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CHANGE THE ADDRESS.

Our Business Office has changed from 53 Yonge Street Arcade, to 11 Richmond Street West. All correspondents will please govern themselves accordingly.

Volume Seven.

With this number of THE EVANGELIST we enter upon the seventh year of our editorial labors. Volume six has been laid before our readers number by number, and we leave them to judge as to its merits and demerits. We appreciate the kindness of the large number who have expressed hearty approval of our efforts, and the kindness of the small number who have offered suggestions and adverse criticisms. We trust that the present volume may prove still more worthy of praise, and still less deserving of blame. We have been constantly anxious to make the paper useful to the cause of Christ, and have always endeavored to so conduct it that each number might go forth carrying good tidings, instruction, exhortation and comfort. We have been pleased to observe that THE EVANGELIST has shown itself during the past year increasingly acceptable to our brethren and sisters as a medium of communication, and that it has been more largely used for the discussion of questions of interest and importance. We congratulate ourselves on having introduced to the reading public a number of promising writers, and we expect that our list of contributors will be enlarged still further in the near future. We propose to make such improvements from time to time as experience may suggest and as the means at our command will permit. Our general platform appears upon the first page of every issue. We trust not to be unfaithful to it in any wise, being confident that it contains the basis upon which believers in Jesus Christ can unite. While we rejoice in everything that indicates a desire for union, and a clearer conception of the Scriptural ground of it, we see no better way of advancing that great object than by steadily and steadfastly maintaining the truth; and while we hold that we should always heed the Apostolic exhortation to speak the truth in love, we should be careful lest a mis-called charity may lead us to suppress or to modify the truth. With such a purpose and such a spirit we launch our bark once more upon the journalistic sea; and upon the labors of ourselves and our helpers one and all we reverently invoke the blessing of him who is "the way, the truth, and the life."

Gaining Thy Brother.

MATT. XVIII. 15.

One of the chief, if not the chief, characteristic of Jesus Christ while on earth was his intense desire for the salvation of men. His constant

endeavor was to gain men for God and with righteousness. Great was his joy when he succeeded, and great was his sorrow when he failed. In proportion as a man is Christ's, so will he be eager to gain others for him. This is the true evangelical spirit—the essential motive of all true Christian work. Happy are they who herein are imitators of Christ, for they are partakers of the joy of their Lord when he sees of the travail of his soul and is satisfied.

We but voice the feelings of every earnest worker in the Lord's vineyard when we say it is not easy to keep the mind fixed upon this high object. The attention is so liable to be diverted by matters of "mint, anise and cummin" in connection with religious work, and to be absorbed by the cares of this world, that all too frequently we find ourselves forgetting the great end of our salvation.

In matters of what is commonly called "Church Discipline," there seems to be a peculiar danger in this regard. The "gaining of thy brother" so often appears to drop out of sight, and we are filled with, shall we say, vindictiveness, a sort of thirst for spiritual blood, a determination to cut the offender off, and an utter lack of faith in the possibility of restoring him. When we feel that way, with what solemn rebuke the words of the Lord Jesus come to us: "And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear, thou has gained thy brother." Let us meditate on "thou hast gained thy brother," until the words sink into our hearts. Ah! brother, do you not feel ashamed as you read, and reflect how often you have forgotten your obligation to gain your brother? Let us close by refreshing our minds with the fine exhortation of Paul to Timothy, "And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing, in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by the Lord's servant unto the will of God" (2 Tim. iii. 24-26, R.V.).

Alexander Mackenzie.

The name that stands above stands for an honest man, for one of the salt of the earth, for one of whom Canada and the Reform party were not worthy. Canada showed herself unworthy of him by rejecting him as Premier, and the Reform party by rejecting him as leader. And both like ancient Israel are suffering the consequences of their folly. A letter written by him to a friend a few months after he became Premier of Canada, and Minister of Public Works, demonstrates the rugged honesty and rock-like nature of the man, and reminds one of the declaration of an eminent citizen of the United States that he would rather be right than be President. We should like to give the letter to our readers entire, in case any of them may not have seen, or may not have carefully read and considered it; but unfortunately as we write we cannot lay our hands upon a copy. Every Canadian should procure a copy of it, and meditate upon it, especially when about to perform his political duties. While the letter shows the noble integrity of the deceased statesman, it throws a lurid light upon politicians and their ways. On the one hand were political friends vainly clamoring for places and contracts they were not entitled to, on the other hand political opponents cruelly reviling him and maliciously charging him

with corruption. And all the while the brave custodian of the interests of an ungrateful country remained at his post and we might say religiously administered his department. From which let us learn that all the scoundrels are not in one party or the other, and that when politicians denounce one another, the denunciations may only be for political effects. Herein is the great evil of the party system of government and of party press. It behooves Christian people above all others to beware of the influence of partizan papers, and to remember the words of the Apostle "to speak evil of no man." It is a sorry sight when those who should be following the things that are true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and of good report, are following in things political men and ways the very reverse. The adage that all is fair in love, war and politics, does not and cannot save those who bow down to bad men and bad principles in politics from being corrupted in their whole natures.

Alexander Mackenzie is dead, but though dead, like Abel, he "yet speaketh." And every lover of Canada, should fervently pray that the lessons of his life, his success and his failure (which in a true sense was a great triumph for him), may be studied and taken to heart by the young men of our land. Then, may we hope that Canada will gain and maintain an honorable name among the nations of the earth.

One of the corresponding Editors of the Christian Leader has come to the rescue of the Editor-in-chief in the matter so long in controversy between the Leader and this paper. He reminds one of the man we read of in Proverbs "that answereth a matter before he hearth it." This writer who rushes in where his chief fears to tread, should inform himself more fully in regard to the published position of the Editor of the Leader as to the method of spreading the gospel, before taking up his pen in his defence.

Our Omnibus.

NANKIN HOSPITAL FUND.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes A. Sister, Wm. Abbott, Mrs. Janet Abbott, P. L. Mitchell.

We are getting on nicely, friends. We should like thirty or forty more of our readers to help us make up the hundred dollars. Please send all sums for this fund to the Editor, Erin, Ont.

Love H. Jamieson, one of the pioneers of the Restoration Movement in Indiana, widely known and greatly beloved, died at Indianapolis, Thursday, April 7, in the eighty-first year of his life. He was a most efficient preacher, a forcible and elegant writer, a poet of a high order, and a sweet singer.—Guide.

Any one listening to Bro. Jamieson as he sang one of the songs of Zion, would gain a clear idea of what is meant by "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

DEAR BROTHER,—Kindly state in the next issue of THE EVANGELIST that I am at liberty to hold two or three protracted meetings for churches in Ontario, or to preach on Lord's days for any congregations desiring my services. Very truly, E. R. BLACK, Rockwood, Ont., April 18, 1892.

W. T. Moore writes that Prof. Jules Delaunay died recently in Paris. As this leaves Mrs. Delaunay in great destitution as well as sorrow, we suggest to our readers that it would be a kindly and Christian act to send her a

contribution to her present necessities. We should be glad to know that many of our readers will act upon the suggestion. Send money promptly, for she needs it now. All money sent to A. McLean, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be promptly forwarded.—Apostolic Guide.

We heartily commend to our readers the suggestion of the Guide.

The following extract from a private letter received from Bro. O. G. Hertzog, now Financial Secretary of Hiram College, will be interesting to our readers:

Our school work is moving on very well. Hiram College has a strong course and a strong faculty. We will catalogue about 380 students this year. Seventy of these are preparing for the ministry. We are all working hard. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary—a kind of silver jubilee. To mark the period we shall macadamize the road from the station to the College, erect a telescope and observatory, and build a missionary cottage to aid young women who are fitting themselves for mission work at home and abroad.

Bro. Hertzog's many friends in Ontario will be glad to hear that he hopes to attend the Annual Meeting at Bowmanville.

Rev. W. J. Waddell, known to our readers as a Baptist of the Regular Calvinistic Close Communion order, has notified the Methodist people of this country, through the Christian Guardian of April 13, that he has left the Baptist denomination and desires to be admitted into the Methodist ministry. In explanation of his change of faith he says:—

The above is the outcome of a long and thorough study of the ordinance of baptism. In so far as I have had opportunity, both in Woodstock College and McMaster Hall, as well as in my pastoral work, I have carried out a resolution which I made when I was immersed, namely, that I would study every book on baptism that I could find, and there is no work known to me which I have not studied. I would prefer being at work for the Master during the time between now and Conference, hence I have taken this plan of acquainting the Methodists with my desire.

It occurs to us to remark that if Mr. Waddell had made a thorough study of one book (the New Testament) on the subject of baptism, it would have saved him a great deal of labor, and possibly have prevented him from making himself ridiculous.

Our readers will be glad to find an article from Bro. T. B. Knowles in this paper, and will not be sorry to observe that it is numbered "1."

TO OUR AGENTS.—Can't you spare a little time now for THE EVANGELIST? This is the first number of a new volume. Please collect all the arrears you can and send along with them as many new subscriptions as possible.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICIALS.—Did you fill out the blank sent by Bro. Tovell and return it to him? If not, you will oblige him very much by attending to that little matter without delay.

The Annual Meeting is to be held this year at Bowmanville, which is only forty-two miles east of Toronto. Every church in the Province should be well represented there. The prospect is that we shall have the most interesting and profitable meeting held by our brethren in recent years.

GOOD NEWS FROM MANITOBA.—A post card just received from Bro. J. B. Lister, of Minnedosa, contains the pleasing information that Bro. John McKee, of Irvington, Indiana, has been employed to establish a church in Winnipeg. May great success attend his labors.

Our selections for this issue are rather extraordinary, but we think our brethren will be pleased with them. It is a comfort to know that we have in London a preacher competent to maintain the truth by tongue and pen. If Mr. McDonagh's courage had not failed him, and the Free Press had been a little more true to its name, Bro. Fowler would have given the citizens of London still more truth to meditate upon.

BRO. BAKER'S REQUEST.—In another column will be found a statement and request from Bro. P. Baker, of Everton. It is a very modest request and very modestly made. It will be almost no trouble to comply with it. While none of us suppose that our salvation depends upon it, yet most of us would like to know how many of the people known as Disciples of Christ there are in Ontario. So we trust Bro. Baker will have a prompt response from churches and brethren everywhere in the Province.

The Annual Meeting.

BOWMANVILLE'S INVITATION.

We extend a cordial invitation to all our brethren and sisters to be present at the June meeting held with this church from Thursday, June 2, till Monday, the 6th. Persons west of Toronto will take the G. T. R. from that city; arriving here you will take any of the hacks in waiting and proceed to the church, where you will be received and assigned homes during your stay. Will all who intend coming kindly send me their names as soon as possible? E. B. BARNES, Bowmanville, Ont.

Church Statistics

DEAR BRETHREN,—The Committee on Statistics wish to say that they desire your hearty and prompt assistance to make their efforts a success. They have prepared and sent a number of questionnaires to the churches, and to isolated brethren.

Now it may be that some of these are not directed to the proper persons, if so please to forward to those who have the information needed. Some may not reach their destination, so we publish a list of the questionnaires in order that in case you did not get our card you may be able to answer at once as though you had. Then again we do not presume to know all the churches of Ontario, nor yet the names of proper correspondents in all of those we do know, hence we ask that the brethren everywhere in Ontario comply with this our request. If you have received our card, fill out and return at once. If you have not, answer the following questions (by their numbers will do as well as otherwise), and forward to the undersigned, isolated brethren simply stating that fact and answering accordingly.

- 1. Name of place of meeting?
2. Number of members Jan. 1, 1892?
3. Net increase during 1891?
4. How often do you meet to break bread?
5. Name of preacher, if any?
6. How often does he preach for you?
7. Have you a weekly prayer meeting?
8. Average attendance at it?
9. Name of Secretary and Treasurer?
10. Address of Secretary and Treasurer?

Name— Reports cover 1891 only, and a post card is all that is needed on which to answer. P. BAKER, Everton, Ont.

The fairest and finest impression of the Bible is to have it well printed on the reader's heart.—Dr. Arrowsmith.