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**Important Notice.**

Owing to recent changes in the business management of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, agents, subscribers, and advertisers are requested to send to me all remittances of money intended for payment of subscriptions to THE EVANGELIST, or of advertisements therein. My address will be Erin, Ont., until May 28th inst., after that 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton, Ont. Careful attention to the notice by all concerned will greatly oblige,  
GEORGE MUNRO.

**Special.**

It is desirable that all who attend the Annual Meeting in Bowmanville, should arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening, as important matters come before the Convention on Friday forenoon. But there is a very special reason why all who expect to be present at the Convention should arrange to reach Bowmanville not later than Friday afternoon; on Friday evening, beginning at eight o'clock, Bro. Z. T. Sweeney will deliver his magnificent lecture, "Going up to Jerusalem." It would be a great pity for any of the delegates or visitors to miss that.

**The Annual Meeting.**

The Annual Meeting of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario is to be held this year with the church in Bowmanville, June 2nd to 6th. Bowmanville is a fine town on Lake Ontario and only about forty-two miles east of Toronto. The church extends a hearty invitation to the brethren and sisters everywhere, and is ready to entertain, and hopes to have the privilege of entertaining, the largest Annual Meeting of Disciples ever assembled in Ontario. The interest in, and attendance at, the Annual Meetings have been increasing steadily during recent years. We had a grand meeting at Toronto last year, and we should have one better still in Bowmanville this year. The Board of Managers has secured for chief speaker one of the best preachers and lecturers among the Disciples in the United States, viz., Z. T. Sweeney, of Columbus, Indiana. He is a brother of the famous debater, John S. Sweeney. He has preached for the church in Columbus, Ind., we understand, about twenty years. An idea of his power as a preacher may be gained from the fact that he has just closed a protracted meeting there with upwards of two

hundred additions. James Small, himself a very successful evangelist, writes of Bro. Sweeney's meetings in the Columbus Evangelist as follows:—

I have been enjoying immensely some of the powerful sermons of Z. T. Sweeney in his great meeting now in progress at the Tabernacle. Truly, it is a feast to listen to him, and to hear some one else's voice, other than your own.

The meeting altogether has done an immense amount of good. It is a grand and happy meeting all through, prepared for in prayer, and conducted throughout in the sweetest atmosphere of prayer and song that I have ever heard. Nothing has struck me with more delight than the concert of supplications to God each evening before the regular services, led frequently by those who were never known to engage in public prayer before, and never have I heard fuller or heartier congregational singing. And the special solos by Mrs. Blanche B. Schleppey, Mrs. John Cobb, J. D. Emmons and M. O. Reeves are edifying, helpful and inspiring.

What a power there is in song! Every preacher in a good meeting feels like giving more than half the praise to the faithful band of singers who sing with such a sentiment as this in their hearts. "I never get up to sing but that I offer a silent prayer, that the sentiment of my song may reach some heart and do some good." Such is the language of one that I doubt not has sung many a poor soul into the kingdom of God.

Bro. Sweeney is preaching largely the "first principles" of the Gospel, and we all rejoice that his physical condition keeps up to the very highest attainable point, and we rejoice, too, to think that never in the history of the Tabernacle has such large audiences flocked to hear the pure, sweet, simple Gospel of Jesus Christ. Grand audiences, grand attention, grand singing and grand preaching seem to be the order of the day.

Bro. Sweeney is also an eloquent and brilliant lecturer. We are happy to announce that he has promised to deliver one of his best lectures, "Going up to Jerusalem." The following clipping will give an idea of what may be expected in the lecture, and make our readers very anxious to hear it.

Everyone who heard him the day before desired to listen to him again, and for that reason not only the main auditorium, but the room adjoining it as well, was crowded.

A pleasant journey, indeed, was that upon which the speaker took his auditors, and gracefully did he describe the various scenes by the way. General Sweeney, who is a rather tall, well-built man, with a face expressive of much rugged force and native ability, drew his pictures with a skill that is almost indescribable. He culled the choicest things from England, France and Italy before he even touched upon life in the far-away East, and his humorous anecdotes and superb illustrations added zest to the enjoyment of his listeners.

Beginning at the great English seaport, Liverpool, he deftly drew his audience toward London, the metropolis, not only of the empire, but of the world. London life in its multifarious phases, the foibles, fads and follies of its aristocracy and the poverty of its lower classes were dwelt upon with fine emphasis. Then came Paris—magnificent Paris, with its art galleries, its boulevards, its hosts of vain men and fashionable women. With consummate skill he painted the fervent Frenchman, always the same vehement enthusiast no matter what the subject. Italian beauty and beggary together came in for their share of attention, but the chief interest centred in that part of the lecture wherein the speaker described the scenes and incidents with which he was most familiar. He touched lightly on Alexandria, Cairo and the Pyramids, and then to Palestine.

General Sweeney is not a stranger to the Holy Land. He has visited it often, once making the journey to Jerusalem as an U. S. official and guest of the Turkish government. His periods, too, were those of a student, and though many laughable incidents were related and witty sallies made, never-

theless his word pictures took on the greater beauty and interest because his hearers felt them to be real. The lecture was one of the ablest and most enjoyable that the people of Jacksonville have ever been accorded the pleasure of listening to.—*Jacksonville (Fla.) Daily Journal.*

The general programme is of an interesting and practical character. The mission work will be carefully considered; the Sunday school committee has prepared a good bill of fare; cheering announcements relative to our educational enterprise will probably be made; and papers on four subjects of great practical importance will be read and discussed.

And last but not least, the sisters of the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions hold their Annual Meeting at Bowmanville, beginning one day earlier than the Co-operation. We are informed that Miss Mary Graybiel, of Buffalo, N. Y., for some years a missionary in India, has been invited to be present. To see and to hear this devoted Christian lady will be well worth a trip to Bowmanville. We have not seen a copy of our sisters' programme, but we doubt not it will be interesting as usual.

We scarcely think it necessary to urge our brethren and sisters to go to the June Meeting. The place of meeting; the object of it; the Christian fellowship to be enjoyed at it; and the good to be received from it—all unite to incline our people to attend this Anniversary if they possibly can. We shall be surprised, as well as disappointed, if there be not a large representation of the Disciples of Christ in the Province.

**"The Lord's Table for the Lord's People."**

J. S. Lamar, of Georgia, is writing the "Life of Isaac Errett." It is appearing in weekly instalments in the *Standard* and is very interesting reading. In the April 30th *Standard* he deals somewhat largely with "The Great Communion Controversy" among the Disciples in 1862. He shows that Errett, Pendleton, Richardson and others were decidedly of the opinion that the Disciples should permit the pious unimmersed to commune with them at the Lord's table. Bro. Lamar makes it very clear that he is altogether of the same opinion. And he also intimates in a way that indicates that he thinks it a matter beyond controversy that in the "great communion controversy," Errett and his supporters were the victors. We quote here a sentence or two from the April 30th *Standard*, page two, column three:—

"The argument had been exhausted. The minds of the brethren generally had been made up. They were satisfied that the course which they had been pursuing was right—namely, to spread the Lord's table for the Lord's people, and then leave every man to examine himself, and to eat or refrain upon his own responsibility."

We wonder those great men of 1862 did not proceed a little further on this wise, "The Lord's church is for the Lord's people. We should therefore leave every man to examine himself and decide whether he is entitled to membership in the Lord's church or not. We should not think of insisting upon what seem to us to be clearly scriptural conditions of fellowship, but let every man be his own judge, and receive every one who might desire to have fellowship with us. We should not be so unchangeable as to require an individual to be immersed before receiving him into our fellowship, if he considered immersion unnecessary, and so on in like manner."

We should like to have some one point out the difference in principle between stating the scriptural conditions of church fellowship and the scriptural qualification for sitting at the Lord's table. Is the one any more presumptuous than the other? And are the Scriptures not as clear on the one point as on the other? Do we hear some one say that the Scriptures are silent on the question as to whether the pious unimmersed should sit at the Lord's table or not and that we should also be silent? We reply that the Scriptures are silent on the question as to whether or not the pious unimmersed should be received into the Lord's church, and ask on what ground we may receive them to the table but exclude them from the church. We believe that the Scriptures plainly indicate who are qualified to enter the Lord's church and sit at the Lord's table, and we do not think that to declare and act upon the New Testament instructions are either narrow, superficial, or uncharitable.

**The May Celebration.**

The first Lord's day in this month was a rainy day, which as a matter of course interfered with the size of the audiences in the churches, and of the special collections for Home Missions that day. A number of churches heard from held the collection until the second Lord's day to give all an opportunity to assist by contributing. As some of the churches that always take part in these collections have not yet reported, there is reason to believe that they are waiting for the third Lord's day's returns. So far the number of churches reported and the amounts given are quite encouraging, all things considered, and indicate that the taking up of special collections for Home Missions is generally approved of. It is very important that the Co-operation should close the year free from debt as usual. Let all the churches who have not yet made offerings this year do so before June 1st, and all the brethren and sisters whose subscriptions are not yet paid kindly pay them at once if possible, and the Treasurer will have the pleasure of reporting at Bowmanville that all accounts have been paid and that there is a balance in the Treasury. The friends of Home Missions are respectfully asked to clear off the present deficit.

This number is somewhat late; should the next number be also late, our readers may attribute it to the removal of the Editor to Hamilton, and may expect in it a full report of the Annual Meeting.

O. A. Kloeberger, now acting as State Evangelist for the Disciples in the State of New York, has an interesting letter in the April 30th number of the *Standard*. He has a good deal to say of the trouble and confusion caused by the variety of names by which our brethren are known in different parts of the country, and declares, "For the sake of one name, and a distinctive name, I vote with Bro. Philpott and A. Campbell, and say, let it be *Disciple*." Our recollection is that A. Campbell favored "Disciples of Christ," and as so amended we vote for the brother's motion.

Here is a candidate in Toronto offering himself for the Ontario Legislature upon the issue of annexation to the United States. He announces himself in favor of annexation upon the conditions that the Canadian Provinces shall go in as States of the Union, and that the United States shall assume all debts, national, State and municipal. We do not see how

Uncle Sam could assume the State and local debts without establishing an awkward precedent. They might be lumped together, however, as a sort of bonus to be paid for so great possessions. But wouldn't this be a whopping big country with Canada annexed! My!—*Standard*.

Canada is not yet ready to be sold even to that great country the United States. The aforementioned candidate only got one hundred and seventy-one votes in Toronto. Make a note of that, Mr. "Around-the-World-Man."

**Our Omnibus.**

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This fund is growing nicely. We thank the young people of Blenheim for their aid. Send all gifts for this fund to the Editor, Erin, Ont.

In place of our usual selections our readers will be pleased to find, in this issue, a sermon by Bro. James Lediard.

An article by "W. A. S." intended for insertion some time ago has passed out of our jurisdiction in some way. It was a good article; we shall be sorry if THE EVANGELIST is unable to publish it.

The *Church Mirror* is the name of a four-page weekly paper recently started at Hopkinsville, Ky. W. D. Humphrey is editor, and J. W. Grant and T. D. Moore associate editors. Its special field is South Kentucky. Judging by the number now before us, we would say that, if well supported, it will do much good. The price is only one dollar a year—a small price for a weekly.

**"GOING UP TO JERUSALEM."**

Bro. Z. T. Sweeney, pastor of the Church of Christ at Columbus, Ind., Ex-U. S. Consul-General to the Ottoman Empire, delivered his lecture, "Going up to Jerusalem," to our people last night, and we want to join others in expressions of greatest satisfaction. He will give dignity and strength to every congregation that he visits, and no lecture bureau can do better than to secure his services.

E. B. SCORFIELD.

Shelbyville, Ind., April 19, 1892.

—*Standard*.

Chicago, April 18.—Thirteen additions yesterday. Packed house, and many turned away last night. We are cramped for room, and the brethren are talking tabernacle. Forty-two to date—15 days. J. W. Allen and his congregation deserve their great popularity, for the West Side Church of Christ is a bee-hive of Christian industry if there is one in this country.—HALL and HURRO.—*Exchange*.

There are indications that the coming season will be marked by more than ordinary evangelistic activity among the Disciples of Christ in Ontario. The summer and fall are the best times for protracted meetings in country churches. Let every church have a good gospel meeting.

H. Macdonald, of Hopkinsville, was in our city (Louisville), Saturday and Sunday last, on his way to Washington City, Norfolk, and various Eastern points. He is looking well and hearty. We do not know just what his plans for the future are, but greatly enjoyed his company. Macdonald is a fine preacher and a good man.—*Guide*.