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ATTENTION PIONEERS.

The church of Christ at Meaford heretofore received an invitation to the pioneer preachers of O. U. to be present at the opening of our "June meeting" on the 17th of June.

Write to Mr. H. J. Layton, and say when you will come, and we will meet you at the train and escort you to your home during the meeting.

EDITORIAL DOTS.

Bro. Evan's article was inserted without proof reading, hence some grievous errors occur in the third paragraph read "angel or fiend" instead of "angel or friend" 6th paragraph read "morsed" instead of "morsed." 7th read "ostriacis" instead of "ostracis." The other errors do not destroy the sense and the reader is asked to make necessary corrections.

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For a week in the Lord's house while Bro. Stephens was sick. The year was a blessing to us. The church at Owen Sound is justly proud of their young brethren. Bro. J. C. Holliday, of Sullivan, Ind., published a scrap from one of our editorials in the Review, and made a few comments on it. Clipping it as he did and disconnecting the part clipped from what was said before and after, together with his remarks is well calculated to deceive the reader. We are inclined to think it not honest to do this way. Bro. H. we are not complaining, but you must remember that you are applying to be one of the sound writers of the Review, and you ought to be honest, and not misrepresent your brother, for you may not get to heaven.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Port Hope, April 11th To Editor of Worker. DEAR SIR.—In your last I see you take notice of Port Hope, and say that I stand on the "our" table striking hands with all creation. Well, sir, I have got higher since, for the mountain is too low now, but I must be wary for he that exalted himself shall be humble, and he that humbled himself shall be exalted.

Our work in Port Hope is growing since you first sounded out the gospel truth here, we have gone forth in the strength of the Lord and he is owning his work. Bro. Macdonald has preached clear sound doctrine bringing the truth home so that we had to increase our seating capacity and get in new seats (our own). While Bro. Hertzog was here we had our hall well filled, and good meetings, and the interest went on increasing we won't have room. We organized a Bible class some time since and last night had a meeting and now start a Sunday School. Bro. H. enjoyed himself while here and improved in health so that he could have almost eaten barbed wire (by the way I believe Canadian cast beef is good for Yankees) Should be glad to see you again and hope that the day is not far distant when we may have you to labor for us again.

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BORN AGAIN.

Good Bro. Hawkins in the last Worker (which by the way came out sooner than was expected) gives some of his ideas on the new birth. Bro. Pendleton and he still cling to what is considered the orthodox view. But that nebulous mysterious, unsatisfactory doctrine, will go to the winds. Bro. Hawkins thinks a man cannot know that he has been born again, till he sees some of the effects of the birth. The thing itself cannot be understood. It is likened to the wind—cannot tell whence it comes and whither it goes. But it is true, that we cannot tell whether the wind goes! It is not, and was not in the Saviour's day. The word pneuma is found nearly 100 times in the N. T. and rendered every time spirit or its equivalent, excepting twice, by the King's revisers. Once in John 3 and 8, wind, once a Rev. they render it life. There is no sufficient reason for the deviation in the 3 & 8 of John. These who believe the

new birth a matter of easily and quickly take place in John 3 & 8. When and where was this thing ever preached except to the Gentiles? Were the thousands of converts made reported in Acts, not born again? Well do they not know when they believed, repeated and was baptized of course. And they know what change took place with them spiritually and physically. They also know what produced this change in heart and in state and when they brought forth the fruits the people would know there was a change in character.

Editor of the Worker has been giving it to faith-binders and do-nothings, especially when they snarl at "homblowers." Well, Bro. S. does not blow a horn for himself offensively, even should a snarl be the judge. Bro. Renner and I can testify that he blew loud enough for us. In all this region we are the only two-twined favourably for Horticulture and Agriculture. But I would like to say to Bro. S., and the people out North that notwithstanding the fog, we have had green peas all winter and have some yet. But here my rest is in danger for this is blowing my horn.

REPORT NO. 2.

I found a warm and kind reception at the home of Bro. Hugh Black. But it must have been stated that it was to see the aged veteran, the call was made. Agis telling on the outer man of the brother with whom I have enjoyed so many profitable seasons, in days forever gone. But his spirit is still active and vigorous. Indeed he had finished writing an article on the promised Canon. But knowing his extreme modesty, there was a suspicion in my heart that it might not reach the press after all. Extremes meet in my dear old friend. We have not a more unassuming, courageous man for the truth, in all the land, and we have not a meeker, more modest man. That article ought to have been published, there were good fresh thoughts in it. It seems the good pilgrim is stronger in faith and has a more comprehensive grasp of the Divine scheme of saving men than ever.

Leaving this good old home and journeying towards Burlington, a halt was made at the residence of Mr. A. McPherson, in Nassagawey, whom I have long known to respect and love. Hence to Bro. Keen's, near Burlington, here the storm fairly raged and there good Disciples of our Lord would not allow the way-faring man to proceed. Being kindly cared for by these dear friends, a venture was made for Hamilton. Bro. Keen, manifesting his usual friendship in accompanying me, which, under the circumstances, was a great help. Calling on Bro. Jones formerly of Warton, found him and family well and active in trying to spread the fame of Wheeler & Wilson. Proceeded to the home of Brother and Sister Anderson, who prevailed upon me to remain all night. They paid the expense of my horse and sent me away better in mind and body for the journey. Rosedene was reached on Saturday, and it was very agreeable and satisfactory to meet with old friends,—have been speaking for them half the time since, how long it will continue I do not know. There is a movement made by the Lake Shore and Selkirk churches to form a co-operation of all the churches on the peninsula, with a view to employing Bro. Sherman as an evangelist. Bro. Sherman is deservedly popular in this region. C. J. L.

GARETHA, April 9th, 1883

DEAR BRO.—Glad to see it Worker, and that the editor can make the proposed arrangement. Since writing, tried a meeting in Luther, weather proved too much for us, had to quit. Bro. Green is well—some of them apparently a little affected by the weather cold and stormy. A live coal in all God's altar would doubtless prove beneficial. Interest in Morville good, evening meetings largely attended, some of the brethren fear it is not for the purpose of worship that many come, but the commandment to get a chance of preaching the gospel to them, and therein do rejoice, yes, and will rejoice. During the winter the brethren living in the village of Douglas and vicinity, finding it impossible to get to their usual place of meeting (7 miles distant) called a meeting at which it was resolved to organize a "Church of Christ" and meet regularly on the first day of the week. Accordingly we have been holding meetings now for four weeks days, meetings so far well attended; we are using the school-house at present until such time as we can prepare a building. The arrangement trying my endurance. Seeing that I have to preach three times every Sunday and drive, after each service, seven to ten miles, but relying on the Lord we are determined to succeed. Brethren pray for us and help us.

Fraternally, J. ANDERSON.

QUERIST'S CORNER.

H. B. SHERMAN—Dear Sir— I see that you are giving attention in the CHRISTIAN WORKER to a "query department," and undoubtedly you will have to face sometimes "wise and unwise" queries. In the March number there are queries which look more like conundrums made up for children, than like real questions. Howbeit your part on the answer given is to the point. Dear Sir, will it be too much crowding on your time and space if I ask a query on your idea on the 20th verse 5th chap. Matthew. Does that imply the individual character of the followers of Jesus in all ages? I think it does. The Pharisees tried to appear righteous before men (which is in itself praiseworthy), and I think the force of that verse enjoins upon those who are naming the name of Christ to be so righteous in their deportment before men, so much so as to "exceed" even "the righteousness of the scribes and pharisees," and if not, that in no case will they "enter the kingdom of heaven."

Our querist makes one mistake to think, especially in his way of putting the question. To commend the righteousness of the Pharisees is to do violence to the teaching of our Saviour, for in another he says "he not like them." It should be born in mind that our Saviour always struck at the motives prompting to righteousness. The Pharisees only appeared righteous to gain the praise of men. We are not certainly to excel them in this hypocritical show, but we should exceed them by our righteousness, in that we are righteous from principle. Perhaps it would be impossible for us to exceed their show. The outward life of the professed follower of Christ cannot be too upright, but should be such as to commend the Christian profession to those without. A favorite text with a certain man of my acquaintance was, "let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth," and he was so much afraid of violating his text that his left hand would do nothing, but his right hand should do it out. So we fear that many are acting unrighteousness in their lives and dealing with their fellow men, but they should be called "Pharisees."

"What can I do?" did you say. Send us a few cents for our tracts, and circulate them, and you may be the means of saving some one, by so doing. In this way every one can become a missionary in his own neighborhood. —J. H.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Baptisms 2093, Letters 451 reclaimed 174, Methodists 8, Baptists 71, other churches 3, membership 1164. Total 3760. Illinois 690, Indiana 539, etc. FIRST QUARTERLY STATEMENT FOR 1883. Baptisms 1516, by Letters 1035, reclaimed 475, of admissions 626, membership 2531. Total 9076. The seven States of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa lead in the order here given. They furnish 7229 additions or more than seven-ninths of the whole. J. S. LOVE, Hold'n, Mo., April 7th, 1883.

CHURCH BUILDING.

We have received W. H. Breatley's "improved church plans," from Detroit, Mich. "No. 4," sent to us is an unique plan for a church house; seating capacity 450; price \$3,500. We have not space to describe it here, but we advise all the churches that contemplate building to send to W. H. Breatley, Detroit, Mich., for his church plans. You will save money by so doing.

BOOKS.

The "Missouri Christian Lectures" is a book of 190 pages is on our table. It contains five lectures on the key questions of the day. "Does the World need 'Christianity'?" "The Claims of Christianity," and "The Claims of Free-thinking presented and examined," by D. R. Dungan of Davenport, Iowa. "The great truth and the great lie," by A. Packer. "Jesus, the light of the World," by O. A. Carr. The third lecture by D. R. Dungan is a masterpiece. How a host of free-thinkers read it without Lot checks is more than I can understand. We would like to give a few more from this volume, but our space will not admit of it. The book can be obtained by addressing —CHRISTIAN WORKER Meaford.

If I were asked "where will I go to find a Church composed of nominal members?" I should reply—wherever you find a church without a prayer meeting and Sunday School, that's the place to find what you are looking for. If you look there you will not be disappointed. In as much as the prayer meeting is the life indicator of the church, a few suggestions as to how best to conduct a prayer meeting will be read with interest. My way is to have some Bible subject announced a week ahead. So that each one will know what the special subject will be for the evening, before they go to the meeting, hence all the songs, prayers and speeches will have an object. Rowland Hill said, "pray at a mark," and there is more sense in that statement than you may think at first. "And these prayers, songs and speeches are the churches abomination. Sing short, pray short, speak shorter, begin on time, quit at the conclusion of the hour. Suffer no gossip before the meeting begins, go in and begin work. If any member is sick, mention it as a subject of prayer. Remember that God is with you. Don't scold those that are perfect because somebody else is absent. God never fails to bless such a prayer meeting."

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STAYNER MEETING.

Brother Sherman and Gard had a meeting in the hall of Stayner on the 2nd inst. The audience was greatly improved in the Lord's day evening, when the seating capacity of the house was taxed to accommodate the people. This week the attendance continues to be good and the people on Stayner seem to listen with marked attention. On the preceding Sabbath evening the preaching was continued only as to the manner of preaching (not the good) but the teaching also. It is deemed however to know that candid and thoughtful members of the respective congregations in the place took in terms of praise of the manner in which the truth is presented, and we will feel this pointed it great good does not result from their united efforts. Truth is powerful and it is spread over error and confusion.

Why don't our people try and circulate more tracts? Perhaps this is a hard one, and you may not be good on a cummum. I tract circulation is a good thing but perhaps you do not find it out yet, but our religious neighbors found it out long ago. "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." —JES. 2.

The Bible Index, published by Robert Bray of Toronto, comes regularly to our office. It has its "old time ring," and it will get us up. In the last number Bro. Beatty wrote on his favorite theme—"Pardon." The CHRISTIAN WORKER wishes the Index success.

Our printers say, "do tell your correspondents to write with pen and ink." A hint to the wise is sufficient.

MEAFORD, ONTARIO.

To those wishing to know some thing of the advantages of Meaford and some surrounding country the following will be interesting:

Meaford is situated on the south shore of the Georgian Bay, which bounds with forest and white pine, of the best quality and which are shipped in large quantities. There is an excellent harbor at the mouth of the river which runs through the town and which the largest lake steamers call regularly. Along the river are mills and factories driven by water power. Meaford is also the terminus of the Northern Railway, and has a population of over 2000, has a wide intelligent citizenry.—There are about 200 disciples of Christ who meet regularly for worship in town. Preachers of some name who have visited the church, can refer to you to April 1st and there is a church of 7 miles to the North West and another 3 miles South. Owen Sound has 18 miles Woodward and Collingwood 22 miles to the East.

There is in the district a principally a rich clay soil, the surface of the country is gently rolling and well supplied with the purest spring water. The climate is bracing and healthy, free of agues and malarial fevers. Grains of every kind is grown successfully. Apples and Plums are shipped by rail and sold in great quantities. Grapes, Peaches and Cherries are also grown with profit, and all kinds of vegetables abound. Moore, Trout & Jay Land Agents, have over 200 improved and 50 bush farms for sale, in the township near Meaford, say within a radius of 20 miles. Lists of which will be furnished on application. Address—TROUT & JAY, Meaford, Ontario.