

Obituaries.

SINCLAIR.—Sister Bella Sinclair was born at Guilds, in Kent County, on June 15th, 1856. On October 2nd she closed her eyes upon the world and her buoyant spirit left her tired and worn-out body to be clothed upon with her house which is from heaven.

The illness which occasioned her death reached over a period of nearly three years. Up to that time she had enjoyed good health and had led an active life. In the year 1876 she confessed her Saviour and was baptized by Bro. Colin Sinclair. The religion of the Divine Jesus was particularly suited to one possessed with her endowments. The pure and lofty motives of the Gospel received from her a ready response and served to develop a heart that was naturally generous and to sweeten a disposition that was always affectionate and kind.

In the death of Sister Bella Sinclair the cause has lost a worker whose heart was in the service and whose hand was always open in aid of every good work. Her devotion to the cause of Christ was of a very practical kind. She was known by what she did. Her life bears splendid testimony to her zeal for the Lord. She was one of the first to help inaugurate the Woman's Board of Missions in this Province, and one of the most liberal contributors to its funds. Her efficiency as a worker was recognized and she was made secretary of the society, which position she held until compelled by depleted strength to lay down the work. It is to her and to her lamented brother, the late D. A. Sinclair, that we are indebted for a liberal bequest for educational work and for the existence of a College of Disciples in Ontario. Her many deeds of kindness and helpful ministries cannot be enumerated. Though dead, these speak and provoke us to like deeds of love and good works. Just why one so pure, devoted and useful should be taken away in comparative youth when her presence was so much needed is difficult for us to understand, but "God's ways are not our ways." He doeth all things well. Our sister has gone from us into the unseen, but has bequeathed us a rich legacy in the example she has left us of a Christian life. May God bless and sustain the mother who is deprived of the support upon which she hoped to lean in her declining years. "My grace is sufficient for you."

T. L. FOWLER.

STEPHENS.—Alexander Maitland Stephens passed away at his home, "The Hill," Thursday evening, about

10 o'clock, aged 75 years. A day or two previous to his demise he was down town. His body was simply worn out, though his mind was clear as crystal to the last. No man was better or more favorably known in this community. Deceased came here in 1847, was three or four times Mayor of Owen Sound, and active in municipal affairs all his life. He ever manifested a deep interest in all that appertained to the welfare of the town, and plenty of shade trees of his own planting along our streets will serve to help keep his memory green among our people. He was, in brief, an upright man, and this can be said without a semblance of flattery upon his worth as a citizen.

Mr. Stephens was for long years in the hardware business here, but latterly confined himself to fire insurance and a loan agency.

Lately he wrote "Early Days of Owen Sound," which was issued in pamphlet form, and which was of great interest, particularly to early settlers.

Deceased belonged to the Disciples of Christ. His wife, one son and three daughters survive him.

The funeral will be from "The Hill" this (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. —*Saturday Star.*

The funeral of our brother was largely attended and we carried him to the beautiful cemetery which his own foresight and perseverance secured for our town years ago. May the Divine blessing rest largely on the bereaved family. The writer was assisted in the funeral service by the Rev. J. Arden, of the Episcopal Church.

JAMES LEDIARD.

CREWSON.—The following from the *Drayton Advocate* tells almost the whole story:

The greater number of *Advocate* readers will, doubtless, remember that four weeks ago Mrs. L. D. Crewson, of East Luther, underwent an operation at Fergus, having three sections of the backbone removed to overcome an adhesion of the spinal cord, which had brought on total paralysis. The operation was complete and feeling was returning to the limbs as rapidly as could be expected, so that there was every prospect of her full recovery within a reasonable length of time. But she took a turn for the worse about the middle of last week, and gradually sank until she breathed her last about 9.30 a. m. on Monday last. Deceased was the second daughter of Mr. George Corant, of West Luther; was born in Devonshire, England, in 1841, coming to this country with her parents in 1849. On her seventeenth birthday she was married to Mr. L. D. Crewson, of Crewson's Corners. After several years spent on a portion of the old homestead, her husband bought 270 acres in Luther, leaving their first farm to their oldest son. Of their family of 16—9 boys and 7 girls—there are 14 still living; four sons being engaged in the grain business in Manitoba. There are four sons and two daughters married, the rest are living at home with the exception of three sons in Manitoba.

Deceased was a member of the Disciple Church, to which she was a devoted adherent, and tried to live a true Christian life. She was highly respected in the neighborhood and greatly beloved by her bereaved husband and family, who are now grief-stricken over the very sad affair. The funeral takes place tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, Nov. 1st.

Her son John arrived home from Manitoba just in time to have a last look at his departed mother before the casket was closed and conveyed to the place of interment. Mr. Crozier, of Grand Valley, and Mr. Irvine, of Arthur, assisted the writer in the funeral services.

Sister Crewson had been totally helpless from her back down for over a year, yet bore her affliction with Christian fortitude and resignation.

The writer tried to comfort the bereaved family, speaking from Ps. xxxv. 14, "I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother."

A. H. FINCH.

YORK.—To our dear sister, Mrs. York:

Whereas, it has pleased the Lord in His mercy to call unto Himself, your beloved husband and our dear brother, George E. York.

And Whereas, we, the members of the Cecil Street Church of Christ Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, feel the loss we have sustained, in that, as an active member of our Society, he was always willing to help in any work for the upholding of the Master's Kingdom and the salvation of precious souls, showing to us his undoubted Christian faith and leaving behind an example of Christlike life.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we, as a society, extend to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in your deep affliction, and trust that you may realize the promise of our Heavenly Father that he would be a husband to the widow, and that you may rest on His promise given to His disciples of old, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

And further, be it Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our bereaved sister and co-laborer, and a copy to the DISCIPLE OF CHRIST and CANADIAN EVANGELIST.

Signed on behalf of the Society, Dec. 1st, 1895.

Signed { W. J. LHAMON.
CHAS. L. BURTON.
ROSE STENNETT.
J. E. HAMBLBY.
ALICE M. HALL.

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