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FIELD NOTES No. 2.

Our last note closed while at Sweet's Corners, in Hamilton Co. We spoke three evenings at the above place, and met with much encouragement in our work. As the Treasurer will report each month, the money and pledges received, we will not mention that. From Sweet's Corners we came back to Selkirk and spoke on Thursday night to a small audience owing to incessant rain. On Friday night we spoke in a Methodist house at Nelson's Corners on the Air Line R. R., to a large audience who had never heard a Disciple of Christ preach before. On Saturday we came to Wainfleet. The elders of this church were fearful of our work, owing to adverse influences, but after we laid our work fairly before them, they cheerfully gave us much encouragement and substantial aid. We spoke to large audiences Lords day morning and evening, also Monday night. This church did not only as the report will show. Bro. Geo. Moore from Gainsboro came over to Wainfleet to urge us to come to their aid in a meeting at that place. This meeting was commenced by brethren Lister and Silas Moote, then Bro. Hertzog came one Lordsday, then Bro. Dean one night, then myself two nights. This is enough to ensure a failure in any meeting. We do not think it wise to trade horses in battle, especially when so general a spreading business is indulged in as in this case. Bro. N. Thompson came over from Wainfleet with me. We found Bro. Lister in the Buckwheat harvest, but he confesses that he cannot make the bunches stand alone. He must remember that this is a fine art. At night the house was full and the attention good. This was on Tuesday the 18th. We spoke also on the next night to a crowded house, and a deep religious feeling pervaded. This church had refused to co-operate on account of the unfair light in which the co-operation had been represented to them from certain quarters, but we are glad to say they are now in hearty accord with the work as their contribution will show. At Gainsboro we have a good band of brethren numbering about one hundred members. On the 20th in Company with Bro. Huntaman I came over to Smithville. This is my first visit to this place. Here the church is unity, working on in the even tenor of their way. We spoke Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday to good audiences. There is a noble band of brethren at Smithville, under the leadership of our esteemed Bro. N. Wardell. I am satisfied that this "man of God" has never been fully appreciated by his brethren, yet there is no man living who enjoys the confidence of his brethren more, and being a good report without, he is a power for good, worldly-minded Christians receive no sympathy from him. When we arrived Bro. Isaac Wardell was opposed to our co-operation work. When we left he was one of its strongest supporters. Bro. Coon of this church is a man of broad views, that is heartily in favor of sending the gospel into the regions beyond, and believes this can only be done

successfully through co-operation, hence he is a strong supporter of the work. After meeting on Sunday night, I come over to Bro. Robert Boucher's in the Lake Shore congregation, here we re-visited the weary bones to our hearts content. Bro. and Sister B know how to take care of a weary preacher. Their house was the stopping place of the late J. D. Benedict, who was a man of God in his day, and has left his mark behind him, he has gone, but he lives in the hearts of the people. We began our meeting at "Lake Shore" on Monday night, with a small audience, owing to the rain. Our audience increased until the house was crowded full. It is a real pleasure to meet with these brethren again. This is one of the best churches in the "Old Niagara District." One noble young man confessed faith in his Savior and was immersed during the meeting. He is a teacher in our common school, and we expect much from him as a laborer in the Master's vineyard. Lake Shore Church, of course, is in favor of our co-operative work, because they are in favor of all good work. We are able to prove these statements by referring our readers to the treasurer's report. We spoke at this place from Monday to Friday night and came to Hamilton on Saturday the 29th. We were made welcome at the home of Bro. E. C. Jones, formerly of Winton. The cause in Hamilton has never made much progress in the way of additions, but there has been from the beginning a few who have stood up for the truth, chief among these is old Bro. Mallory, whom we found unwell, yet able to be out on Lordsday morning. This is the home of Bro. A. Anderson and he speaks for the Church once on Lordsday when he is not away. There ought to be a strong effort put forth at this point to enlarge our influence in this beautiful city. We spoke three times to fair audiences. On Tuesday I came over to Acton, attended to some business, and spoke to a small audience at night. This church is enjoying a fair degree of prosperity under the leadership of brethren Wells and Royce. We arrived home on Wednesday the 11th. The churches are waking up all along the line, and if the report for this month is to be taken as a fair sample of our work, we will all rejoice together over a good work done for our Master. EVANGELIST. On the 8th of this month I went over to Buffalo to meet Sister Ella Nelson, who is now here from Ind., but owing to delays she failed to come on the 9th as agreed upon, hence I had to remain over until the 11th, we put in the time very profitably at a Sunday School Convention at Tonawanda. There were of preachers present. Tribble, of Buffalo, Hertzog and Pardee, of Suspension Bridge, Sinclair, of Clarence, Neadam, of Brant, Osborne, of Tonawanda. The meetings were good and we think profitable to all. To me it was a feast of joy, to meet my old friends and especially to know that the converts last March are holding fast the faith. Of course I was domiciled at Bro. Evans'. Bro. and Sister Summy from Washington D. C., were present, and reported the church at Washington in perfect unity and doing good work for the Master. We have only room to say this much. We ask every brother and sister to take a friendly interest in the Worker. Send in items of church news, ask your neighbors to subscribe.

PERSONALS. It is rumored that bro. Shepard is contemplating a move from Bowmanville to St. Thomas. Bro. Hertzog has engaged to preach every Lordsday at Port Hope for six months, but he scarcely makes it every time. Bro. H. Brown has made quite a tour among the churches, south and east. We should like to hear how he prospered, also the cause. Bro. O. G. Hertzog stopped at Hamilton on his way home from Port Hope. He reports the outlook at Port Hope good, and that they are in need of a meeting at that point. Bro. Wm. M. Gird. in a private letter from Newport, Ind., states that he baptized two persons recently, at Center Square. We are glad to hear of the success of our brother in his work for the Master. Bro. Ledford came over to Acton and spent the night of the 11th with us. He reports one baptism at Hillsburg, and that he has been engaged for another year by the Erie Centre Church. Hereafter all mail intended for H. B. Sherman, must be addressed to Acton, Ont. Items of news and articles for publication, with all business communications, should be addressed "CHRISTIAN WORKER," Meaford, Ont. Bro. Geo. Moore has paid a visit among the churches in the Niagara district. The brethren speak of him in terms of praise, wherever he goes. We are not aware of his intentions for the future, but he is to labor in Canada. Bro. Cavanaugh was at Selkirk on Lordsday the 23rd and enjoyed the day with his brethren in the Lords house. Bro. C. is very popular at Selkirk among the school children as their "old teacher." He is attending the medical college at Ann Harbor, Mich. Bro. Fowler has been laboring among the churches in Wellington county recently. They are on the lookout for an Evangelist to labor in that co-operation. This is right. Men in the field preaching the Gospel, and the brethren at home holding up their hands, is the Lords way. Bro. James Anderson, formerly of Garafraxa, Ont., is now in Kansas, preaching, and reports, being nicely settled and well into the work. Wishes to hear good news from Canada, and have his C. Worker, addressed to Reserve P. O., Kansas. Bro. Silas Moote while at home during vacation preached for the churches in Niagara District to good acceptance. The brethren in that District are expecting much from him in the future. He is now in the University in Lexington, Ky. Bro. C. J. Laster continues in the work where he has been for more than a year. His labors are divided between Gainsboro, Wainfleet and Jordan. We were sorry to learn that the differences between the brethren at the latter place still exist. We pray that God may lead the way to the healing up of these ugly wounds in the body of Christ. Brethren you cannot spend fifty cents better than to make your neighbors present of the Worker for one year, as it will contain reading on gospel subjects, teaching the way of salvation. Try it.

NEWS NOTES. Here is an extract from Bro. Ash's private correspondence: - "I am very anxious that you should spend a time preaching here when it can be done. Our young Bro. Campbell who preaches here is a true one. Three baptized lately. I think if you could be here you would say I have a nice place and that Rodney is a nice village beautifully located." Jos. Ast. ONTARIO CO-OPERATION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST RECEIPTS. Total reported for Sept., \$146.07 Colburn..... 6.00 Everton, Hugh Black... 15.00 Nassagaway, J. Ledford... 8.50 Erie Centre... do... 5.50 Glencairn, J. I. Stephens... 21.00 Toronto (west end) G. J. Barclay... 15.00 Selkirk, H. B. Sherman... 41.00 Sweet's Corners... do... 19.00 John Miller... do... 2.00 Wainfleet... do... 22.00 Gainsboro... do... 5.00 Smithville... do... 43.50 Lake Shore... do... 31.00 Hamilton... do... 38.50 Mrs. Steele... do... 2.00 Total... \$142.67 Bro. Sherman also reports pledges payable in March next, amounting to \$146.25. A. Yule, Sec.-Treas. Aurora, 10 Oct., 1883. Already the calls for work in new places are coming in. Wainfleet is crying for a pure gospel. St. Catharines has a few Disciples that are anxious to have the cause of Christ established in that town. Several brethren are exceedingly anxious to have a meeting held in Campden. There is just one way to expedite this work, and that is to fill up the treasury. Men will be put into the work as soon as our treasury has the funds whereby they can be sustained. Rally Brethren - a mighty conquest is upon us. Strike hard. Let every disciple put his shoulder to the wheel, and all give one grand lift together, then the shout of triumph will rend the air. The following from Bro. Gerard has the true ring to it. We should be glad to visit Gorderich and help our brother, but be patient brethren. The co-operation must be first worked up. Many of the brethren do not understand the co-operation yet. There is nothing lost by moving slowly. "We are with you in that noble work and hope the co-operation may succeed in planting churches all over this fair land of ours within reasonable distance to attend meetings and then extend all over this world till the Kingdom of our blessed Redeemer shall spread from pole to pole. I wish to assist in this co-operation and not only work with my hands for the support of those who spend all their time preaching but also labor in word and doctrine myself that we may induce poor sinners to love Jesus Christ and repent and obey the Gospel and induce those who love the Lord in Babylon to come out, and that we may help our brethren to continue faithful unto death." ALAN GERARD. Leave consequences to God, but do right. Be genuine, real, sincere, true, upright, godlike. The world's realm is, Turn your sails and yield to circumstances. But if you would do any good in your generation, you must be made of sterner stuff, and help make your times, rather than be made by them. You must not yield to customs, but like the anvil, endure all blows, until the hammers break there.

advice. When misrepresented, use no other ways to clear yourself. Clouds do not last long. If in the course of duty you are tried by the distrust of friendly, girl up your loins and say in your heart, "I was not driven to virtue by the encouragement of friends, nor will I be repelled from it by their coldness." Finally, be just and fear not; "Corruption will not more than honor a truth live and reign when falsehood dies and rises - Spurgeon. Here is an extract from a private letter from a beloved brother at Tonawanda: - On our way down from Duluth, not long since, I had the pleasure of a very brief, but pleasant acquaintance with Bro. Andrew Scott, on board that magnificent ship the United Empire. I should not have known he was on board, had it not been announced that a "gentleman" was to preach in the cabin." Bro. S. opened the service and it did not take long for me to discover that he was a disciple. He stated he would not speak from a text, but would speak from a subject and that subject would be "the oppressed and expressed will of God." I need not tell you that he soon became "master of the situation" and signally riveted the attention of a large and intelligent audience. Bro. Scott is an analytical digester of thought, and will make his mark. Say I Bro. Sherman, it strikes me there are one or two hundred brethren and sisters who would like to see your face once more here, "ere we go hence." When are you coming? You skip home by way of Detroit, now why did you do this? could you not just as well have crossed over at this end of the lake? Ever your brother, E. EVANS. SISTER DELAUNEY'S VISIT TO MEAFORD. On the fourth Lords day of last month Sister Delauney, wife of Professor Delauney, missionary to Paris, favored the citizens of Meaford, and a goodly number of the brethren from the country, with a two hours talk or lecture on "Paris and our mission." During the delivery of the lecture the interest manifested and the attention paid was most intense. Apparently every person in the large audience was anxious to catch every word that fell from her lips. The beauties of Paris were graphically described. Scenes of carnage and bloodshed, especially the "massacre of St. Bartholomew," were depicted in a manner calculated to produce feelings of thankfulness for the political and religious freedom we now enjoy. The triumphs of the gospel over priestcraft and superstition, infidelity and other abominations, as described by the lectress were cheering. Sister Delauney's heart seems to be in the undertaking, and being well adapted for the work of a missionary, we have no doubt if she and her noble husband are supported and otherwise encouraged as they should be, great good will be the result of their labors. The gospel of Christ being the "power of God unto salvation," it is not the duty of every Christian to do what they can towards sending the gospel - "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Sister Delauney goes, we trust she may receive a hearty welcome, and liberal contributions for the support of the Paris mission. H. T. L. If any of our subscribers do not get their papers regularly, they will please notify us and missing copies will be promptly sent. Sometimes papers go a day in the mail, over this we have no control. We wish every one to get the paper regularly. L. A. W.

REPENTANCE. Testifying to both love and Greek repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The order in which the terms repentance and faith occur in this last sentence, and in some other passages, has been urged as proof that repentance occurs before faith in the order of mental operations. But this is a most fallacious source of reasoning. From it we might argue that sanctification precedes faith, because Paul addresses the Thessalonians as having been chosen to salvation "through sanctification of spirit and the belief of the truth" or that the confession precedes faith, because Paul says: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thy heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." The order of the words describing two actions proves nothing in reference to the order of their occurrence, except when it is made evident that it was the writer's intention to indicate the order of occurrence. No such intention is manifest here. The purport of the sentence in question is to state the two leading topics on which he had testified among the Ephesians, and the order in which they are mentioned was suggested by the nature of the case. All the Jews in Ephesus and all the Gentiles who attended the synagogue worship already believed in God, before Paul preached to them concerning Jesus. It was also necessary that all the heathens should learn to believe in God before hearing the gospel of the Son of God. Moreover, they might be induced to repent toward God, as they had all been taught that they must do, before they believe that Jesus was the Son of God. Repentance toward God, bringing men to an honest and candid state of mind, was a most excellent preparation for faith in Jesus Christ. This was the design of John's ministry. He prepared them for the reception of Jesus Christ, by calling them to repentance before God. Paul also attempted to make known the true God to the Athenians, and told them that God had "commanded all men everywhere to repent," before he introduced to them the name of Jesus. This, however, is far from being proof of repentance before faith in the ordinary sense of the expression, which requires not repentance toward God before faith in Christ, but repentance toward God before faith in God. That a man can repent toward a God in whose existence he does not believe, is not assumed by any party; but all grant that some degree or species of faith must precede repentance, while the prevailing Protestant parties contend that saving faith, as it is styled, must follow repentance. The mistake which they commit arises from a misconception of the nature of both faith and repentance. Regarding repentance as simply sorrow for sin, and faith as a yielding up of the will to Christ, they very readily reach the conclusion that the former must precede the latter. But in this conception repentance is mistaken for repentance itself; while the yielding up of the will to Christ, which is really repentance, is mistaken for faith. Repentance, therefore, really covers all the ground usually assigned to both repentance and saving faith, leaving no room for faith to arise after it. Many of our subscribers lead their Writings when read to a neighbor, thus making known our plea and mission; this is good. Others send in a subscription for a friend, this is better.