

for the salvation of souls if we trust in Him and give God the glory. Let us have such a meeting at Erin Centre as we have never had in Ontario, not merely to eat and drink, but to sound out the words of eternal life to the joy and salvation of many. Churches are earnestly requested to appoint their delegates not later than the 20th of May, and send their names at once to Robt. McMillan, Hillsburg, who has charge of the billeting arrangements.

ROBT. McMILLAN,
Elder, Church at Erin Centre.
Hillsburg, April 24th, '88.

CHURCH NEWS.

MUSKOKA.—Bro. Crewson expects to attend the annual meeting, and by invitation of the O. C. W. B. M. will deliver an address setting forth the needs of the Muskoka mission field.

ACTON.—We understand there is a proposition being considered to engage a preacher to labor between Acton and Nassagaweya. Good results would doubtless follow such an arrangement.

ERIN CENTRE.—One addition by baptism to this church recently. Sunday-school re-opens May 6th, with Bro. David Burt as superintendent. The annual meeting is the principle topic here at present. Everything will be in readiness on time. All who come will receive a regular old Erin welcome.

ERIN VILLAGE.—Bro. P. A. Dickson paid us a short visit before returning to Kentucky. He spoke for us at our regular prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening, and also on Thursday evening when a good congregation was assembled on short notice. The brethren and friends present were highly pleased with the discourse and would like to hear him again.

ST. THOMAS.—The church has decided to take down the brick veneering of the church building, raise up the structure and make a basement for S. S. and other purposes. It is in their plans also to heat the house by means of hot air. Bro. Best is laboring faithfully, but finds many difficulties to surmount. Elder Taylor, a free-will Baptist preacher, assisted in a protracted meeting during the winter. His preaching

GUELPH.—Bro. Dickson left Guelph April 26th for Kentucky; he may proceed from there to his home in Australia. The Guelph church is very sorry that he could not have remained with them. They are very sanguine as to the results of his constant labor among them. The audiences during his stay increased very much, and matters generally assumed a very encouraging aspect. The church is unanimous in the determination to obtain, if possible, the services of a good live man to labor among them. May such a one be speedily found and secured. Bro. Kilgour, though he has generally speaking recovered from his illness of the winter, is not yet able to speak.

WEST LORNE.—We fulfilled on Lord's day, April 8th, a long standing promise to visit the brethren in Aldborough. It was pleasant, yea delightful, to return to our first field of labor and mingle again in fellowship with those whom to know is to love. On account of the meeting being at West Lorne and the almost impossible condition of the roads we were not permitted to see the Purcells, the Johnsons, the Barnes, and some others. Bro. Arch. McKillop has recently built a brick block in West Lorne in which he has fitted up a hall which would be a credit to a city. We spoke in it three times on Sunday and on three succeeding evenings. The audience grew in size at every meeting. We were sorry that we could not accede to their urgent request to protract the meeting. One confession the last evening. T. L. F.

WELLAND.—The meeting closed here with one addition. What! only one addition! Just one—an excellent lady—one who has never known much of us. She was an out-and-out outsider; had attended the Methodists some, but could not become a Methodist. She came to our meeting—received the word in an "honest and good heart"—gladly received the word—was baptized. Many more "almost persuaded"—will come soon if the vultures (infidels) don't carry them away. I predict a good future for the church at Welland. Scepticism, however, is doing a deadly work. A dear young sister went to the house of one of disciples of free thought to work—books were placed within easy access—being quite a reader she soon came in contact with the poison, and is now a wreck. I sent for her—she met me at the house of one

of the sisters,—her face was sad. She said she was not at all favorable to scepticism, but she had lost all confidence in the Bible. I asked her if she would attend the meetings; she said, "It is no use now—I will be good and take my chance. I will always be good, but I do not regard the Bible as a revelation from God." She promised me to abandon the books. The sisters will not lose sight of her. The Walker and Watts debate did harm in Welland. Mr. Watts is a pretty heavy man mentally and physically, and in some degree a moulder of the mind—he stamps his image, more or less, upon those with whom he comes in contact—hence, in my opinion, it would be better to treat the whole school of "free thought," old and new, with silent contempt. I did not, could not, and nobody can, just now, rush the religious element in the Town of Welland. The seed is sown "broadcast." I expect to go back in June to see how the field looks. If any of those "fowls of the air" come down to devour the seed or "take away the word out of their hearts," (Luke 8: 22). I expect Bro. Swayze will do what he can to drive them away. I am with the church in Wainfleet at present, and will go from here to Gainsboro'.

H. BROWN.
Wainfleet, April 1st, '88.

WAINFLEET C. W. B. M.

The Mission Band of this place having become an auxiliary to the O. C. W. B. M. since Jan., 1888, we thought it wise and proper to send you a report of our doings up to that time. We organized in Sept., 1884, with nine members, and have held monthly meetings ever since with an average attendance of nine and occasional visitors. We have seldom held a meeting at which there was not at least one original essay or poem read. Our meetings are held at the homes of the several members, sometimes making a distance of four or five miles for some to go, and we deem it worthy of notice that one sister did actually walk over five miles to attend; also, that there is one who never missed but one meeting, and then she was several hundred miles away. Others have never missed except in case of sickness. We have not raised a great amount of money, but we have benefited and blessed ourselves, and if all our sisters in the several churches would combine they might accomplish much more because there are not many places but could double the membership of our auxiliary. We are few, but are in earnest.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

1884, O. G. Hertzog, for India	\$ 7.00
1885, S. Moot, for Welland	12.00
1886, O. G. Hertzog, for India	4.00
" J. Tolton, for Manitoba	10.80
1887, " " "	30.00
" S. Moot, for Welland	10.00
" Mrs. Geo. Munro, for Muskoka	5.00
" H. Brown, for Home Work	29.00
Cash on hand Jan. 1st, 1888	20.89
Total	\$128.49

MISS M. A. THOMPSON, Sec.
Wainfleet, Winger P. O.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

During the past six weeks I have visited the following places:—Ridgetown, Blenheim, Rodney, St. Thomas, Guelph, Acton, Toronto, Aurora, Owen Sound and Kilsyth. I spent one Lord's day with the church in Ridgetown.

BLENHAIM.—The afternoon service was larger than I had seen it for some time, and this I learned is the case of late. While the meeting for prayer and Bible study is well attended and full of interest. There were brethren in both churches sufficiently interested in the work in Toronto to help it by personal pledges.

RODNEY.—I spent one evening here, preaching to a fairly good audience. Bro. Keeffer is laboring here with acceptance, and preaching occasionally in Bismark, the adjoining town. Bro. Ash was confined to his house by a slight accident. Have promised to call and preach for an evening or two in Bismark on the first opportunity.

ST. THOMAS.—I preached here one night to a small audience. Bro. Best is laboring here, and with him I had a pleasant visit. He is an old acquaintance and it was pleasant to meet him and his wife. May his labors be abundantly blessed.

ACTON.—I spent a Lord's day with the church in Acton, and also spoke on the Monday night. This church, by quarterly collections, are doing more for our Home Mission Work than ever

before, each contribution growing a little larger than the preceding one. Four contributions for Home and two for Foreign Mission Work is what they are doing this year. There is nothing like systematic giving brethren. If you are not doing it systematically in your own congregation, then begin at once, and you will enjoy it so much you will never give it up.

TORONTO.—Here all is going on well. There is an activity in this church that will quicken the pulse of the slowest. It is infectious. It is work, work, work, on every side, and Bro. Gaff is winning golden opinions for his tact and energy. By God's grace, we will have such a church in Toronto in a year or two that will fill us with rejoicing. I have been able to be with them in a prayer-meeting and in a Bible reading lately.

OWEN SOUND.—The brethren here have staved out to build a new meeting house. The lot is purchased and they hope to begin work on the building this spring. They need it badly, and I trust the brethren will help them liberally. Owen Sound is a rapidly growing town, and there should be a rapidly growing church there.

KILSYTH.—I spent three weeks with the church here, preaching every night and holding occasional afternoon services. The audiences were large, the attendance and interest great, the results to the church blessed, and the ingathering small—only two persons confessed Christ—one before I arrived and one after. Bro. Lister commenced the meeting, but illness in his family prevented his continuing with us. He, however, was enabled to spend a few evenings with us at the close of the meeting. To myself it was a time of spiritual refreshment as well as to the church there, a time I shall long remember. May the Divine blessing rest upon them all. I go from here to Bowmanville.

A closing word. To churches: Have you responded to the call for help to our work this year? If not it is time you did. Send in a large contribution so that the work may not be hindered. *Do it now.* To individuals: What have you done, brother? We need your help, and you intend to help. *Do it now, for it is now that it is needed.*

Since writing my last notes I have visited the brethren in Oshawa, Whitby, Bowmanville and Cobourg.

BOWMANVILLE.—Here I spoke on Lord's day and on three following evenings. Their work is moving on smoothly. Their Sunday-school in good order, and their interest in Toronto and our work there is of a practical character. A number of personal offerings were made for this important work, beside their usual contribution as a church.

COBOURG.—The brethren in Cobourg denoted \$100.00 to the work in Toronto, being part of a fund which had accumulated in their hands, and which they desired to put into the service of the Lord. Such an interest in the most important work we have ever undertaken is encouraging.

WHITBY AND OSHAWA.—In both of these places the same interest is felt as in Toronto, and manifested in the same manner. May God bless the work in that great city.

Dear Bro., as you read these notes will you not consider how far you may be responsible for the advancement of the cause in Toronto, and if you have not yet helped, will you not send in at once, some offering, to help carry it on. Don't fail to be with us at the June meeting and catch an inspiration for next year's work.

JAS. LEDIARD.

CO-OPERATION CIRCULAR.

TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST AT

DEAR BRETHREN,—

The Annual Meeting of the Churches of Christ in Ontario co-operating for the spread of the gospel, will be held with the church at Erin Centre, commencing on Friday, June 1st, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Business session for one hour. Preaching by Bro. J. R. Gaff at 8 o'clock. Business will be resumed at 9 on Saturday morning and continued on Monday.

Every church in Ontario is earnestly desired to send two delegates to the meeting, and we urgently request that you be represented. The brethren at Erin extend to you a hearty welcome. Those coming to the meeting are requested to send in their names to Robert McMillan, Hillsburg, if possible by the 20th of May.

It is expected that many of our old brethren—the pioneers of the cause in Ontario—will be present, and Bro. J. R. Gaff, in whose work in Toronto we are all deeply interested, will be present and is expected to be the principal speaker.

Bro. McLean, of Cincinnati, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, is also expected.

Since last report \$742.32 have been received and \$673.85 paid out. To meet all obligations at the end of the year and have a small balance to begin anew with \$500 should be collected in May, and we solicit your assistance in securing this amount.

Dear brethren, we are responsible for the privileges and opportunities God has given us to aid in spreading the gospel of Christ. Can we not do more for Christ in the future? Are we satisfied with what we have done in the past? Let us be true to God and to the word of his grace and unite our efforts and prayers in doing his will, and our kind Father will work with us and in us. Come then, brethren, and let us counsel together as to the right and best way of carrying out the trust God has committed to all who have named the name of Christ.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made for reduced rates on the railways, notice will be given in the May number of the EVANGELIST.

J. W. KILGOUR, Secretary.
HUGH BLACK, President.
Guelph, April 24th, 1888.

REDUCED RATES TO ANNUAL MEETING.

We are pleased to state that arrangements have been made with the CANADIAN PACIFIC and GRAND TRUNK RAILWAYS to carry visitors to and from the annual meeting at a fare and a third, if 25 or more travel over each line.

If you wish to avail yourself of this reduction, please observe the following regulations:—

1. Write to Robert McMillan, Hillsburg, for a blank Railway Certificate, and one will be sent to you.
2. Purchase a full fare single ticket at your station, and present the certificate you receive from Mr. McMillan and the ticket agent will give you a receipt for the full fare payment. After the meeting the Secretary will on the same certificate certify to your attendance, and on presentation of this at the Hillsburg station you will receive a return ticket at one-third of the single fare.
3. The return ticket must be purchased within three days after adjournment of the meeting.
4. When it is necessary to travel over a part of each line, a certificate will be necessary at the starting point of each line. So if you have to travel on two lines, ask for two certificates.

J. W. KILGOUR, Secretary.
Guelph, May 3, '88.

NOTICE.

Churches and individuals who have not paid all their pledges to the co-operation will please forward them to the Secretary at Guelph not later than May 25th. Don't wait to bring the money with you to the annual meeting if you can possibly help it, as some time is needed to prepare the report and have all in readiness for the annual meeting.

J. W. KILGOUR, Sec'y.

SITUATION WANTED.

A Graduate in Arts, with ten years' experience in teaching, legally qualified to teach in High Schools, wants a situation as teacher in a High School in a town where there is a congregation of Disciples of Christ.

THE WORLD'S CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS.—A great conference will be held in London, June 9-19. The Foreign Society was asked to send one or more delegates. The Committee appointed the Corresponding Secretary a delegate.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.
P. O. Box 750. Cincinnati, O.

MARRIED.

FORRESTER—POST.—At the Disciples' Church, Denison Avenue, Toronto, April 23rd, by J. R. Gaff, W. J. Forrester to Harriet Post, both of Toronto.

AVERY—BIGELOW.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Baysville, Muskoka, April 16th, 1888, by Elder W. M. Crewson, James Avery to Ellen A. Bigelow, eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Bigelow.

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