

CHURCH NEWS.

Selkirk. Bro. **SHERMAN**, - Please report one addition here recently—the head teacher in our village school. He heard the gospel preached by our Bishops; saw his duty clearly, and like a man of faith obeyed. He is now a faithful worker in the church. N. OWEN-HALT.

You can depend on him Bro. Overhalt, they are on the Lord's side when they come out thus.—**ED. WORKER.**

Gore Bay, Manitoulin. Brother **Crewson** in a letter containing ten subscribers says, "Three were baptized here on Christmas day, and at Ice Lake on New Year's day, four more—all good material. Meeting still in progress at the latter place." Glad to hear the good news from the Island. Write often brother **Crewson**.—**ED. WORKER.**

Bro. **Kesler** is holding meetings in a new place with fine prospects. The final result myself or Bro. **Kesler** will report you.

A number of brethren went to Bro. **K's** on the 25th Jan., numbering about twenty, to their great surprise. It was a most fearfully rainy day. If it had been fine three or four times that number would have been there, but those that did go had a very enjoyable time, and Bro. **K.** got off a fine christian talk to them. After christian talking, singing, and prayer, they departed, leaving the wardrobe, harrier, and coffers of Bro. **K.** much renewed. The Lord blesses such cheerful givers.—**JOS. ASH.**

Collingwood. Our readers, no doubt, have become much interested in our work at Collingwood. We are pleased to report this month that the work is progressing quite satisfactorily. Since our last issue we have added eight to our number—four by relation, two from the Baptists, and two immersed. Several others will unite with us soon. It is now a foregone conclusion that Primitive Christianity will be firmly established in this important little city. Brethren, you must not complain if we seem to be partial to the Collingwood work; recollect it is yet a child.

Sister **Trout** reports an immersion at Winton on the occasion of Bro. **Sterling's** last visit.

The church at **Owen Sound** enjoyed Bro. **Sterling's** labors on the fourth Sunday in last month. They report a good meeting.

Bro. **Sterling** is engaged in a meeting at **Kilalyth** at this writing. We hope to have a report from his pen in our next issue.

We give a condensed report of additions, gleaned mostly from the *Standard*, since our last issue:

- New York, 27; Pennsylvania, 47; West Virginia, 6; Ohio, 155; Indiana, 181; Illinois, 536; Iowa, 189; Minnesota, 46; Missouri, 360; Kansas, 300; Nebraska, 78; Texas, 21; Kentucky, 47; Wisconsin, 30; Maine, 3; Massachusetts, 25; California, 26; Florida, 2; Tennessee, 79; South Carolina, 6; Maryland, 28; Michigan, 50; Arkansas, 61; North Carolina, 3.—Total 1208.

CHURCH NOTES.

You will see by this issue that our cause is gaining in numbers at a rapid rate. These cheering reports from the field are truly refreshing. If we grow as fast spiritually as we do numerically, the conquest of the world by the church will soon be an easy task. Therefore let us pay much attention to the spiritual growth of our converts. A church without a prayer-meeting, Sunday School, or any means of development—spiritually, only has a name to him.

Many churches are waiting for the evangelist to come around and "get them in shape." Does it not look rather funny to see Christians "out of shape"? If it is right for Christians to get out of shape, may not the evangelist get out of shape too? —they who will put him in shape! Now, brethren I praise you not in this. You ought to have every-

thing in order, so that when the evangelist comes all may be ready to take hold with him in his work of winning souls to Christ.

The churches at **Meaford** and **Owen Sound** make an especial contribution on the first Sunday in each month for evangelizing purposes. This plan has been quite satisfactory, enabling each church to have a fund on hand all the time sufficient to pay all evangelistic services. Others would profit if they would try it.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

On the eve of Bro. **Peter Mitchell's** departure for **Manitoba**, a house full of the members of the church and his warm friends, assembled at his residence, **Meaford**, to bid him "Good Bye." We could not say, "it was an enjoyable occasion," for we were all sorry to have him leave us. He will be missed in the church very much, and his place in the Sunday School will be hard to fill. A nobler man than Bro. **Mitchell** is hard to find. The employees of the **Meaford Manufacturing Company** came in a body and presented him with a handsome gold chain. Bro. **Mitchell** has been in the employ of the Company ten years, and foreman the last five years. After singing and prayer, we all bid him "good bye." Tears of love freely flowed from every eye. We append the address of his fellow workmen:

To **PETER L. MITCHELL, Esq.,**

Foreman of the **Meaford Building and Manufacturing Company:**

DEAR SIR—We, the undersigned, employees of the **Meaford Building and Manufacturing Co.**, having heard of your intended departure for **Manitoba**, desire to express our feelings of regret of the breaking up of the relation which has so long kept us together in our daily avocation, with pleasure to ourselves and satisfaction to the Company whom we have served under your direction.

You, sir, with most of us, have been employed by the **Meaford Building & Mfg Co.** for many years, sometimes under circumstances calculated to try the patience and forbearance of all, yet it is our pleasing reflection that during our long intercourse, nothing has ever occurred to mar the harmony that has always existed amongst us, and to which your kind and considerate conduct has so largely contributed.

While we regret most sincerely that a regard for your future worldly interests make it advisable for you to leave us, we can still rejoice in the confident anticipation that the change you are about to make will redound to your advantage, that your business talent and strict integrity will be appreciated by the busy people among whom you intend to settle, and that we shall frequently hear of you as steadily advancing to success in your new home in **Manitoba**.

We beg that you will accept the accompanying chain as a slight memento of our regard and esteem.

May you live long to wear it in remembrance of the affectionate regard and esteem of your fellow workmen.

Jas. A. Ellis, Wm. Rorke, J. M. Smith, W. A. Jordan, Geo. Day, W. H. Smith, John Baracree, F. O. Blatherwick, James P. Knaggs, A. Raymond, W. Freestone, W. Lanktree.

Meaford, Ont., Feb. 6th, 1882.

WHO ENJOY THE WORD OF GOD?

To the Editor of the *Worker*:
To answer this question by saying, *the few*, would be true, but insufficient.

Around in the world there are two distinct classes of people; the good, the pure-minded, the godly; and the bad, the impious, the satanic. These two classes cannot enjoy each other's society—their aims are contrary—the one is heavenward; the other is filled with evil desires. And since God is Purity, Truth, and *Thrice Holy*, and His word tends to mould His own image and likeness, the evil minded cannot enjoy His word; they may read it, but each attempt

reflects their own image compared face to face with the Almighty. Hence those who choose their own way, not submissive to God's will, can not enjoy reading His word.

Besides this class we might set forth a character that lives near the Kingdom—near yet far—like the young man that turned in sorrow from the Saviour's word, commanding him to forsake all and follow Him. This class of people is much to blame because *knowing* the Lord's will they do it not; yet they are seeming good, but cannot enjoy God's word, because, not having obtained the promise *it being on the other side of submission*, their conscience troubles them and God's word gives them no comfort.

But there are those who enjoy God's word, who feed their souls upon the rich food which glean from the sweet pages of Holy Writ. Often does the spirit of the good linger in wrapt enjoyment over one thought taken from that good treasure; for instance, "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Again, "But as it is written, eye hath not seen; nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

God in history has plainly marked out the course that man must take—doing His will from the heart to the very letter. And in the gospel of His Son in the grand commission given from the very lips of the King, "He that believeth and is immersed shall be pardoned; observe all things whatsoever I command and I am with you always even to the end."

O, you who halt at the brink of duty; you who least enjoy God's word, take the step that will save your soul.

Then let us go on, building up that inward man, so that "each minute and unseen part" will be "wrought with greatest care" for God sees everywhere. **J. B. L.**

AMERICA'S DISGRACE.

The long siege is over. Charles Guiteau, so notorious for everything evil, of whom nothing good can be truthfully said, has had a fair and impartial trial, and is convicted of the most dastardly crime on record. He will "hang by the neck until he is dead," and all good people who respect the law and love good society will say, Amen. It is a disgrace to American institutions to show the least sympathy for the wretch. My mother is an American woman, and I feel that she is disgraced in the eyes of the civilized world by the sickly sympathy shown by American women for this vile monster. Sister **Garfield** mourns the loss of one of the best of husbands who was the greatest man of his day—because he was good. No man ever died since Governments have been, that was so universally mourned. All unite in giving him the name of "Garfield the good." Sister **Garfield** had hard-gotten her property from the City of Washington before the women of that City began their deeds of sympathy for this hideous monster who shot our brother—the great and good **Garfield**. This thing is getting too common. It seems that as soon as a monster in the shape of a man commits some great crime that he is made a hero of by the women of America! Shame on such womanhood! It is a disgrace to the sex, and ought to be frowned down by every true woman in the land. It is high time that the Press was uncovering this sham sentimentalism, that "it may appear in its true light."

It is a credit to America that Guiteau had a fair trial. It indicates a high order of civilization when the majesty of the law is so fully recognized as it has been in this case. Mr. **Seville** deserves great credit for the masterly manner in which he conducted the defense. No doubt everything was done to save the wretch's neck that could be done. Now let his neck stretch, and let him "go to his own place." We drop another tear to the memory of our Brother in Christ—another tear of sympathy for Sister **Garfield**, and pray God to spare us from another like calamity.

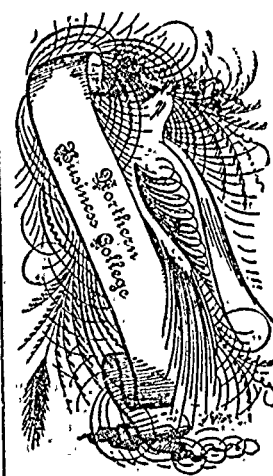
OWEN SOUND, Jan. 31, 1882.
DEAR BRO. STERLING,—It was my privilege whilst in this town to listen to your address on Lord's day, 29th inst. Your words of counsel and encouragement were, to say the least, excellent. May you long be spared to utter more of them; never forgetting to impress upon the Christian the importance of a conduct without reproach. Your words were: That the world is reading our lives more than they read the Bible—this is true. O, that we all were more guarded in our conduct and conversation with the world. More anon. From your Brother in Christ, **TRAVELER.**

The Methodists are still a branch of the Episcopal Church.—*Religious Herald.*

We never heard of a branch fifteen times bigger than the main stem.—*Richmond Christian Advocate*

It is never so in nature, but this is an unnatural shrub; it is a kind of intonstrosity.—*Central Baptist.*

And this reminds me that I never saw six thousand living branches without "a main stem." "Orthodox Churches," we are told, are branches of the Church of Christ; but where is the Church of Christ? We have branches enough, but where is the main stem? Branches are sometimes cut off. Are any of these branches sure of their connection? They have not so much as heard whether there be any parent stalk.



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