pleasing anticipation of peace, prosperity, and happiness for the year.

ITALY.

Rome is now being visited by a party of Baptists who have gone under the special direction of Mr. Cook, the great conductor of travelling parties to the East. There were expected to be from 30 to 50 ministers and prominent brethren. The London Baptist of the 25th ult., contains a highly interesting letter from that renowned city. It says: "On Friday morning, the missionaries and evangelists who are labouring in Italy in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society, met in the Sala Christiana for prayer and conference. Drs. Underhill and Landels were present."

It was the first meeting of the kind which had been held in connection with the Baptist Missionary Society, and was naturally looked forward to with a considerable degree of interest. Mr. Wall had long wished that such a meeting could be held; and both Dr. Underhill and Dr. Landels were to be in Rome; it was thought that the time would be opportune for carrying out the