

I learn where true happiness is placed, where all our cares must end, and how very little reason I have to repine or complain."

Communications.

FOR THE "HELPER."

ANNIVERSARY AT ORILLIA.

On Sunday, February 9th, the Orillia Baptist Church held its first anniversary, when able and eloquent sermons were preached by the Rev. J. D. King, of Toronto, at 11 a.m. and at 6.30 p.m. A union service of the Orillia and Marchmont Sunday Schools was held at 2.30 p.m., when able and interesting addresses were given by the Rev. J. D. King, and H. E. Buchan, M.D., of Toronto. Notwithstanding the cold, and almost impassable state of the roads, on account of snow-drifts, the attendance was good at all the services. A very interesting feature in connection with the afternoon service was the reading of the following address to Dr. Buchan, in appreciation of the deep interest he has ever manifested in this church and Sunday school:—

ADDRESS,

Dr. H. E. Buchan:

DEAR SIR,—The teachers and scholars connected with the Baptist Church in Orillia, desire to convey to you an expression of their esteem and gratitude on this occasion, and their best wishes for your prosperity and happiness.

Your eminent abilities, which have been consecrated to the service of our Divine Master, call forth our highest admiration, and your devotion to the interests of His church, our unfeigned gratitude.

The lively interest which you have at all times manifested in the success of our church and Sabbath schools here, and your generous kindness in presenting to the Orillia school a large supply of Hymn Books, have laid us under deep and lasting obligations.

We fervently pray that you may be long spared to render in the future such services as have been richly blessed in the past, and that our Divine Master may continue to prosper your efforts to promote the interests of His church and people throughout this land, in connection with your literary labors, especially as the editor of "THE CHRISTIAN HELPER," which is highly prized among us, and other branches of Christian work, and that when He comes you may receive a rich reward in His heavenly kingdom.

Done by order and in behalf of the Orillia Baptist Sunday School.

JAMES E. MAYNARD,
Superintendent.

The day's services, as usual with us, were begun and closed with a prayer-meeting. Bro. Henderson, of the Jarvis street Church, led the prayer-meeting in the evening.

On Monday evening a well-attended tea meeting was held. Great credit is due to the ladies for the excellence of the tea, the abundant supply of refreshments, and the taste manifested generally. The tea being over, Dr. Buchan was called to the chair, and at once proceeded with the programme. After singing by the choir, and prayer by the Rev. William Lambert, the Chairman gave an interesting, humorous and instructive address. A statement of the finances in connection with the building fund was read by the pastor, which, considering the

pressure of the times, was considered excellent. Also in regard to the spiritual condition of the church the statement was as follows:—Baptized during the year sixteen, and eleven others have been received for baptism; by letter three, and by experience three; total membership eighty-seven. Able addresses were delivered by the Rev. John Gray, M.A. (pastor of the Orillia Presbyterian Church), and Rev. J. D. King. A vote of thanks to the speakers, choir and ladies was moved by Deacon Maynard, and seconded by Deacon Whipples. The pastor then closed with the benediction, and all retired feeling thankful to the Lord for the mercies and blessings of the year, and for this our most successful anniversary. Brethren, pray for us, that the Master may continue unto us the tokens of His favor and love!

E. D. SHERMAN, Pastor.

FAREWELL TO MR. CHAS. A. COOK,

AT HENDON, ENGLAND.

The closing exercises at the Baptist Chapel Hendon, near London, in connection with the ministry of Mr. Charles A. Cook, formerly of Jarvis-st. church, Toronto, and late of the Pastors' College, took place on the evening of Jan. 6th. There was a large and enthusiastic gathering of friends, among whom were several from Canada. The chapel in which Mr. Cook commenced his labors proving quite too small, a neat iron structure has recently been erected and opened. The tea served in the earlier part of the evening was of a substantial character, such as Canadians are familiar with. After the tables were removed, several addresses were given; each speaker testifying to the great amount of good accomplished by Mr. Cook, and expressing hope for continued success in a new sphere at Kingston, Ont. Mr. Cook was made the recipient of several presents: an album, containing a number of photographs, a writing-desk, and other useful articles. At the close of the exercises, which were of great interest throughout, many of the young people escorted their departing friend to the railway station, and sang a number of hymns, as a farewell, in a touching manner.

London, January, 1879.

F. B.

FROM MOUNT FOREST.

To the Editor of the "CHRISTIAN HELPER."

DEAR SIR,—Last Sunday (Jan. 19) was what may be termed a "gala" day for the Baptist church in Mount Forest. In the morning we had an able sermon from our new pastor, a former member of "old Bond Street." I have reference to Rev. E. Bosworth, late of Queenstown, who, last Sunday commenced his labors as pastor of the Church here. He was assisted in the service by his predecessor, Rev. S. Cunningham. The sermon was founded on the 5th and 6th verses of the 137th Psalm, and was well considered. The speaker's object was to show that he had a commission to the people:—"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning; if I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." After the members of the congregation had been dismissed the members of the church tarried, when Brother Bosworth's letter from the Queenstown church was read, and the

right hand of fellowship given him by our late pastor. Several reports were given on candidates for baptism were received and adopted, after which the church was dismissed.

In the evening the ordinance of believer's baptism was administered by Bro. Cunningham. The meeting-house was literally packed. You, Mr. Editor, were present, and, as I know, been in the side the chapel here. A number of your readers, however have, and they can form an idea how the building was crowded when I state that there were over five hundred present to witness the ceremony. The writer stood at the door and counted five hundred and twenty-three persons pass out. It put me very much in mind of the first baptism in Canada by the worthy pastor of Jarvis Street, (then Bond Street), when the gallery nearly gave way. You, dear Bro., will remember the occasion, when several of your Bible class were immersed. Mr. Bosworth again addressed the meeting, taking for his text the words "Follow me," and impressed as forcibly as possible, the duty of all believers to follow Christ in His own appointed way. Mr. Cunningham also spoke a few words with reference to the ordinance, and then had the pleasure of immersing twelve persons in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. The best of order prevailed throughout, and those present evinced much attention.

I might add that the converts above alluded to, are first-fruits of a gracious revival in what is known as the Millar settlement, a preaching station about four miles distant from this place. Previous to the death of Rev. W. Millar, on whose farm the chapel stands, Elder A. Stewart, of Durham, promised to pay the section a visit. Not being able to fulfil the promise while Bro. Millar was living, Elder Stewart did so after his death. The result of the visit was the holding of a series of meetings, the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the neighborhood and the salvation of about forty persons. Twelve of this number have, as above stated, followed in the footsteps of their Master; others will follow, while a number will connect themselves with other churches. The meetings are being continued, and a good feeling prevails. The friends in the neighborhood feel that "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." May the gracious work continue, is the prayer of

Yours in Christ,

C.

Mount Forest, Jan. 23, 1879.

FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

DEAR EDITOR.—As your excellent little paper is devoted to Sabbath School interests in a great measure, and I rejoice that it is, I have thought that it might be interesting to your readers, to have a few items in reference to our Sabbath school in the western metropolis. On Thursday evening the 26th ult., we had our fourth anniversary concert. The evening was favourable, and the house was crowded to its utmost extent, some having to go away for want of room; the programme was long, varied, and interesting, the most of the scholars having had one exercise or more. At the close of the long programme, a very interesting time was spent in shaking the Christmas tree, and dispensing presents from the School, the teachers, and friends. After the closing address, given by one of the pupils, a collection of over twenty-two dollars was taken up towards the funds of the school, there having been no charge for entrance. In the Sunday school report which was given in a very interesting manner by five little girls, it was stated that the school began somewhat less than four years ago with five pupils and two teachers, without furniture or appliances of any kind; during the year, out of 125 pupils on the roll there has been an average attendance of one hundred and ten; there are a dozen teachers and officers. Some 300 volumes are in the library, and during the year