

NOTES.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Silas Moot is succeeding well at West Rupert, Vt.

Subscribers failing to receive their papers regularly, will oblige by notifying us promptly.

We have received a number of contributions which arrived too late for insertion in this issue. The writers will accept this explanation.

We are pleased to receive from time to time intimations that our efforts to publish a paper that will be useful to the brethren are being appreciated. Our aim is to go on towards perfection as rapidly as possible.

A considerable number of subscriptions expire with this number. Notification will be given in the usual way. We trust all our friends will renew without delay. It will save us trouble, and make for them no extra trouble.

The best religious newspaper in the world would be a very poor substitute for the Bible, yet a religious paper is all right, and very useful in its own sphere. As a general rule live, earnest Christians support such papers as much as they can.

We are glad to learn from Bro. Barclay that there is a prospect that Bro. J. L. Parsons may yet be secured for the work in Toronto. We very much wish he may come; we doubt not but the cause would prosper under his leadership.

Occasionally we hear of the man who, when asked to subscribe for a religious paper, says: "the Bible is good enough for him." Very many intelligent Christians confess that they have been greatly helped in their Bible studies by reading good religious journals.

We ask the assistance of every reader in extending the circulation of the EVANGELIST. It does not become us to boast, but we have reason to believe that it does good wherever it goes, and we therefore wish to enlarge its sphere of influence as much as possible.

We have on hand a few copies of a very useful little tract, entitled "The Logic of Infidelity." Any one desiring a copy can have one sent, post paid, by forwarding a two cent stamp to George Munro, Erin, Ont. Young men troubled with skeptical objections to Christianity will find it highly reading.

We learn from a letter of Bro. F. M. Rains in the Standard that Bro. R. C. Barrow has been Evangelist in Nebraska twenty-two years. When he began there were only about 150 Disciples in the Territory, and only three or four small churches. Now there are 10,000 Disciples; 160 churches, 83 preachers, and 83 houses of worship.

Minister Kuki, Japanese Minister at Washington, has had his children baptized as Christians. The Minister says, however, that he has no intention of becoming a convert himself.—Daily Paper.

What shall we have next? We have heard of children being saved through the faith of their parents. Perhaps this distinguished Japanese expects to be saved by the baptism of his children.

According to our recollection of what was done at the Annual Meeting at Guelph, a circular letter was to be sent quarterly to the churches throughout the Province, and also a quarterly statement furnished for publication in the EVANGELIST. Neither of these has yet been seen in this office. Later circular letter received but too late for this issue.

We have received from Sister McClurg, Lobo, a copy of constitution and by-laws to be used in organizing societies auxiliary to the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions. Where the sisters desire to unite for missionary work, they will find the work of organization made easy by getting copies. We presume they can be obtained by addressing Mrs. E. McClurg, Ivan P. O., Ont.

The Baptists in Ridgetown, on account of their meeting-house being under a state of repairs, asked for and received the use of our meeting-house for Sunday evening. The Baptist preacher and almost the entire Baptist Church attended Bro. Sheppard's meeting in the morning, and participated with our brethren in the observance of the Lord's Supper. This little incident is significant. Let us thank God for every such indication of good will between us and the great Baptist body.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be interested in the article on *Weekly Communion* taken from the *Canadian Baptist*. So far, if we are not mistaken, though some weeks have elapsed since the article appeared, no leading Baptist brother has complied with the request of the writer. When Bro. Best succeeds in getting an explanation from some Baptist in regard to this matter, we wish he would be kind enough to induce some of them to define for us the expression *Regular Baptist*.

The following sums have been sent from Ontario for Foreign Missions since last report in this paper:—

C. W. M. S., Lobo.....	\$16 00
Church, Acton.....	46 00
" Erin Centre	27 00
" Erin Village	13 00
" Garafaxa	12 00
" Warkerton	9 00
S. S., Warton.....	5 59
Total.....	\$128 59

We hear that the N. Y. State Convention, recently held in Tonawanda, was a great success. One of the important questions before the brethren was the establishment of the cause in the City of Rochester. Two thousand dollars was raised at the Convention towards paying for a lot on which to build a church. The New York brethren are following the line of work which we are trying to inaugurate in this Province, viz: to build up the cause in the large cities. We believe the now flourishing church in Buffalo was founded by a co-operative effort of Disciples in the State.

It will be seen from a statement elsewhere in this number that the National Conventions of our brethren in the States will be held this year in Indianapolis, beginning October 17th. We would strongly recommend brethren in this country to go if they possibly can. These conventions are exceedingly interesting, and very stimulating and encouraging to Christians. If brethren who think the time has gone by when much can be accomplished by us in our own country would attend one of these conventions, we are sure they would return with different views.

We copy this month from the *Christian Guardian* of Toronto a rather long article on Christian union. We trust no reader will pass it by because of its length. It will be found very interesting as setting forth the views of this leading Methodist journal on this very important question. We should like to see an attempt made, "by mutual agreement not to maintain rival churches in places where the population is not large enough to justify it." Fancy a Presbyterian, in such circumstances, agreeing to be a Methodist, or a Methodist, a Presbyterian, a Calvinist, becoming an Arminian, and an Arminian, a Calvinist, according as the church courts would dictate. One wonders how it can be seriously proposed. If any two or more denominations could come to such an agreement, what could there be that would justify their separate existence at all? Why might they not become one body, and thus do away with rival churches even in large places? And, by the way, the expression "rival churches" suggests an idea utterly antagonistic to Christianity. We fear the *Guardian* has not studied the question from a Scriptural standpoint.

CHURCH NEWS.

BLENHIM.—Bro. Sheppard informs us of one more baptism in his field of labor since last report.

ERIN CENTRE.—A Thursday night meeting has been started here with good prospects of being well attended. An aged lady was baptized at Hillsburg, September 30th.

GAINSBORO.—I am at present engaged in a meeting at this point. The meeting began last Lord's Day. We have had full houses: I think the number has reached nearly two hundred. Two confessed Christ last night. Bro. Talmage arrived to-day: he will be with us over Lord's Day. II. BROWN.
Sept. 23rd, 1887.

RIDGETOWN.—Bro. Sheppard's term of engagement with the church in this place ended at the close of last month. He has, however, agreed to give the church two months' notice before leaving for another field of labor. We understand Bro. Sheppard has not yet decided where he will go upon leaving Ridgetown. Bro. Kessler spoke in Ridgetown Sept. 25th, Bro. Sheppard being absent in Michigan attending an Annual Meeting.

ETPHRATA. Although we as a congregation have not had any additions this summer, we are trying to be faithful to the Scriptural injunction, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," and "To exhort one another." We frequently have the assistance of Bro. D. Stirling, also Bro. Mackey, Elder at Meaford. We are striving also to remember the needy. May the Kingdom of Christ extend from shore to shore.
W. J. CANN.

Sept. 19th, 1887.

DENISON AVENUE, TORONTO.—Since our last we have had Bro. M. J. Ferguson of Kentucky, with us, he preached five discourses, which pleased some very much, while others did not regard them so favorably. He appears to be a man of fine talents and superior education, yet he did not so favorably impress his hearers, as did Bro. Parsons, who led those who listened to him once, to desire to hear him again. The correspondence with Bro. Parsons, since he visited us, has encouraged the members of the church to hope he may yet be induced to come and take up the work here. As they were unanimous in desiring him to come after he had visited us, they have again made an earnest appeal to him to accept their call, and undertake this important work in our city, earnestly hoping he may come to us at the close of this year, when his present engagements terminate. Bro. Lédard having been much invigorated by his rest at home, returned to the city, and preached on Sept. 11th, then he left to commence a series of meetings at Cape Rich, where we trust his labors may be blessed in the accomplishment of much good, and the salvation of many precious souls.
G. J. B.

STOUFFVILLE.—By invitation of the church, on 3rd Lord's Day in August I visited (for the first time) this point, and preached morning and evening. The audiences were very good, some being present from considerable distances. One lady made the "good confession" and put on the Lord Jesus in His appointed way. Her husband being already a Christian, they will now journey together, being of the same mind, mutually helping each other. May their lives be a continual manifestation of the truth, and spirit of their Heavenly Master. On Saturday, 17th September, I again visited this church, preached the same evening, and twice next day. These persons confessed the Saviour, one of them some years since had obeyed the gospel, but had grown cold and neglectful, again resolved to return, and start anew, and serve his Saviour faithfully. The other two I baptized where "there was much water," at a beautiful place near by. The day was delightful and bright, the gathering, reverent and orderly, and the scene was impressive and Scriptural. Some were present at all the meetings, from a distance. The church is encouraged and strengthened, and manifests a deep earnestness in the work. They need help, and should be helped. By their earnest request I am constrained to visit them again soon.
G. J. B.

Toronto, 22nd Sept., 1887.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

Since my last writing from Toronto I have gone home for a brief holiday. In Ridgetown the cause is working smoothly though there are no especial signs of progress, the prayer meeting Sunday School and Lord's Day services being fairly well attended. During my visit the annual business meeting of the church was held and at it I regret to say Bro. Shepherd presented his resignation. We trust a suitable man may be found to supply his place. I preached once here.

The sisters of Ridgetown are waking up to the importance of mission work, both at home and abroad. A garden party was held at my house and a Women's Mission Band formed of some twenty members, to be an auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society of Ontario.

In Blehheim I preached to a large audience; one person confessed Christ and was afterwards baptized by Bro. Shepherd in Lake Erie. Here the church is working in harmony but no rapid progress is being made. They have a weekly meeting for Bible study which I also attended. Here too I met a number of sisters and assisted to form a "Mission Band." May the blessing of the Lord rest on their efforts to quicken each other's zeal, spreading the Gospel. I hope during the coming winter to see many such bands in operation.

I learn that the Women's Mission Band in Wainfleet is just now holding their third anniversary and that Bro. Talmage has been engaged to lecture for them, they are an earnest and intelligent band of devoted women and doing good work.

I returned to Toronto and found all well in that most interesting of churches. I wish all our brethren could see the harmony, activity and earnestness of this city church. All are seeking the

best interest of the cause, and all are losing sight of themselves in doing it. The services are all full of interest simply because all are interested in them, our visitors this month have been more numerous than usual and from all parts of the Province, from Meaford in the North to Prince Edward county in the East, as well as from South and West. During my absence Bro. Ferguson paid them a visit from the other side of the line, I regret that I missed his visit. Bro. Ashley S. Johnson of Correspondence Bible College also paid us a visit and took part in our service. Come and welcome brethren, we are rejoiced to see you and it will quicken your zeal and interest to be with us occasionally. Denison Avenue extends a hearty welcome to all. Help us to build up the cause in this magnificent city.

I am now commencing a meeting in Cape Rich, the outlook is good and the audiences large and attentive, I trust the message of pardoning love may reach some hearts and lead them to Christ.

In passing through Meaford I met with Bro. Jas. Kilgour and Bro. C. J. Lister, who are holding the opening services in connection with the new church building. They were present at the opening of the old building I hear and the brethren have invited them back again, meetings are being continued this week. Having a wedding to attend I could only spend an hour with them but it was as it always is both pleasant and profitable.

After the close of the Cape Rich meeting I hope to commence another meeting at Garafaxa. May the word of the Lord run and have free course and be glorified.

I wish to say that I hope during this year to spend much of my time holding special services. Any churches wishing that I should assist them will please correspond with me at Ridgetown Ontario, as all letters will be forwarded to me from there, or with Bro. J. W. Kilgour, Guelph.

The church at Denison Avenue is using its talent largely to Stouffville, Pickering and Vaughan brethren are going out from time to time to preach the Word. Any church needing an occasional Lord's day service will find help by writing to Bro. George Barclay, 15 Toronto St. We have brethren who are willing to go out and thus help on the cause.

Bro. John Munro who will be with us at Toronto this winter at the University has just been spending his vacation with the church in Warton, and preaching to them with great acceptance. May God bless the brethren and encourage all our young men.

Bro. Ed. Black who is fitting himself for the gospel work spoke to us at our prayer meeting last Wednesday night. It was a pleasure to hear him and know that both he and his brother Geo. Black are both likely to follow in the footsteps of their Grandfather, who by his faithful labors did so much for the cause of Christ in Canada.

Bro. John Lister, whom I am staying, is also preparing himself for usefulness and will soon go up to Muskoka to help Bro. Crewson. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send laborers into the harvest.

JAMES LUDIARD,
Cape Rich.

LOBO C. W. B. M.

I am sorry to announce the serious illness of our beloved President (Mrs. S. C. Zavitz) it is quite a drawback to our little "Band"; her efficiency is sorely needed. Our meetings are attended about as usual; the interest grows stronger every time we meet. During the last year we sent \$25.00 to the West End, Toronto; we also sent \$16.00 to Foreign Missions. This year we are an Aux. to O. W. B. M. Our efforts will be strenuously directed to help that Board in advancing Mission Work. Being Cor. Sec. of the O. C. W. B. M., I receive letters nearly every mail with regard to our work. This is just what we want. It is truly a pleasure to answer them. Would be pleased to hear from the thirty-eight churches that all would be willing to make the work a success, as we honestly believe it is a duty we owe to God and our fellow-man.

We are very grateful to those kind sisters who have already expressed their willingness to go on with the work. We take courage and feel strong, and pray God to bless our work to His glory.
MRS. E. McCLURG.

Ivan, Sept. 5th, '87.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.

The three National Conventions will be held in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana, next month. The first session of the C. W. B. M. will be held on Monday evening, October 17. The last session of the G. C. M. C. will be held on Friday evening, October 21.

Addresses will be delivered by J. T. Toof, B. E. Clay, and F. M. Rains for the General Convention; Bayard Craig will speak for the Foreign Society.

Indianapolis is not far from the geographical center of the brotherhood. It is easily reached from any point of the compass. It is hoped that this convention will far surpass any of its predecessors in enthusiasm and in liberality. Business men in all parts of the country ought to so arrange their affairs that they may be able to attend. These conventions are as much for business men as for preachers.