

much as possible, in walking, seldom going out however without my Greek or Latin, so that little time has been lost.

Of course from the results of the efforts in Hendon, where I have been preaching, a question will very naturally be suggested in the minds of some of my Canadian friends, some of whom have already prophesied that I shall likely settle in England. My full intentions are to return to Canada in eight or nine months, and if it is the Master's will that I should labour there, I dare say He will put me in the right place. I seek to do His will; if He has other work in other spheres for me He will not forget to send me. I do thank Him who has ever led me in the past, that concerning all my future, He has given me peace. From henceforth let no man trouble me.

Now about other matters: I must heartily congratulate you, dear Sir, in the success for the past, and in the prospects for the future, of your excellent little monthly "THE CHRISTIAN HELPER." A couple of copies have been received by me, and read with much pleasure. The annual report of the Jarvis St. Church found in one of them, interested me very much. Among other causes for rejoicing there is a special one that most attracted me: it is that of being able to mention the names of four young men connected with the church who are now preparing for the ministry. I also rejoice in this, not only because I always rejoice, when I know of rejoicing in Jarvis Street Church, but also because I am privileged to be one of the quartette, who are, while scattered so far apart, so happily associated with one body, one church. Of the four, Bro. Craig has written to let you know his movements. From the two brethren in Canada I suppose you frequently hear "per vocem," so that so far, I have been the only silent one. This rather lengthy epistle from the representative in Mr. Spurgeon's College, to head-quarters, will however at least show that he still lives and acts.

I frequently hear from dear Bro. Sale, with whom I have spent many happy and hallowed seasons in Toronto, and now although so far apart there are cords linking us together, and it will not be possible for time's strong arm to break. How I rejoice at his success! May he and the other dear brethren (Speller and Craig), be much blest in the glorious work of preaching Christ.

I trust that the Y. M. C. A. of Jarvis Street Church is making good progress in grace, in knowledge, and in works. Often do I think of the happy seasons spent with those ever whole-hearted brethren. May the blessing of heaven rest upon those noble workers, and upon the whole church!

With Christian love to yourself and the brethren, and also to our much loved pastor.

I remain,

Yours in Gospel bonds,

CHARLES CROOK.

CHAPEL OPENING IN MANITOBA.

DEAR EDITOR,

A few weeks ago, when Bro. A. Warren, newly in from Ontario, and I were preparing to make a trip southwest to the Pembina mountain region, a note from Deacon Jasper of Emerson church, came to hand, urgently requesting my presence with them on June 30th at the opening of their little chapel. Bro. Warren and myself at once changed our course, and determined to reach Pembina mountain by way of Emerson, spending the Lord's day there, and in the neighborhood. After a somewhat tedious journey with our missionary horse and buggy, the roads being somewhat heavy, early on Friday afternoon we reached the embryo city of Emerson. We secured an appointment for Saturday evening in

the school house, the former place of worship of the little church, and six appointments for the Lord's day—three in the chapel to be opened, and three in the surrounding country, at points varying from three to ten or twelve miles distant from the city. The Lord's day proved very propitious, and good congregations repaired on all three occasions to the opening place. In the morning the first Baptist Missionary to Manitoba discoursed to a very attentive audience from John 12: 34, "The Son of Man must be lifted up," from which, after some introductory remarks on the phrase "Son of Man," he made the following two points prominent: 1st. The necessity of the lifting up of the Son of Man; and 2nd, the manner and the obligation of this lifting up. At 3 P. M., in the absence, on account of illness of Rev. John Scott, the Presbyterian minister of the city, who had kindly consented to preach on that occasion, the 2nd Missionary Bro. D. McCaul gave a very impressive and eloquent discourse from Rom. 1: 16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, etc." In the evening the third Missionary, just making his entrance on the good work in the wide West, gave a most earnest and convincing discourse, to a deeply interested audience, bringing to a close exercises of a most interesting character, especially to the little church of Emerson. The brethren and sisters in this little church, are to be highly commended, and they should be helped in their enterprise. They have certainly shown faith in God, as well as noble self-reliance in this undertaking; and surely God will help those, who help themselves, when they look to Him. The facts in reference to this chapel property are as follows: A few weeks before the above took place, it became known that a property in a very central locality in the city was for sale, consisting of a lot of land sixty feet by about one hundred and thirty or forty feet, with a neat little building, measuring by 24 feet. The final terms at which the property was offered were, three hundred and fifty dollars—requiring one hundred in hand, the second hundred in six months, and the balance a year from that time, with a light interest rate, that, when the time was allowed. The good Deacon closed the bargain, the little five-acre land entered heartily into the matter, contributed nobly, and at once raised more than was needed for the first payment. One self-denying sister in very limited circumstances, having saved the wages of a needed servant girl by doing her own work, gives fifty dollars towards the undertaking. Others do in proportion. Who would not help such willing workers? So thought two young brethren from the Winnipeg church, who, with some knowledge of the housework craft, who were in Emerson in quest of work, and taking it as a call from the Master Builder, went to work and faithfully wrought for about two weeks, putting with some help, from sympathisers, the little house in good comfortable condition to worship in, supplying it with the necessary side doors, papering it neatly and seating it comfortably, the meanwhile the Deacon boarding and lodging them, and they being heartily glad to leave the rest till the great day of reward. Since that time the little chapel is completed, and the ground neatly fenced in; and the little church is now doubled at home. Their number has about doubled since they began to walk together as a church, less than two years ago; the original number being only seven. Their Sabbath School is in a most healthy condition, and the week-evening prayer meeting good and lively. Their pastor, Brother D. McCaul, living some eight or nine miles distant and sustaining himself and family by the labour of his hands, is with them on them every Lord's day, and once a fortnight at their prayer-meeting. Bro. McC. and his energetic active help-mate, are doing a noble work in that part of the Lord's vineyard. Would that we had a dozen more such self-denying faithful laborers to spread themselves over this wide west and thus sow some

good seed of the kingdom. Who will come and do likewise? In the mean time who will send the little church through Dea. Theo. Jasper, one, two, five, ten or more dollars, to make up the next hundred, due in five months more!

July 30th, 1878.

A. McD.

P. S. Visited the baptismal waters last Lord's day evening. Some five or six more were expected to follow the Master in the same ordinance ere long, and more are enquiring. Quietly but steadily the work prospers, but to God be all the praise.

A. McD.

Sunday School Department.

International Bible Lessons, 1878.

Sept. 1.—The Return of the Seventy.—

Luke x, 17-24; A.D. 29.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see.—Vc. 23.

IN THE STUDY.

"A part of our Lord's purpose while on earth was to train a band of men for the missionary work of preaching the gospel; a work which was to be undertaken after He had left this world; a work which was to be entrusted to men who were prepared by Christ's personal instructions, and endowed with the special gifts of God the Holy Ghost."

Much of the training work was done by our Lord's direct personal teachings. In several instances we are told how Jesus explained the deeper meaning of His parables privately to His disciples; and some of His conversations were held simply between a little band of favored ones and Himself, as we now have been the case with the intercourse connected with the last supper, which John records. (See Matt. 13: 10-11; 24: 3; Luke 9: 10; and John 13th to 17th chap.)

More of the training was done by permitting the disciples to be constantly with Him, watching His mighty works, observing His prayerful habits, and getting into full sympathy with the tender, pitying way in which He dealt with men's infirmities.

But still other training work was done by our Lord's arrangement, that His future missionaries should have independent personal experiences of the work that awaited them. They were sent out on a sort of trial mission. The other evangelists tell of the mission of the twelve apostles, Luke relates a second such mission in which seventy of the disciples were engaged. The leading features of the two missions are the same. The second is probably narrated to correct the idea that our Lord's work was to be limited, in any sense, to the apostolic company. Moses wished that "all the Lord's people were prophets" and we may realize that any man who has received the grace in Jesus Christ, may be a minister or missionary of His gospel.—S. S. S. Notes.

"The number and the sphere of labour of this larger company indicate the gradual increase of Christ's cause and kingdom. His work began with Himself, soon He had gathered around Him twelve devoted disciples. But of Himself He said, 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' Matt. 15: 24; and to the twelve He said, as He sent them forth, 'Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go ye rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' Matt. 10: 5-6. Now, however, the circle enlarges, and