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"Go... speak... to the people ALL the words
of this life."

C. J. Lister.

We are pleased to be able to present to our readers so good a likeness of Bro. C. J. Lister as that upon the first page. It occurred to us that a short biographical sketch would not be out of place on this occasion. Through Bro. Lediard, of Owen Sound, we have obtained the following particulars:

"C. J. Lister was born in London, England, in the year 1820. He came to this country when a child. His first home here was in Bowmanville, Ontario. His parents were Church of England people, with high church tendencies. Bro. Lister was not satisfied with the principles and teachings of that church. Being of an enquiring turn of mind he investigated the claims of infidelity, with the result that he became, and has continued to be, an uncompromising enemy of infidelity, and a helper of many struggling for the light. The Bible became his daily companion, and he began that independent study of God's Word, which is characteristic of the man, and still makes him a prince among preachers. For a time he found a religious home among the Congregationalists. Later, having come to a clearer apprehension of the primitive faith, he was baptized and became associated with the Disciples of Christ. Thereupon he immediately began to preach in the neighboring school houses. Very short speeches they were at first, delivered with much hesitancy, and accompanied with not a little blushing. Such was the character of the first public efforts of the man who, in after years, became a power in the land, and led many to Christ."

Bro. Alexander Anderson, of this city, a co-pioneer and co-laborer with Bro. Lister, has given us this further information.

Bro. Lister gave up a good position and a good salary in a bank for the life of a pioneer preacher, with very hard work and very moderate support. In the early days, the evangelists among the Disciples went out two and two. Bro. Lister travelled with Bro. Jas.

Kilgour about fourteen years. They preached the Gospel from Prince Edward County to Dorchester in Elgin County, as well as in Central Ontario, and along the Georgian Bay. Bro. E. Sheppard and Bro. Lister evangelized together for a year or two. Then Bro. A. Anderson was his companion for three or four years. Later on, Bro. Lister purchased a farm near Meaford, and thenceforth for a time divided his energies between farming and preaching—not a very good division of labor for a good preacher. For about eighteen years, Bro. Lister has made his home in Owen Sound. During that period, he has remained away from home for extended intervals, preaching on Manitoulin Island, in Muskoka, in the Niagara district, and elsewhere.

Bro. Anderson says Bro. Lister was a very agreeable companion, and a faithful preacher of the Word. He had a gift for house to house work—a talent for introducing a religious conversation. He never compromised the truth, yet the people liked him. His style of speaking was ordinarily conversational; when stirred he often became truly eloquent. He was a good reasoner, a splendid expositor, and a powerful exhorter. Many were converted under his preaching. One fall, he and Bro. Anderson held a meeting at Meaford, when forty were baptized. For a number of years Bro. Lister published a monthly journal called the *Adviser*, which was a good and well conducted paper."

It gives us a peculiar satisfaction to publish this sketch with a picture of Bro. Lister, because we know that many of those who will read the sketch and look upon the picture are his sons and daughters in the Gospel. We are sure their hearts will be stirred to an affectionate glow as they are thus pleasingly induced to think specially of him, whose strong, clear, tender words were instrumental in leading them to Christ, and who still, at the age of seventy-five, has physical force, and mental power, and a mind to labor in the vineyard of the Lord.

Next Number.

NOTICE!

As Bro. T. L. Fowler intimates in the Co-operation Notes, the May 1st DISCIPLE will be a special Home Mission number. We expect to have a good budget relating to the work in Ontario. We wish to have the paper in all subscribers' hands by April 27th. Contributors should send us their copy IMMEDIATELY upon receipt of this paper, if they have not done so before, so that there may be no delay.

To those who desire to act upon Bro. Fowler's suggestion to send for extra copies, to hand to those who are not now subscribers, we would say that we can send them such extra copies at the rate of \$2 per hundred, provided they order them *at once*.

If the friend of the Co-operation will act promptly upon these suggestions, it is believed that a paper can be published which will help the May collection very much.

Omnibus.

We regret very much to have to hold over articles from Mrs. Bradley, Bro. Burriss, and others, as well as some Literary Notes.

Articles for the Home Mission number have begun to come in. That is right. Please hurry, brethren, and sisters.

The "Maritime Notes" are very interesting. Our brethren by the Atlantic are moving on. May the Lord bless them more and more.

One or two items of church news sent to us, some time ago, either did not reach us, or were lost or mislaid. We aim to publish promptly all such news.

TO AGENTS.—Will you not, without further suggestion from us, help us to get a good start on Vol. X? Every renewal, and every new subscriber counts.

Five new churches in Canada have made offerings to Foreign Missions since March 1st. We ought to seek to enlist every church. Of those that gave last year, thirteen have failed to respond this. Let them remit to A. M. Lean, Cor. Sec., Box 750, Cincinnati, O.

We have received from Bro. A. H. Cowherd, of Amigan, a report of the last county convention of the Welland C. E. Union. The next convention is to be held at Winger, next fall. Mrs. C. Angle, Winger; Miss Ruby House, International Bridge, and Bro. Cowherd himself are on the County Executive.

We have pleasure in drawing attention to the advertisements of Creelman Bros., Georgetown, which appear for the first time in this number of the DISCIPLE. We have been using a Buckensderfer type-writer for a few weeks, and are well pleased with it. Any one passing our way and desiring to examine it will be cheerfully shown it.

"PIONEER PICTURES."—As stated in March 15th paper, our offer of the Pioneer Picture to all old subscribers who renew, and to all new subscribers will be withdrawn May 1st. We propose to issue a new lot of the Pictures, and send them out with the May 1st paper. As we said before, those who fear being overlooked had better drop us a post card.

This is the last number of Vol. IX.,

and a great many subscriptions expire now. We trust all our friends will continue with us, and will renew promptly. These have been hard times for religious papers. We have large bills to meet, May 1st. Every dollar counts one. Send your own renewal and a new subscriber to us before May 1st, and we shall be very grateful to you.

Endeavor Notes.

The number of societies that have contributed to the Home Mission fund is most encouraging. That so many societies should respond during these hard times is evidence that the young people are interested in the home field, and this speaks volumes for the future.

But there is a number of societies that have not taken a part in this important work. Mr. President, would it not be a good time *now* to take action, and help swell the May Collection?

We understand that the next issue of this paper will be a regular missionary bugle blast, calling the King's soldiers to make ready for the May Collection. Why not send for twenty-five or fifty copies to distribute among those who do not take it? This will bring the Home work home to the people, and may be the means of increasing the circulation of this valuable paper. Send, at once, to Bro. Munro and let him know the number that your society or your church can use, so that he will be in a position to fill your order. The cost will be small.

W. W. C.

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B. B. B.

GENTLEMEN,—For three years I have been terribly troubled with that distressing complaint, Constipation, and tried different medicines until last spring, when I commenced taking Burdock Blood Bitters, and after the use of five bottles had no more of my terrible suffering. Before I began using B. B. B., my appetite had almost gone, and I was thin and very weak, but after the use of each bottle I could (and so did others) see a wonderful change in my looks, and I felt my strength returning to me.

MRS. GEO. EAMAN,
Dickinson's Landing, Ont.

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