

twelve of all our churches are country churches, which do not much seek for good habits. Eleven of our students are married men, who must take the shorter course. The time has not yet come to move.

2. Can we raise the means to move now or soon? Many who speak of removal have no idea of the expense involved in this project. We should require at least \$250,000 to enable us to do so with safety to the interests of the schools! The denomination could not be so unjust, not to say mean, as to leave the Woodstock school without putting it on a living basis. Nor could they propose to move the theological department to Toronto, without putting it beyond penny and want. It can be no improvement to move it from one place to another, unless more and better facilities for instruction are furnished to it. Let any one sit down and reckon how much it would take to put the literary department at Woodstock on a merely living basis, and let him reckon in addition, how much it would require to furnish suitable building, furniture, books, &c., &c., together with an adequate endowment to aid indigent students, and furnish Professors' salaries, and he will find that \$250,000 is under, rather than above the mark. Can we raise this sum anywhere within the next five years? I think not. We can easily "call spirits from the vasty deep," but they won't come when they are called! We are not yet ready to move.

3. Can not an endowment say of one hundred and ten or twenty thousand dollars be raised within two or three years, and the part meant for the theological school be bound to it, so that it will go where the school goes, and when it goes? I see nothing to prevent this. We could, in this case, work on where we are for eight or ten years, striving to raise the denomination, and the tone of education. Then if it seemed best the school could be removed, and the required addition could be made to its endowment to support it properly in its new departure. This seems to me the very best thing that can be done. The whole removal question cannot be discussed with any advantage now. Whatever we do, brethren, let us go together, else we are lost.

Personal Explanations.

Finally, a strange notion prevails in some quarters, that I am the great obstacle in the way of removal—that I am personally bound up in the idea of the School remaining at Woodstock. There never was a greater mistake. I spent some of the best years of my life in Toronto, and a number of my oldest living friends are there; it would be strange if I did not personally prefer Toronto. My sole reason for preferring to remain here, for the present at least, is because I think it best, in the present state of the denomination, for us to do our work here—I am certain of this as I am of any opinion I ever formed from experience and observation—and because we have not the money, nor do I believe we can raise it, to warrant moving. Let the brethren, in this matter, dismiss all notions they may have about my personal preferences one way or another, and act solely and intelligently for the good of the denomination, and I shall be satisfied.

Rev. Arthur Mussell, of London, England, is to deliver the opening lecture of the course before the Y. M. C. A. of New York, on the 25th of October.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon's twenty-fifth year of ministry being now arrived at, it is proposed to present him with £5000 as a testimonial. Mr. Spurgeon has expressed his desire that the whole amount raised should be devoted to the purposes of his congregation, and especially to the providing a permanent maintenance for the aged inmates of the almshouses in connection with the Metropolitan Tabernacle.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMITTEE, as we learn from the *Sunday School Times*, held its first meeting on the 25th of September at Cincinnati. The Lesson Scheme to be adopted commences with the year 1880. The first half of that year will be occupied by studies in Matthew, and the latter half by studies in Genesis. The course of studies will, like the present, extend over seven years.

"NATIONAL POLICY."—The Officers and Teachers of Baptist Sunday Schools will soon be ordering their "lesson helps" for 1879. It will not only be wise, but thoroughly in accordance with the spirit of the "National Policy," which has become so exceedingly popular of late, to patronize the *CHRISTIAN HELPER*—a purely home production. See our advertisement in another column.

THE INSTITUTE.—We are happy to learn that the Institute classes have opened well. There are a fine lot of new students; and the Divine presence is felt among them. Quite a number are said to be anxiously inquiring what they must do to be saved. Our city friends will be glad to know that brethren Speller, Sale and Whitcomb, all of whom have the ministry in view, are hard at work in their classes, and find college life exceedingly congenial.

MANITOULIN AND MUSKOKA.—Our indefatigable Convention Secretary, Rev. Dr. Davidson, has been giving, in the columns of the *Canadian Baptist*, an interesting account of his recent missionary tour in these parts. All who have access to the *Baptist* should read these instructive sketches, which will be found in the files of 19th and 26th September and 3rd October.

THE ORILLIA CHURCH PROPERTY.—Rev. E. D. Sherman has kindly sent us a cabinet photograph of the Orillia Baptist

Chapel and Parsonage. The picture is an excellent one and well worth framing or a place in the cabinet album. Bro. Sherman has a number of these photographs on hand, which he proposes to dispose of at 50cts. each, the profits to go towards the reduction of the chapel debt.

By relieving our brother of his stock our friends will not only possess themselves of a handsome picture, but will help on a very worthy cause. Send your orders at once to Rev. E. D. Sherman, Orillia.

We expect to have an engraving of the above chapel in our next issue, taken from a smaller photograph.

THE "MISSIONARY LINK."—The October number is out, and contains an epitome of news suited to the wants of Our Women's Mission Circles, which they could not very well otherwise obtain, without becoming subscribers to all of our three Canadian Baptist newspapers and some of the publications of the American Baptist Missionary Union as well. We understand that during the three weeks or so since the last month's issue was mailed, at least another hundred subscribers have been obtained—making twelve hundred already. Surely God is smiling on this effort to promote His kingdom.

THE "HELPER" IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.—Our denominational newspapers in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have from the first been courteous and friendly in their attitude towards the *CHRISTIAN HELPER*. Both papers exchange with us regularly. The *Christian Messenger* has not only done us the honor of frequently quoting from our columns, but the Editor has, in correspondence, expressed his appreciation of our humble efforts to do good. The following editorial notice, from the *Christian Visitor* of September 25th, will we doubt not be as pleasing to our readers as it is gratifying to us personally:—

"THE 'CHRISTIAN HELPER.'—This excellent Sunday-school paper is published in Toronto, monthly, and edited by our good Baptist brethren, H. E. Buchan, M.A., and Rev. Joseph D. King. The former is superintendent of the Jarvis-st. Sunday school; the latter, pastor of the Yorkville church. Each number, besides a full exposition of the International Les-