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PROBABLE CHANGE.

During the past seven years Bro. Law and the writer have been partners in business; that partnership is now ended, and the firm name "Law & Whitelaw" may not appear very often in the future. We have worked together very agreeably and pleasantly, not only in our business, but in what-over church work we undertook. The CHRISTIAN WORKER has been under our financial management for about four years, and since October, 1881, we have been the editors and publishers. What the change may be I cannot say, but we may be able to announce something in next issue. It has been my desire for some years to devote my time fully to a work that I feel to be of greatest importance. Bro. Law when alone can not well spare the time necessary to conduct the paper. We would like to hear from any brethren interested in the continuance of the WORKER, and it may be that some arrangements can be made whereby the paper will be continued. Let us hear from us many as have any suggestions to make. J.C.W.

ORDINATION.

"We will not, at present notice the usual and unimportant article in the CHRISTIAN WORKER on the subject of "ordination" so called."

The above are "J.B.'s" introductory remarks to a dissertation with which he favors the readers of the Index in this month's issue. J. B. is excusable for applying the term weak to an opponents arguments, such language being characteristic of the pettifogger. Unconsequential. The writer of the weak and unimportant article referred to not being able to write Dr. before and Q. C. M.E., after his name and not having attained an eminence from which he can look down upon his brethren and coolly malign their acts and impugn their motives as J.B. has done (see July number of Index, 1883, page 198). We do not claim to be consequential from his standpoint, hence must not complain at J.B.'s use of the term. H.T.L.

TO THOSE IN ARREARS.

"It is not right to take a paper out of the Post office for months (or years as some do) and then notify the publishers to stop it, without paying for the time it was received. To continue taking the paper out of the office constitutes one a subscriber. Some of our subscribers do not seem to be aware of this." So say Bro. McDermid in the Index and sentences of Feb. 1881. And so say we, some of our subscribers are in arrears, and seem to think no wrong is done,

in keeping us out of what is due. We have sympathy with those who are very poor. And would not wish to urge them to hard, but we know many wealthy ones who are in arrears, such are inexcusable. In view of the probable change, weak as many as can do so, to pay up during the months of March. L. & W.

HARDING - WILKINSON DEBATE.

At last the above debate has been published in a neat and well printed book of over 100 pages. The publishers, James Ametson, John Anderson, and Robert Abercrombie deserve credit for the enterprise, patience and fairness displayed in this publication.

Both disputants have endorsed the work and appear satisfied with the efforts of the publishers.

Our readers are more or less acquainted with the circumstances which led to this exciting polemic conflict, consequently we will not weary you with a lengthy narration of them. Suffice it to say, however, that in August, 1884, Bro. Harding was engaged in a very interesting and successful meeting in Euphrasia, about 8 miles south of Meaford, when Mr. T. L. Wilkinson was sent for by his Methodist friends to deliver a course of lectures on baptism in their meeting house over a mile from where Bro Harding was preaching. Bro. Harding's meeting having closed the night before Mr. Wilkinson's lectures began, he was enabled to be present at the first lectures. During the delivery of which Mr. W. said many objectionable things which aroused the indignation of Bro. H. not a little and caused him to embrace the earliest opportunity to challenge Mr. W. to a public discussion which was accepted and the following day a number of the friends of each gentleman met in the Methodist meeting house when an agreement was entered into between them to discuss the following propositions:—

- 1. Christian Baptism is immersion, in it there must be a burial in water.
2. Infant baptism is of divine authority and has been practised by the Christian church from Apostolic times.
At the time agreed upon viz., 15th December, 1884, the debaters were on hand and a large intelligent and deeply interested audience met in the town hall to hear the discussion.
It is needless to say that Bro. H. affirmed the first proposition and Mr. Wilkinson the second.
The debate continued during six consecutive days of two sessions, of two hours each closing on Saturday night 21st Dec., at which session the town hall was unable to accommodate the crowds that came to hear—hundreds were turned away at the door. The excitement or earnestness or intensity of feeling displayed during this debate will never be forgotten by those who attended it throughout. Aside from an occasional demonstration of irritability on the part of Bro. Harding his conduct was commendable and he wielded the sword of the Spirit at times with tremendous power. As for Mr. Wilkinson's part in the debate, perhaps the least said is the better. Candor compels us to say however that he is a good speaker, and knows well how to use matter which he is in possession of. It would afford us pleasure to commend his honesty and gentlemanly conduct, but were we to do so we fear that intelligent readers of the book would justly question our judgment or veracity. The debate as published is worthy of being widely circulated. Our brethren should purchase, read, and commemo-

a circulating library with it. All orders received at this office will be filled promptly. Price \$2.00 per copy. H.T.L.
NOTE.—Doubts are sometimes expressed even by Disciples of Christ, as to whether public oral discussions do good. Having strong faith in the ultimate triumph of truth over error (the former cannot lose in a conflict with the latter), we firmly believe that every debate that is conducted in the right spirit must and will do good. Since this debate took place about 80 have been immersed in this vicinity, including those who joined the Baptist Church, of course how many less there would have been had the debate not taken place is an unknown quantity. We do know, however, that Meaford and the region round about is permeated with immersionist ideas and we expect ere long that a glorious harvest will be reaped for the Master. H.T.L.

The churches which have contributed to the Manitoba mission fund have contributed liberally. Thus far, however, those who are best able have not contributed at all. Who is to blame for this? Now the work is begun we must push it forward. A man will soon be sent to P.L.A.P. More money is needed. Who will fail to do their part? Don't deceive yourself with an excuse for neglect of duty you will be ashamed to present at the bar of God. If you have such an excuse, then "hang right on to it" and take it up there and say "here Lord this is the reason I did not help to sound out the gospel, the power of God unto Salvation," confident you will receive the answer "well done good and faithful servant enter, etc." Now to business. Those churches or individuals who have failed thus far have yet an opportunity and if no other kind of excuse than the above is offered we will have a substantial purse to begin work with immediately. Remember James Tolton, Elder, in the Walkerton church is the treasurer. He will acknowledge all sums through the WORKER, Address J Tolton, Walkerton, Ont.
Winnipeg is the gateway to the great Northwest. We have a number of Disciples there but no church. The city is fast becoming one of the most important and populous of the Dominion.
There is no more important point in Canada to open up in. One of the best men in our body should be sent there immediately. All that is needed is a little cash and the work will be done.
We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Martz the evangelist of the Ont., Cooperation, in Acton. We are convinced from our short acquaintance and from what we have heard of his work that he is the right man in the right place. His heart is in the missionary work. He does not believe in cooperation to furnish preaching simply at a cheap rate for fat churches. Bro. Martz and myself agree that churches and individual christians should cooperate to preach the gospel in places where no effort has yet been made and also to assist those weak churches that are not able to help themselves. This is the aim of the Ont. Co-operation.
At the same time we consider that a church that is not able of itself to sustain a preacher to labor in word and doctrine in the vicinity where it exists has the privilege of co-operating with a neighboring church to engage in this work. We must preach the gospel at home and abroad. These positions are based on plain scripture teaching.
I am in Acton at present assisting the brethren to sound out the word. It will be remembered that we had a large

ingathering at this church a year ago. It cannot be reasonably expected that we have such an ingathering this year. Yet we purpose laboring just as faithfully and earnestly to plant the good seed of the kingdom.

Bro. Sherman has resigned his charge at Beamsville to take effect the first of May. We are not informed at this date (Feb. 15) where he purposes locating.

Bro. Thomas Whitehead who carries on a large business in Walkerton and Brandon, Manitoba, has been spending a good deal of his time in Brandon, is at present with his family in Walkerton. He speaks very warmly concerning the Manitoba Mission. He regards Winnipeg as the most important point in Canada to begin preaching the gospel in its primitive purity and simplicity. He also thinks that the brethren in P. L. P. should be assisted immediately.

Bro. T. Sissons of P. L. P. writes that the church there will be able to raise \$400 for the support of a preacher at that point. They are free from debt and have as comfortable a meeting house and as convenient a one as any belonging to the brotherhood in Canada. He also says that living is much less expensive than when the writer lived there, house rent, wood, and meat can be had as cheaply as in any part of Ontario. The brethren there need assistance. They are too long in getting it. They must have it immediately. James Tolton of Walkerton is treasurer. Don't forget it.
The brethren in Acton are putting a drive pump in the vestry from which to fill the baptistry with water. The Acton church have a fine property and every thing convenient.

The little congregation at Owen Sound sent over a liberal contribution for the Manitoba Mission. They do more financially than many churches four times as able. God bless the faithful hand at Owen Sound.
Bro. Sherman has held a very successful meeting at Scio, New York. Twenty-six additions was an immediate result of the meeting. When there are so many additions it is impossible that this can be the only good result. So many fully persuaded a much larger number must certainly have set seriously to thinking.

A. SCOTT.
TO THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN ONTARIO.
At the meeting of the Board of Cooperation held at Everton, on the 3d inst., our Home Mission work in Muskoka and other places outside of the districts occupied by the Cooperating Churches was considered. The Board itself has shown its interest in Muskoka by having sent one of its evangelists to labor there for a length of time; and the churches forming the Cooperation, as well as a few others, have contributed toward the support of Bro. Wm. Crewson, who has already done a noble work, and is still laboring faithfully to build up the cause in that district. For reasons that will readily occur to those who themselves have been pioneers, the settlers are unable to help him much, especially as they have just completed a new and comfortable

meeting house.
The Board having done all it can do at present, in view of other obligations, does not hesitate indeed, feels it to be a duty, to present to the brethren throughout the Province the case of Bro. Crewson, and even urges them to help a worthy brother in doing a good work. With this end in view it is respectfully suggested that a special collection be taken up in all the churches in Ontario, on the second Lord's day in February next, or as soon thereafter as possible, and that the amount be sent to the undersigned, who will forward the same to Bro. Crewson. Should a larger sum be received than is necessary for Bro. Crewson, the surplus will be expended in Home Mission work in Muskoka and other needy places.

Bro. Sherman do not pass this by as a matter of little consequence, but by your liberal offerings, help on the good work, and cheer the heart of a faithful man.
Signed on behalf of the Board.
I. W. KILGOUR, Sec'y, Guelph.

STATEMENT.

Below we give the contributions of the respective churches to the Ontario Co-operation for the months of December and January. The amount is not so great as we would like to have seen but we hope to be able to present a more satisfactory showing for this month. Bro. Martz, the evangelist, is laboring faithfully and earnestly and acceptably and the cause will no doubt receive an impetus in the right direction during his stay in Canada.

RECEIPTS.
Vaughan church, \$ 8 00
West Lake, 7 00
Acton, 12 20
West End, Toronto, 16 00
A sister in Pickering, 1 00
Hamilton, 24 00
Moss, 0 00
Jordan, 2 50
Gainsboro, 14 75
Wainfleet, 2 84
Selkirk, 15 29
\$115 58

Bro. Martz visited Hamilton, Moss, Jordan, Gainsboro, Wainfleet and Selkirk at which place he held a successful meeting, 3 additions being the immediate result of his efforts there. H.T.L.

Walkerton, Feb. 16th.
LAW & WHITELAW;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following sums from the various churches, for the Manitoba mission.
Glencairn S. School, \$ 8 00
Walkerton Church, 5 97
Owen Sound, 5 00
Kilguth, 6 00
Hamilton, 10 00
Pickering, 2 85
Aurora, 4 00
West Lake, 2 27
Collingwood, 3 50
Cape Rich, 6 00
Glencairn, 10 00
Selkirk, 2 00
Sister McGregor, Col'gwood, 1 00
J. Tolton, Treas.

WEST END.—Our meeting house and furnishings are nearly complete, and we expect to hold "opening" services next Lord's day 21st inst, and continue to conduct a series of meetings for a week or two. Bro C. W. Martz the evangelist of the Ont Cooperation is to be "Chief speaker," assisted for a short time in the meetings by Bro. Lediard and others. Other brethren from a distance are expected to be present at our opening. Our congregation here enjoys very earnest and enthusiastic as the time draws near to occupy their church house, and they have labored assiduously to make it inviting and comfortable. G.J.B.

NEWS NOTES.

Bro. Lister passed through Meaford on the 13th on his way to commence a meeting at Glen Cairn.

The Welland meeting conducted by Bro. Gunn assisted by Bro. Moor, closed Jan. 25th, with 35 additions. Bro. Moor deserves credit for his energy and constancy in the Welland work, instead of receiving remuneration for his work he has spent largely of his own means for his necessary expenses. He now rejoices that he has done so for God has blessed his labors and many have turned to the way of holiness.

We publish the circular sent by the Wellington County Co-operation to the churches, asking for collections to sustain Bro. Crewson in his work. It is not too late yet for churches to take up their collections. Send all money to J. W. Kilgour, Guelph.

Bro. H.A. McDonald, of Pompey, N.Y., paid a short visit to the Province recently. He preached for the church at Lobo one Lord's day and spent another with the church at Erin village.

There was one more confession at the regular Sunday evening meeting at Everton where Bro. T. L. Fowler, preaches.

Dear Bro,
There have been three added to the church here last month by confession and baptism.

W. D. CAMPBELL, Rodney.

Dear Bro,
Thirty nine additions here this winter under the preaching of Bro. Geo. T. Smith, 36 Laptisms.
R. P. NELSON, Lawrenceburg, Ind.

Editors WORKER.
I leave Bowmanville at the last of March. The Church here is in a very prosperous condition, but I feel that I need a change. I have been urged very much to stay, but shall insist on removing. I am helping them to get a successor. I do not know what I shall do at present, think somewhat of spending the summer preaching in England. May take a two months trip among the churches first here in Ontario, possibly not go to England at all.

E. SHEPARD, Bowmanville.

We hope Bro. Sheppard will not forget to call at Meaford, when out among the churches.

MARRIED.—By the writer at her father's residence, Jan 27th, Mr. J. H. Sauns of the township of Clinton to Miss Anna Gilmore of the same place. Many valuable presents were presented to the bride by her friends.

R. AINSWORTH.

Bros Law & Whitelaw.
Bro. Talmage has just closed a five weeks meeting here with the glorious success of about 60 additions, and still they come. Bro Talmage is one of the Lord's bright lights in the galaxy of christian ministers in this country. He delivers the ancient gospel in its primitive simplicity and with great power and the people are compelled to come in and listen to him; yea, they are all glad to come in. A hundred such preachers would set the old gospel car moving, and sinners would be saved everywhere.

E. EVANS, Toronto.