

## Co-Operation Meeting

A meeting of delegates was called to meet at Meaford Nov. 19th. Glencairn was represented by Bro. M. N. Stephens; Collingwood, by Bro. Hill; Stayner, by Brethren G. McArthur and Robinson; Euphrasia, by Bro. Falls; Cape Rich, by Brethren Cox and Dougherty; Meaford, by a number of the brethren; Wiarton, by letter; North Koppel, by letter.

Bro. D. L. Layton opened the meeting by singing and prayer by H. B. Sherman. Bro. Layton made some very appropriate remarks by way of explanation. H. T. Law read letters from Wiarton, in which was expressed their regrets at not being able to send a delegate, but willing to abide the decision of the meeting. Bro. Boyd writes from Big Bay, saying that a good opening is there now for the preaching of the Gospel.

The work at Collingwood was thoroughly canvassed, and it was decided for the Evangelist to begin work there the first Sunday in December. This work is to be vigorously followed up during the year. Work at the other points will be carried on by one of the evangelists while the work is going on at Collingwood.

An Advisory Committee on Evangelizing during the year was selected, consisting of seven brethren of the Meaford Church, and at least one from each church co-operating.

The name of the co-operation is "The Georgian Bay Co-operation."

The meeting recommended that the Churches pay their dues quarterly in advance, if possible.

Hall rent at Collingwood is a part of the legitimate expenses of the Co-operation.

H. T. Law was chosen Secretary and Treasurer, to whom all money can be sent, or paid to the evangelists, taking his receipt.

The *Christian Worker* being a child of this Co-operation, it was urged that each member working in the co-operation labor to spread the *Worker*.

The meeting was characterized with good feeling and an earnest desire to do good work for the Master. A more harmonious meeting we have never attended. Now that the way is opened we will go to work in earnest.—Ed. WORKER.

## OBITUARY.

Jessie McLaren, aged 60 years, departed this life December 15th, near Meaford, Ont., at her home. I had not the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with Sister McLaren, but visited her once last summer, and was impressed with her frank, Christian deportment. She readily gave her consent for Maggie, her daughter, to be immersed in the Disciple Church by the writer. Poor Maggie wept bitterly when she told me that her dear mother was no more. It is a sad day when "mother is taken away!" God comfort the bereft companion and dear children. Sister McLaren was a worthy member of the Baptist Church.

## Our Apology.

Our readers will notice that the *Worker* is late and only half the size. We know our readers will bear with us when they know the reasons.

We contracted with the publisher of one of our local papers to print the *Worker* for us by the fifteenth of every month, but on account of some unforeseen difficulties his office was taken possession of, when our paper was almost ready for the press, by the Bailiff, for two different parties. Our manuscript was among other papers, &c., in the office, and part of it now cannot be found. Among the lost articles are the communications of J. B. L. and W. A. S. These, with many other articles, editorial and selections of our own, may turn up in time, but are not now available. The other offices in town were so crowded with work, it being near the holiday season, that it was only by strong persuasion that we got this much done. The subscribers may depend on prompt issues hereafter.

## Our Work.

We purpose to labor in protracted meetings in the following places during the year:—Glencairn, Collingwood, Euphrasia, Meaford, Cape Rich, Derby, Owen Sound, Wiarton and Big Bay. When not engaged in protracted meetings, we will be around "preaching publicly and from house to house." When I say "we," I mean Brother Duncan Sterling, who is a "fellow-worker" with me in this field. Be patient, brethren, we will get around as fast as possible. Put things in order, get ready for a forward move; much depends on the Church being ready to take hold with us. "The Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." All pull together and great good will be done in the Master's cause.

The Editor of the *Worker* preached two weeks in the Music Hall in Collingwood this month, and organized a Church. This will be good news to the brethren who have so long desired to see primitive Christianity unfurl her banners in Collingwood town. We had a good hearing from the start. The closest attention was given all the way through the meeting. People came with Bibles and pencils, determined to know "if these things were so." We have 18 members to begin with, and ten or twelve more have said that they would unite with us. I can assure you, my brethren, that the little band at Collingwood are in dead earnest. This is a most important point to establish a church, and the outlook for the future is brighter than we anticipated. Let us work and pray for the success of this Mission at Collingwood. We have arranged for regular meetings on every Lord's day, and a move is already on foot to build a neat little meeting house.

We beg to inform you that we have one pure Canadian in our family now. Henry Garfield Sherman, born at Meaford, Ont., December 20th, 1881.

## Matrimony.

About fifty relatives and friends gathered at Mrs. Whitelaw's, near Meaford, on the 22nd of this month, to witness the marriage of Miss Ada Whitelaw. Thos. A. Woodside is the lucky man who captured the prize. The presents were simply grand, and of a valuable character. The Editor of the *Worker* officiated at the marriage, and all were equal at the dinner, that is—"too full for utterance." We hope their lives may be as happy always as they are now.

## TEMPERANCE.

INTEMPERANCE IN'S:—In debt, in bad health, in poverty, in misery, in trouble, in Hell! "No drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven." All Christians are temperance people.

INTEMPERANCE OUT'S:—Out of money, out of honor, out of friends, out of health, out of Heaven! God pity the poor drunkard!

Teach temperance to your children, that they may grow up temperance men. The work of reforming drunkards is almost a hopeless task. Let us lay a solid temperance foundation for the rising generation to stand upon, and our "children will rise up and call us blessed."

INTEMPERANCE BAR'S:—Bar to respectability, bar to good society, bar to decency, bar to good conscience, bar to Christianity, and a bar to happiness here and hereafter. Shall we then step up to this bar and drink? No—boys, stand aloof from this fearful Bar.

We can all unite on the Bible, but we can't on creeds, hence creeds are causes of division among God's people. The Bible without addition or subtraction is all the creed we have or want. Reader, do you stand on the Bible alone?

Our article on the "Witness of the Spirit," referred to in the remarks on the communication from "S," could not be found until it was too late for this number, but will appear in our next.—(Ed. WORKER.)

In our first number we published the "Brush Sermon" for a little diversion, and forgot to credit it to the *Christian Union*. We learn that a Divine nearly fainted while reading it. We beg forgiveness if it was irreverent. We thought the *Christian Union* was a high-toned journal.—(Ed. WORKER.)

I was asked once by a sectarian preacher, "why is it that you people have no D. D.'s among you?" I guessed D. D. meant Doctor of Divinity, and said: "they that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," our Divinity is not sick, hence no D. D.'s are needed among us. I was honest in what I said, but he did not seem to relish my explanation, somehow. But men are curious, you know. "Call no man master."