

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

I spent two evenings at Stratford. The cause here is in a feeble condition and needs help. A small audience gathered on the second night of my visit to whom I spoke. Spent a time of pleasant social intercourse with the brethren and passed on to Walkerton.

Walkerton. Here my visit was interfered with by a snow storm of unusual severity. Only a few of the brethren were out. They are active here and will help on the work of the Co-operation to the best of their ability.

From Walkerton to Warton, where I preached to fairly good audiences. Here, too, there is need of help. Bro. Brown is away and there are but few amongst them capable of carrying on the work.

From Warton to Kilsyth. Here there is a vigorous church and it is cheering to be amongst them. Bro. Lister has been with them for some time with an occasional visit from Bro. Finch. Since my visit I hear of an interesting prayer meeting established there and being much enjoyed. They are building a new shed at their meeting house and yet have something left to help on the general work. They had sent help early in the year and increased it when I was with them.

From Kilsyth to Euphrasia. Here there is a healthy congregation, who are trying to do their best in their own neighborhood. Bro. McKay, one of the Elders from the Meaford congregation, visits them frequently. I spoke two nights to good audiences, and made some pleasant acquaintances.

From Euphrasia I went to Owen Sound and spent the Lord's Day. Here I made the acquaintance of Bro. W. A. Stephens and had a pleasant time with Bro. C. J. Lister, spending one night at his house. I also got more fully acquainted with Bro. Finch, who has been engaged by the church in Portage La Prairie. The meetings on Lord's Day were quite interesting to me and the Sunday School was good. A new meeting house would be a help here, and in such a thrifty town there ought to be an effort made to build up a strong church, influential for good. They are in harmony with our Home Mission Work, and helped to the extent of their ability.

From Owen Sound to Cape Rich. Here there is a church with some some 50 members. They have a convenient meeting house and a good Sunday School of about thirty members and a good Bible Class. I only spent one night with them.

From Cape Rich to Meaford. Here the church is, as is well known, a strong one, being one of six churches which have over a hundred members—Meaford, Eramosa and Erin Centre having each about 150 members. There is in Meaford the largest Sunday School I have seen yet, and I think the largest in Ontario. One especially good feature being the large number of young men and women who attend it. They are about building a new house of worship, which they sadly need. I spoke three times to attentive audiences and enjoyed my visit greatly. With an increased activity they are capable of great things.

I am now in Toronto with the brethren in Denison Avenue, helping them for a while. The outlook for a work in this city never was better than now, and there seems a disposition on the part of the brethren to work while it is day. Meetings for prayer on Wednesday and for Bible study on Friday are well attended. There is also one very refreshing feature of the work to which I call attention. It is the number of young brethren who can and do take part in the public services, and we are using them all, even though the older men should sometimes have to keep silence to give them the opportunity to develop their gifts. They are glad to do so. This is as it should be. Let the older brethren sometimes stand aside to give the younger ones opportunity and we will soon have more preachers of the gospel, trained to actual work, under the eyes of the congregation who will one day send them out to proclaim the good tidings of great joy.

J. L. Toronto.

DETROIT.

Dear Evangelist:—

In response to your invitation I write you a brief account of our mission work in this city. We are having an entirely new experience this year,

and if not in all respects a happy one, it will be none the less profitable.

Our people have two churches here and each has three mission stations. The Central Church of Christ, for which we are working, has its missions, respectively, in the east, west and north parts of the city. The last named one is almost self-sustaining; holding two meetings and a S. S. on Lord's day as well as a prayer meeting during the week with little outside help. That in the West End, where brother George labors, is of equal strength, but as yet its members work with the Central Church. This mission is in a good community and is doing grand work. The East End, or Macauley mission in which I am engaged, is quite different from the others. If the object in planting a mission in this locality was to reach the lowest class, I think it is not far out of its latitude. We are among Germans, French, Pollocks and some native whites, the German element largely predominating. It is a hot bed of socialism, Catholicism, and infidelity. Our working force includes Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Disciples; I can't say such a union is strength. Our S. S. is the largest we have in the city. In it are about thirty boys from 10 to 16 years of age (I hope Bro. Wharton has none worse in India), boys on whose profane lips God's name is never spoken reverently; whose breath is odious with the perfume of strong drink and tobacco; who spend Sunday in sports and revelry, and evenings in vile associations. It is a difficult matter to gain their respectful attention for an hour; and not unfrequently does the just indignation of our superintendent vent itself in 'the laying on of hands.' The boys become quite gentle when we secure the services of a policeman. Our front windows are all broken. But we shall not mind the balmy air of spring as we did the winter blasts through these openings. We are often disturbed in our Sunday evening meetings but our audiences are encouraging, and our prayer meeting is excellent. Though the people are very ignorant of the Scriptures many are anxious to learn the way more fully. We prayerfully strive to teach them God's Word in its purity, and we are confident that the seed sown is not all snatched out of the heart by the wicked one; scorched by the heat of persecution; or choked by the thorns of care and riches, and that in the honest heart it is bearing much fruit for the glory of the Master. Christian work should never be discouraging. Our hearts and prayers are with the cause in Ontario, and there is no more welcome visitor than the EVANGELIST, bringing words of instruction and cheer, and, best of all, its budget of Church news. May it grow and be a blessing is our prayer.

E. R. BLACK.

Detroit, April 9th 1887.

SELF-HUMBLING.

"Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart." Observe the argument here. Men are unwilling to come to Jesus, because it involves the self-humbling. They think they sacrifice their manhood by becoming meek and lowly; that is, by laying aside pride and self-sufficiency, and by becoming submissive to God in all things. Such Jesus addresses with an argument unanswerable.

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