HINDERING INFLUENCES.

When we consider the progreswhich Christianity has made during the past century we have great reason to rejoice; yet no one will contend that its progress has been commensurate with the efforts put forth to disseminate it Movor, since the aposties, was there so many agencies employed in its propagation as at the pres ent time; every civilized country has its hundreds of active agencies of various kinds at work preach ing and teaching ; yet, notwithstanding all this organized, earnout effort, 'the feeling generally prevails that little is being accomplished in comparison with what might and should be done. We are ready to ask why is this! Has the Gospel lost its power to save! Has Christianity become unsatisfactory and distasteful to wrong in the method em ployed in proclaiming the Gospel message, and the manner of deal-ing with the word of God!

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We know the Gospel has not Lost its power; it is the same when proclaimed by Paul. are satisfied that the trouble is all on the side of those who profes on the side of those who profess to present the Gospel to the world, and in examining the quescion we ask, "is the Gospel as preached today the same as preached by the about es! Are the same truths proclaimed the same duties and acts of obed-ionce enjoined ?" In answering these questions we desire to con eider them fairly. First, we say that the as faithfully and in the same manner as it was by the apostles preached in some important points as it was in the days of the aposthe same answers given to the while in other equally important respects many preachers of to day do not faithfully pro-claim the Gospel, do not teach as enquiry, "Men and brethren what stall we do !" and the same act of obedience are strictly enjoined upon all believers by the preachdid the apostles, do not answer ers and teachers of the present the earnest enquirer for salvation In the words of the apostles. The day, we need not expect to sein the words of the sposies. And present day generally present faithfully the Olivine side in the Gospel plantelling of the love of God and what He has done for the world, of the Son of God the Saviour of the world, of the suffering humilfation and sname, and of the death, purial and resurrection of Christ But when they deal with the Auman side of salvation or that which the sinner must do himself in accepting the proffered mercy, the whole matter is con fasion, ignorance and perversion Scripture teaching is ignored or suisapplied, portions which prothe Divine side (or God's part in the work), are so inter-preted as to present absurd theor-ies of human inability—a noth-ing-to-do theory—while those Steiptures which-sclearly teach man's duty in acts of obedience man's duty in acts or occurence are passed over or pervented in their meaning, and the people are daught that they have nothing to do, can do nothing, "doing is a deadly thing; must wait God's their conversion and time, that conversion and pardon is something done in them and for them, hence the appeal to and for them, hence the application, the feelings for evidence of parellon. They are taught to wait for more power or influence not some power or influence not clearly defined, which is necessary to save them, hence the "mournare bench." the prayer for faith, appealing to God to save them as though He was unwilling; earnest ontreaty as if man must ignore the atone ment and propinate God for hims self. Ignore obedience to the Godpel at ouce, and wait for God to do that which he has nowhere promised to do. Instead of teaching that conversion is necest ing Christ, believing what he says, turning to God and doing what he frequired of them that he

they are buried with their Lord in baptism, thereby coming emblematically, to his death wher-His blood was shed and where God pardons-to arise to walk in a new life. But to teach that faith, repentance and immersion are necessary to bring the sinner where God promises to pardon is terrible doctrine," and is sue to arouse the plous Indignation of the orthodox sect-builder of today. I remember discussing this subject with a local preacher among a prominent people when he said, "If I must go to hell unless I am ducked under the unless I amiducked under the vater, then I will go there, for I will nover submit to it. I re-plied that he was not a proper subject for baptism, that no Christian would baptize him, as the Scriptures say, "If you be lieve with all your heart you may," and it was evident there too much infidelity in his ed, WAS heart, his need was faith us h did not believe the Saviour's words who said, "He that be-lieveth and is baptised shall be saved," in his present condition -although a preacher—there was no hope for him as the Scriptures ray, "He that believeth not the son shall not see life," and "whatsoever is not of faith is sin." The foregoing, is an instance of the of the day, persons, professing-to be Christians will actually scoff at and ridicule an ordinanco of the Gospel commanded by the Saviour and honored by himself when he said, "thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." And until the Gospel is preached

the world rapidly converted. There are other things which There are other things which stand in the way of success, such as the ungodly lives of professing Christians, the seeking after worldly fame and popularity and the dragging down of the services the Lord's house to the de graded level of the morbia, more specific of the world. These things, though ad enough; are as nothing, compared with the monstrous perversion of the whole Gospe! plan of Salvation as man-ifested-in many of the revival and other meetings of the present time.

Once we can forever roll aside all human names, creeds, and tests of followship and reverently accept the word of God, and lit accept the worn or coo, and the done, then may we expect the Saviour's prayer, "that they all may be one," to be answored, and the kingdoms of this world soon to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

THE HOLY: SPIRIT.

It is passing strange that some writers on this subject cannot or will not make any distinction bewill not make any instinction of tween the ordinary gift of the Holy Spirit and the miracular invariation by the laying or of impartation by the laying or followed by miraculous manifos-tations. The gift of the 12sty Spirit was not for this purpo but was a "comforter to abide forever," and the possessor was expected to "quench not the may pardon them, that he The promite of the gift of the School. Bro. E. Sheppard may pardon them by their faith Holy Spirit was made to the same ed the funeral sermon to

and repentance becoming dead to persons on the day of Petecost, as sine. And all who received romisclum seceived also the gift of the Holy Split, as God "gave the Holy Split, to them that obeyed and three thousand at Pentecost were called to the obed ience of the Gospel by the pro-clamation of the truth by Peter and having purified their souls by obeying the truth they were fit temples: for the Holy Upirit to dwell in me an abiding comforter and to "help their infirmities." The case of the samaritans is eited as proof that the Spirit was only received by the laying on of hands because the Scriptures say; "he was fallen upon none of them, only they were baptized in the reference to their haptiers in this passage is significant, the Samaritans heard Philip, and believing the truth preached, were baptizobeyed the Gospel, and recoived the gift of the Holy Spirit, which "was given to them that obey him." As the gift was not miraculous purposes, and as he had fallen upon none for this purpose, either from heaven or the apostles hands (as was always the so with the miraculous). Peter and John were sent to their that the Holy Spirit might be miracu lously imparted to them. After hands were laid upon them, "S. mon saw, what results of the mireculous of course. As these did not follow the gift, and were not intended so to do, as he was given for a comforter to abide for over. When the Saviour (as reon the apostles and laid, "receive ye the Holy Spirit." He did not intend this gift would miraculously qualify them to speak with ues, work miracles, etc., as no afterwards told them to "wait

for the promise of the Father, for the promise of the fatter," and also said, "you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon you." referring to the baptism of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The foregoing is bestowed and manifestations not follow, but where the mits ulous is imparted the manifosta-tions surely follow. If we as sume that the Holy Spirit is not now given to obedient believers, we are compelled to eliminate from the letters of the apostles to christians many passages of Scrip-ture which clearly teach that the bristian is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and cast asid

many precious words of comfort and consolation which have hitherto brought home to the soul joy unspeakeable and full of glory doubtless bring upon our heads the awful colomities named in verses 18 and 19 of the closing chapter of Revelations.

DIED.

Margaret, wife of John Gilmore, aged 40 years, in Wainficet Township. The funeral sermon was preached by Bro. H. R. Sherman, March 10th. Deceased was a Christian, therefore all is

Brd. D. Oliphant, of Londor East, departed this life March 17th. He was well known to Many of the Brethren as a preacher and as editor of the Living Laborer.

On Lords day, March 22nd the Hon. John Simpson, of How-manville, departed this life in his expected to quench not the manyillo, departed this life in his Spir to but manifest its fruits as 73rd year. Bro. S. has been a stated in Gal. 5th e. 22, 23. To member of the church at Bownsume that "other the mimeral manyillo for many years. He out manifestations no not, the was dearly beloved by those who ous mannessations are not, the was taking occurred by those wind sufficient to the church and Sunday warranted by the word of God. Iriend to the church and Sunday The promite of the gift of the School. Bro. E. Sheppard preach

concourse of people. Bro, Simp-son was a member of the old Legislative Council of 1856, and that we have just closed our Since Confederation has constant meeting here, which lasted over ly been a member of the Senate four Lord's days with Bro. A. On receiving notice of his death Scott, cf the Senate adjourned as a mark of respect; and in moving the ment. Hon. Sie Alex. Campbell and Hone Mr. McClellan spoke in the highest terms of the work and ability of the deceased Bro. S. was for many years president of the Ontario Bank.

Editors of CHRISTIAN WORKER. DEAR Sins,-Will you kindly chronicle the death of our beloved brother in law, Daniel Lehman, who fell asteep on Lord's day a rning, March the 29th. He leaves a whlow, three sons and three daughters, brothers, sisters and many dear friends to mourn the loss. In the spring or mourn the loss, early summer of 1862, while Bro Lister was preaching at Uxbridge, he heard the Gospel, believed and obeyed, since which time he has ever lited an humbie follower of he Lord Jesus ; he nover wearied of talking about the Bible but was always striving to live neares his sorrowing friends as we stood around his hed to see his willingness to depart and be with Jesus. He passed quietly away to that rest that remains to the people of God. We laid his body to rest at Altona (his boyhood home), on the 31st, when Bro Foreste spoke to those essembled from the 15th c. of 1st Cor. Had he lived until the 18th of April he

We remain, yours in the one hope, D. & M. RUSNELL.

would have been 56 years

Goodwood, April 4th. In Jordan, Feb. 25th 1885 in the 20th year of his age, George A. Eckhardt. The decased was a constant attendant of the Church of Christ at the place and universally admired by ceased.

At the residence of her son in-At the residence of her son in-law, Erastus Disher, in Louth, on Monday March 2nd, 1885, Sister Sarah Richardson, beloved wife of Bro. Wm. Richardson, in the Ornd year of lier age. The de-ceased was a member of the Church, of Christ, at Jordan j most successful and best meetings passing away in the well ground ed hope of a glorions immortal ity. Discourse by the writer, from Rev. 14 c. 13 v., to a lerge and attentive audience.

At Jordan, March 3rd, 1885, Rachol Eima Overholt, in the 21st year of her age. R. A

The sad news reaches us tha Sister Cumming, who has been a worthy member of the Church of chies at Owen Sound for many care, accidentally fell into a cistern and was drowned while at Stratford visiting with her daugh ter Lilly, wife of Mr. McBride, M. A: The deceased was highly esteemed by all who knew her-The remains were brought to Owen Sound for interment aches during life, but in that and beart-aches during life, but in that ancet bye and bye there is neith-Many, were her trials and heart nd rejoicing.

MARRIED.

On the evening of March 3rd On the evening of March 3rd, dan, will take the condition of the brides church in, McLesn and Ridout 1885, at the nome of the brides church in, McLesn and Ridout 1885, at the nome of the brides church. Bro. W. P. is a parents by D. Sterling, Walter near Bayarille. Bro. W. P. is a parents by Maria, P. A. V. most worthy Brother in Chuitt, Bro. Saunders to Maria, P. A. V. most worthy Brother in Chuitt. Ily Saunders to Maria, P. A. V. Bellry, both of St. Vincent.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Crowland Tp., Abra-ham White to Margaret Darby whole neighborhood appears to be by H. R. Shetman, March 10th ready to listen to the truth (al-

Acron, March 25th, 1885; Editors of the WORKER DEAR Sins,-I write

Walkerton, for our

preacher, who is indeed a manthat needeth not to bear hamed rightly dividing the word of truth," resulting in fifteen confessions and baptisms, and also one more who came forward next morning and was, baptized the same-evening by Bro. Wells, an intelligent and worthy young time the meetings were in progrees. The meetings all through the most interesting character, cheering and refreshing to the church, as the subjects chosen were so very appropriate and were so ably discussed by our Brother that they could not fall to edify the Brethren and reach the hearts and bring conviction to those outmost sanguine expectations; in dred, his subject on "Christian Unity," delivered to a packed house was one of the grandest Morta that I ever heard on the subject in my life ; it was listened to with deep and profound at-tention and was spoken of by some intelligent persons who had not previously understood our position in quite a favorable man-ner. Bro. Scott's subjects are well atudied, overy, word seems to fit in ite proper place and is delivered in a pure flow of good English and in accordance with Heaven's truth; therefore, it cannot fail to produce legitimate results in all unprejudiced minds. Just previous to the close of, the last meeting a Brother arose and said a few words to friends outside, alluding to the cardid and attentive hear ing they had given during the meetings, and also addressed a few words to Bro, Scott, expres sing our heartfelt gratitude for his visit, for the faithful and efficient all who knew him. The writer manner in which he had conductofficiated at the funeral of de- ed the meetings and for the successful issue they had been rought to, at the same time handing him a small token of our appreciation of his labors. . Thua terminated one of the happiest,

> ever held in Acton. Your Brother as ever,

Roper Royce. P. S .-- We hope to have at other visit from Brother Scott"in the not very distant future.

BAYSTILLE, April 2nd, 1885. BROTHERS L & W,-We have had a blessed time in Muskoka and many are rejoicing in the blessings of the Gorpel. At the solicitation of a Brother Wm Palmer, I came out here and be gan a series of meetings, resulting in 20 additions to the church of Christ, 16 by confession and baptiem, six uniting from the Christ ian connection and Baptists, who with two Disciples, formerly here make a congregation of 24 in all; four others confessed faith in the Christ, but were prevented by pareuts and others from further compliance with the terms of the Gospel. The first baptisms out here took place on the first day of March, and the last to-day, leave for a place called Dorret. 14 miles east of this, four of the new, converts going with meete remain for a few days.

Bro. Palmer, formerly of Jor dan, will take charge of the and it is in a great measure owing to -his excellent character and teaching that we have met with such abundant, success. The

though there are some scallers). one old lady came from Dorset to hear more of the Gospel and she too was baptized; she had h two discourses and witnessed ax immersion on a former occasion and was not satisfied till sha learned the right way. If haptis-ed at the same time this dear old lady, her daughter and granddaughter, the representatives of three generations. I'see Bro. F has seconded my motion for a mission out here and in Parry Sound ; I hope it will be carried out as it is much needed.

I intended to pend a year in this work whether I am adequately paid or not, but I wish some one could be sen, to Manitoulin Island, to Parry Sound and Nippissing.

intended also to make an offort in Bracebridge before long, and then we shall have Brace-bridge, Baysville, Ridout, Dorset and Colebridge, all on the Government_road_running cutwerd to the Bobcaygeon road, the eastem boundary of the Muskoka; Colebridge being about 32 miles from Bracebridge, and with the blessing of God I am determined to succeed in building up three or four churches in the district. Shall we not have the prayers and hearty co operation of all the Brethren in Ontario! May the all the Lord grant it, and to His name be all the praise.

Your Brother in Christ, W. M. CREWSON BLENHEIM.

To the Editors WORKER. . I have just closed a meeting inthis place. It is a prettily situatel. town, 10 miles west of. Ridgetown, with a population of about 42,000. We have had no church there in the past, but there, sro quite a number of Brethren, members of the church in Ridgetown who are much nearer to Blenheim than to the usual meeting place, yand regular services have been established with a view to their convenience to the spread of the truth in this

For the past soven months we have held occasional; services in the Baptist moeting house, kindly. lent us by that people, an opportunity offered, however, of renting a good brick meeting house for a merely nominal rent; the Breth ren took ndrantage of it and we held a meeting ; there was be. one addition; however, an excel-lent, hearing, was obtained and, ien, neating was obtained and, good seed sown for a future has vest. Bro. W. Campbell, of Rodney, spent two weeks with me there, and did good service; his clear prescutation of the truth and pleasant manner winning many friends who will be glad to him again.

He has the qualifications of a good preacher, a healthy body, a clear mind, a love for whom Christ died. J. L

Ridgetown

Personal discussion should be avoided as much as possible in our religious papers. Let the aditor request a contributor to write on a given topic requiring ventil: ation. Afterwards request one of different views to write on the same subject. Number two must not reply to number one, but simply tell what he knows coming the question in hand-Thus the question will be theroughly discussed and personalities woided.

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