

CHURCH NEWS.

ERIN.—Bro. Geo. Munro has given in to the Board his resignation as Evangelist for the Co-operation, and has accepted a call to labor for Erin Centre and Erin Village Churches. There is no better field for usefulness anywhere. There is good material in both churches, and good results may be looked for.

BOWMANVILLE.—The church at Bowmanville has, after the lapse of a year, secured the services of a minister, Bro. Gunn, late of Lobo. He comes here under favorable circumstances, and finds a united and energetic church, one which is willing to co-operate with him in any good work, one in which the members are at peace with one another, and which is at peace with the world. On Wednesday night, April 20th, the members and friends met for social intercourse and mutual exchange of greetings; after refreshments had been served in the school room, and a programme consisting of singing, reading, &c., rendered, each went to his home feeling that this was a social indeed. The object was not to make money, as there was no charge, but to cultivate a friendly feeling among the members and friends, and to introduce our new minister to the congregation. On Friday evening a young brother of considerable promise was buried with Christ in baptism. It is truly pleasing to see the young dedicate themselves to the Lord and his service. May this be but the beginning.

WALKERTON.—With the week ending March 19th I found myself in the town of Walkerton. This is a thriving little burg of 2,000 inhabitants, surrounded as it is with gentle sloping hills, it must be a delightful spot in summer. Among its many energetic merchants may be mentioned Bros. Whitehead and Thomson. The former after five years sojourn in Regina, N. W. T., which proved both pleasant and profitable, has returned to his old home, and gone extensively into the dry goods and grocery business. Our brethren have a substantial brick church here, but at present have no regular stationed minister. They meet each Lord's Day morning to *break bread*, &c. On Sunday, March 20th, Bro. James Tolton gave a very interesting discourse. Bro. Whitehead presided at the table. Bro. John Tolton takes a very lively interest in the Sunday School, of which he is superintendent. The Royces, Whiteheads and Toltons, all take an active part in all good works pertaining to the spiritual advancement of Zion. During my stay at Walkerton I made many new acquaintances, and was hospitably entertained by Bros. Royce and Tolton.

EVERTON.—The first Lord's Day in April was pleasantly spent in Everton. There is an active, intelligent and zealous body of Disciples there. Judging from the large audiences, they must be numerous in and around the little village. Bro. Fowler has been in their midst about four years. Judging from his present avoirdupois, I should say that the brethren are using him well. I worshipped with the church both morning and evening; listened to two able discourses, the evening discourse especially pleasing me. Subject: "The Advantages of Christian Union." The brethren there are alive, not only to their own immediate obligations—the regular preaching of the gospel—giving to the poor, &c., but they take an active part in all missionary enterprises. While they give largely of their substance to the Home Mission field, they are not neglectful of those who leave home comforts and civilization, and with their lives in their hands go to foreign lands to preach the cross to a benighted people. The collection for Foreign Missions on the previous Sunday was \$46.25. This shows what can be accomplished when an effort is put forth. What an incentive this should be to other churches which are equally as strong in numbers and wealth as this, to bestir themselves—to waken up from the lethargy of the past, and bring forth fruits to demonstrate that they believe in the command, "Go preach the gospel." Had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of the Blacks, the Stewarts, the McKinnons and others whose names I do not now recall, and left with a good impression of the work that is being done by the Everton church.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—It was with sad hearts that we gave the parting hand to the many kind friends in Owen Sound, whom we have learned to love dearly during the past years of toils and trials. The many hearty expressions of kindness and affection, both in word and deed, from the friends in O. S., Kilsyth—my boyhood home—and other places, lay us under renewed obligations to our brethren and the cause we love. To all our true and tried friends in the east we would say, "The Lord

bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace." Arrived here April 1st (ill-omened day), and found a faithful little band of twenty-three workers, with a comfortable house free of debt—the only one in the place in such condition—all the others, I believe, ornamented with high-priced mortgages, *mort-gage*—death grip. I find thirty-seven names on the register; of these ten were charter members, sixteen joined by commendation, and eleven by baptism. Of these thirty-seven, three moved by letter, five by death and otherwise, and six have removed further west, leaving twenty-three in the Portage and vicinity. Of those who came from other churches, the greatest number from Ridgetown, some from Eramosa, some from Cotswold, and two from Grand Traverse, Mich. Thos. Sissons, sr., and Alex. Yuill are the Elders; Thos. Sissons, jr., and A. P. Campbell are the Deacons. The services of the church are all well attended. We have now a favor to ask of our brethren in the east. This is the only organization in all this vast territory, but there are perhaps hundreds of our brethren scattered abroad, and if the churches in the east would directly to us, or through the Board, send the names and addresses of those who have come here in the past, we will endeavor to find them out, that we may co-operate, and thus establish the cause in many localities in which our plea is unknown. Bro. Whitejaw was dearly loved here, his name is a household treasure. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

A. H. FINCH.
April 26th, 1887.

TO THE READERS OF THE EVANGELIST.

I wish to appeal to my brethren throughout the Province that, we who are young, awake from our dreams and indifference, and arise in the strength that God has given to us, and make one earnest, faithful effort to give the grand and simple message of God and of Christ to a hungry, anxious world. Through all this land the people are thirsting for, and seeking after the pure truth of Heaven, unmixed with human wisdom and folly. You and I, dear reader, are accountable to our Maker for the trust He has given us. Will the idly spent part of our lives not condemn us in the day of judgment?

Time is rapidly passing; Satan and all his emissaries are active, deceiving the young and the old in devious ways; souls are perishing, and are we guiltless? Calmly, serious before God, let us each ask himself the question, "Have I done what I could to point the world to the Lamb of God?" Have we all forgotten that the richest message from God is committed to earthen vessels?

Nearly a year has gone into the eternal past since we met in Everton, from all parts of the Province came those who felt anxious to see the work of the Lord prosper. Ought we not to be more in earnest than we were a year ago? Dear brethren, pray for the blessing of our Father in Heaven to rest upon our feeble efforts, but don't forget to work, work, work, for the night soon cometh.

The ONTARIO EVANGELIST visits many of our homes, let us use its columns to tell each other of our successes and of our discouragements, the results of what we have done, and the prospects for efforts to be made.

Let us come up to our next annual meeting with fresh courage, determined that we will not let the cause of truth die in our hands.

I wish here to speak a word in reference to the ONTARIO EVANGELIST. We have read it for a year, and I am sure there is only one opinion in regard to the character of the paper. The type and paper are excellent, the church news is a grand part (but not nearly as much of it as we ought to have, if some one in each church would send items it would greatly add to the interest), the contributed matter is of a high order, many of the articles are par excellence, and the Editorials are worthy of a place in any paper published among our brotherhood. I think every disciple family in our Province should be readers; we can thereby become better acquainted and learn to love each other more. I trust more church news will be sent next year, and I also hope every subscriber may continue, and those not now reading the ONTARIO EVANGELIST will lose no time in securing a copy.

HUGH BLACK.

MARRIED.

HARRIS—LAKIN.—In Guelph, on the 27th of April, at the residence of the bride's father, by Elder James Kilgour, Alfred Wight Harris, of Toronto, to Annie, fifth daughter of Bro. Thos Lakin.

REMINDE

Churches and individuals who have not remitted the full amount of their pledges to the Co-operation are requested to do so before the 24th of May, so that those engaged in Mission Work may have their needs supplied. Remittances from any interested in the good work are solicited. A full report will be given at the Annual Meeting in Guelph.
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Received for Home Mission Work since last report:—Erin Centre, \$35.00; Erin Village, \$31.00; J. E. Farewell, \$40.00; Acton, \$13.53; Alex. Bell, \$5.00, a Friend, \$2.00; Cobourg, \$10.00; Toronto (West End), \$15.00; Eli Barclay, \$10.00, and Appin, \$5.00.

J. W. KILGOUR, Sec.
Guelph, April 29th, 1887.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

FINANCES.—The receipts for the month amounted to \$3,193.51; the disbursements to \$2,774.77.

MONTHLY MEETING FOR PRAYER FOR MISSIONS.—The Committee desires to recommend that one prayer-meeting in the month be devoted to the subject of missions. If at every service prayer was offered for the redemption of the world it would be well. There must be more prayer if this cause is to succeed. From every station the cry comes, "Brethren, pray for us."

CHILDREN'S DAY.—This day is not far distant June 5th. It would result in good if the attention of the Sunday-schools was called to this at once. Children should be urged to economize, that they may have the more to give. Some superintendents have been at work for months preparing for this day. They propose to make it a great success. Last year the Sunday-school at Allegheny, Pa., gave \$:50. This year it is trying to do even better than that.

On behalf of the Committee.
A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:—Church, Kilsyth, \$4.00; Mrs. Jno. McPhedran, Nassagaweya, \$2.00; Harold Wood, Cobourg, \$5.00; F. M. Klink, York, \$1.25; Mrs. E. H. Anderson, Hamilton, \$10.00; Church, Everton, \$46.25; Church, Mimosa, \$4.75; Mrs. N. L. Frick, Humberstone, \$2.00; Church, Erin, 50c.

OBITUARY.

ROYCE.

At his home, in Acton, on the morning of the 4th of April, amid sorrowing friends, Elder Robt. Royce, aged 78 years and three months, departed this life to go to be Christ, which is far better. Bro. Royce was one of the early settlers of Eramosa. He took up land there in 1829, and settled permanently in 1833, in which year he was married. He continued to reside there until May, 1883, when he removed to Acton.

He was early associated with the cause of Christ in Eramosa and Wellington County, and always took a deep interest in the advancement and prosperity of the cause. In his early years he worshipped with what was known as the East Church, over which our late revered and venerable Bro. Black presided for so many years. Upon the organization of the church in the west of Eramosa he became associated as Elder with our late Bro. Parkinson. Here he continued until 1851, when, by request, he took membership in the Centre Church, as brethren Anderson and Kilgour left to labor in the general field as Evangelists. He labored with the church here until 1861, when the new meeting house was built in Everton, and the union effected between the East and Centre Churches. Here he occupied the position of an Elder until his removal to Acton, where he continued his labors so long as he had strength. The warm, earnest exhortations of Bro. Royce will long be remembered by those whose privilege it was to worship with him.

He acted as Secretary-Treasurer to the Co-operation for over twenty years, and only resigned in 1873 as he found the labor becoming too much for him in his advancing years.

In addition to these things and the care and work of his farm, he served his country for many years as Councillor, Reeve and Magistrate, which positions he filled with dignity and honor. He lived to a good age to enjoy the blessings of a merciful God; he has gone to receive the reward of a loving Saviour in whose service he delighted for so many years. His aged partner, his son and his four daughters have the sympathy of many friends who with them lament the loss of one "not lost, but gone before."

J. W. K.

LETTER OF COMMENDATION.

To the Brethren in Christ greeting.

We, the undersigned, Deacons of the Christian Church at Warton, hereby commend to the churches everywhere Bro. H. Brown, who is an Elder of the church here, and who has labored acceptably with the church for a year and a half. We commend him, therefore, to the Brotherhood that they receive him in the Lord as becometh saints.

Bro. Brown has also been set apart by this church for the purpose of solemnizing marriages under the provisions made by the Revised Statutes of Ontario.

Signed, JAMES HUNTER, } Deacons.
HENRY TROUT, }
Warton, Feb. 8th, 1887.

GOOD ADVICE TO CHRISTIANS.

1. See that your religion makes you a better son or daughter, a better clerk, a better student, a better friend, a better workman.
2. Do not set yourself up as a standard. Shun all censoriousness. Remember that each one "to his own Master standeth or falleth," and not to you.
3. Let nothing keep you from the Saviour. Never be tempted to stay away from unbelieving doubts, by past neglect, by present fear, by anything. Be more intimate with Him than with any earthly friend.
4. Never rejoice in your own strength. A child looking to Christ is stronger than a strong man armed. Be resolute in looking to Him alone for strength.

RESTRAINT OF THE YOUNG.

Henry Ward Beecher was writing a series of practical letters on home subjects for several prominent newspapers. The following is from a recent one:

"If there are children that are sometimes impatient of parental restraint, let me say to them, you do not know what temptation you are under, and if held back by your mother, if held back by your father, you shall escape the knowledge of the wickedness that is in the world, you will have occasion, by and by, to thank God for that, more than for silver or for gold, or for houses or for lands."

"Keep your children at home at nights. There is many a sod that lies over the child whose downfall began by vagrancy at night, and there is many a child whose heartbreaking parents would give the world if the sod did lie over them. What a state that is for children to come to, in which the father and the mother dread their life unspeakably more than their death! What a horrible state of things that is, when parents feel a sense of relief in the dying of their children! Then, I say, take care of your children at night."

NEVER SWEAR.

1. It is mean. A boy of high moral standing would almost as soon steal a sheep as swear.
2. It is vulgar—altogether too low for a decent boy.
3. It is cowardly—implying a fear of not being believed or obeyed.
4. It is ungentlemanly. A gentleman, according to Webster, genteel man—well bred, refined. Such a one will no more swear than go into the street to throw mud with a chimney sweep.
5. It is indecent—offensive to delicacy, and extremely unfit for human ears.
6. It is foolish. "Want of decency is want of sense."
7. It is abusive—to the mind which conceives the oath, to the tongue which utters it, and to the person at whom it is aimed.
8. It is venomous—showing a boy's heart to be a nest of vipers, and every time he swears one of them seems to show its head.
9. It is contemptible—forgetting the respect of all the wise and good.
10. It is wicked—violating the divine law, and provoking the displeasure of Him who will not hold Him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

It will, we presume, be known to most of our readers that this year the Annual Meeting is to be held in Guelph, beginning Friday evening, June 3rd. We trust that every church in the Province will send delegates. It will, no doubt, be an occasion of great interest, as well as one of great importance. There is especial reason that these churches which heretofore have taken no part in this co-operative work should be represented, in order that they may learn for themselves the spirit and methods of those carrying it on. Bro. A. P. Cobb is expected to be at the meeting, and to speak each evening. He will also conduct a protracted meeting in Guelph immediately after.