

but rarely witnessed. The aged bride and groom were presented with two beautiful easy chairs in a few remarks by the writer. A suitable reply was made, and a very pleasant evening spent.

The Church work is moving on as usual here. Nothing to report.

At Hillier things are more encouraging, and hopes are entertained of good being done there.

J. H. MUNDY.

Nov. 4th, 1886.

GUELPH.

Mr. Alexander Stewart, an old resident of Eramosa, with a portion of his family, removed to this place last Fall, in order to make it their home. Mrs. S. with son and daughter had been members of the church meeting in Everton. They at once, upon coming here, took membership with the church in this place.

Two or three weeks ago Sister Reid, from the neighborhood of Hamilton, removed her residence to this city, and without delay identified herself with the church here.

We are delighted to receive additional members into fellowship with us. May they still continue steadfast in the Truth, and abound in the work of the Lord.

J. K.

January 25th, 1887.

In addition to what is stated above concerning the church in Guelph, it is entirely proper to say that there is a great deal of life and activity in all departments of church work. The Mite Society is still "banking" money—we do not know how fast; the young people have a Literary Society which meets every two weeks, and which is growing in interest; the Sunday School is flourishing; the regular meetings are more largely attended than perhaps they have ever been in the history of the church; and the interest in the Wednesday night meeting continues.

TORONTO.

Dear Evangelist—As we are aware that our brethren in the "regions beyond" are pleased to hear from us, we desire to say a few words to them—through the medium of your valuable pages—concerning the cause at this point. We are moving steadily on with our work, and our audiences continue good. Although none have recently confessed the Saviour, we continue earnestly and hopefully sowing the seed, from which we expect to reap ere long. In fact we know that some, having arrived at a "knowledge of the truth," are now "almost persuaded" to submit to the will of Christ, to enter His service, and press onward for the unspeakable joys of this "higher life."

Our prayer meetings are excellent. There is an increase in attendance, in spiritual growth, and manifestation of the mind and spirit of Christ, all desiring to "love one another with pure hearts fervently."

The close of the meeting on 19th inst., all hearts joined in presenting me with a purse of \$50, and an address couched in such words of kindness, confidence and encouragement, that (taken completely by surprise) I felt unable to tell them how much I appreciated their kind words and generous offering. That although I prized their valuable and useful gift, yet far above all earthly treasures I value the esteem, the confidence, and the Christian regard expressed in their excellent, but flattering address. May the Giver of all good bless them richly and abundantly, and help me to become worthy of all their confidence and love.

We have a Sunday School, with which we are trying to succeed; the outlook brightens. Also a Bible Class each Friday evening, which proves interesting and profitable.

We are looking forward to a time of great things for Christ at this place.

We hope to have a co-worker in the field, in this city all the time, to see many "turn to the Lord"—the Saviour's kingdom extended, and His precious name glorified.

We desire to thankfully acknowledge (since our last) the receipt of the following donations from kind friends to aid us in our work:—

- Bro. James Palmer, Pickering. . . . \$ 1 00
 - Sister S. E. Palen, P. E. County . . . 5 00
 - Bro. Henry Smith, Erin 5 00
 - Bro. James Early, Norval 10 00
- \$21 00

We expect in the next issue of the "EVANGELIST" to give a full "report" of our work, and what we have accomplished since we left Occident Hall, to worship in our present, neat and comfortable house. For the present we say, "God be with you till we meet again."

Your brother in Christ,

GEO. J. BARCLAY.

"Church of Christ," Denison Ave., Toronto, 25th Jan., 1887.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

Leaving home early on the morning of the 29th December I went to Toronto, and by request was with them at their prayer meeting. It was well attended—always a good sign, and as many took part in the exercise as time would permit. At its close they took steps to remove the debt that yet remained on their House of worship, and provision was made for a good part of it. They are doing this in view of another important step, that of placing a man in this great city to preach the gospel.

From Toronto to Vaughan. Here there is a faithful church indeed. I think that of them it might be said as of a woman of old: "She did what she could." They are doing all they can at all times. Bro. Marratt, of Aurora, and Bro. Fry, of Toronto, visit them each once a month. They help both Foreign and Home Mission work. They have purchased a House of worship, and, with the exception of \$100.00, have it paid for. One more thing I must not forget to mention: We may look to this church to give us a preacher of the Gospel, and that soon. Bro. Baker a young man of much promise, is away to Lexington, Ky., studying, with the intention of giving his time to this work. This is an especial cause for thankfulness. The need for such men is felt more and more every day. May the Divine Blessing attend him in this work.

From Vaughan to Aurora. This is one of the churches that have sprung largely from individual faithfulness. It is of recent date. Its membership small, but a faithful and well informed band, "strong in the faith," will describe them. Here is an outline of their history. In 1872 Bro. Yule and his wife came there, the only Disciples. By quiet and persistent work Bro. Yule succeeded in interesting a few of his neighbors in the gospel. In 1876 the church in King sent Bro. O. G. Hertzog to preach there for a short time, but no immediate results followed. In 1877 the first baptism took place. In the early part of 1878 Brethren Marratt, Brodie and Thom with sister Thom, were baptized in King. Later on in the same year three more were baptized by the writer in King.—During all this time they met from house to house to break bread and a weekly prayer and Bible study meeting was established. In 1882 their first public meeting was held in a church in the Town Hall. Bro. H. B. Sherman was with them and held a meeting. The first baptisms in the village taking place hundreds being present to witness the scene. In 1883 they built and opened their church building. They have a good Sunday School and a good prayer meeting. They contributed \$30.00 towards Home Mission work. Bro. Marratt is their principal teacher and is highly appreciated by them.

From Aurora to Stayner. Here the church has been in existence for a good many years. They have about fifty-four members, and for nine months in the year they have a good Sunday School. Their location is not good for doing a large work, being about two miles out of the village of Stayner. They are interested in both Foreign and Home Missions, and if it were possible would like to have a preacher of the gospel in their midst. I preached three evenings to good audiences. They contributed \$35.00 to Home Mission work.

From Stayner to Glencairn. In one important respect Glencairn carries the palm, and I consider it worth recording. The people come to the meetings "on time," and the meetings begin to the minute; rarely any one late. Think of a church where the people are all there to sing the opening song of praise. Think of the strange feelings aroused by being in a church where you can pray without feeling that there is a small crowd waiting outside the door impatiently waiting to come in, and where you can read the Scripture without having your voice drowned by a constant dropping in of one and another, or having to wait till all is quiet, as it ought to be when God's Word is read. I repeat, this is worth recording. It is a more important item than many I have written, and if it bring forth the fruit I hope it may I shall be thankful. Reader, are you the person who always comes late to the Lord's house? If so, make an honest effort to avoid sinning in that direction in future. A word to the wise is sufficient.

They have a good Sunday school in Glencairn and good singing. They are interested in Home and Foreign Mission work and are especially anxious to help in placing a preacher of the gospel in Collingwood. They contribute

\$30.00 to our Home Mission work, and we can call on them with confidence to help support a man in Collingwood when we are ready. I spent a week with them, preaching twice on Lord's Day and each evening to good audiences.

From Glencairn to Collingwood. Here I spoke twice on Lord's Day, to a good audience in the morning but to a much larger one at night. The Collingwood brethren are few and poor in this world's goods, but they are very hopeful and persevering. I consider this a good point for preaching the gospel, and it ought to be done. The church is singularly deficient in what we call home talent, but they use faithfully what little they have. They ought to be helped and a proper effort to establish the cause at this point should be made.

J. L.

FINAL REPORT OF C. W. MARTZ.

I started homeward from Goderich, Ont., early on the morning of November 1st, and arrived at my home in Indianapolis, Ind., on Tuesday morning following at about 11 o'clock.

My last report was written while I was at Walkerton. Afterwards I visited and preached one evening at Stratford. The following day, Thursday, Nov. 28th, I reached the vicinity of Goderich and preached in the home of Bro. Alex. Gerrard the same evening. The following evening, as also on Saturday and Sunday evenings, we occupied the school house and preached to quite a number of friends who gathered with the disciples. On Lord's Day morning we met in the home of one of the brethren, and broke the loaf and partook together of the emblematic cup in memory of Calvary's illustrious Sufferer. Brethren assisted by their exhortations and prayers in making it a very precious occasion, while I added, in brief discourse, some practical suggestions, submitted as parting words of advice to the brethren. In this locality fifteen or sixteen earnest and devoted disciples meet to worship. They are doing what they can to help themselves. A little help rendered in this field would eventually bring a large revenue of blessing to the cause.

I greatly regretted that my enfeebled condition did not enable me to project my work even into the following month, and beyond the time at which my year actually closed. I desired also to visit the little church where Bro. Smith has so faithfully labored, but physical strength failed, and I was compelled to cease holding meetings for them. I bade these good brethren good-bye and cancelling my engagement at Detroit, Mich., hastened homeward.

I have thus closed the most active and laborious of all the years of my ministry. I have served my good brethren in Ontario as faithfully as I could. I believe I have contributed in making possible still greater results for the cause of missions in Ontario. I have the satisfaction of having conscientiously, and well and faithfully performed the work by me undertaken, which has made such a constant strain upon my energies and strength. During the year I have traveled a distance of 2025 miles in actual service in reaching the fields where I have labored. I have delivered 196 public discourses, besides daily labor in the homes of the brethren and among the people. In the direct line of my labors there have been 41 confessions and baptisms, and others gathered in, reaching in the aggregate near a half-hundred souls. I took pledges to the amount of \$178.25, while operating under the first seven months of my work. I received in cash from the churches directly \$121.33. Turned over to the former Sec-Treas., \$36.69 cash, and from him have received at different times in cash to apply on salary, out of the amounts pledged and forwarded to him from churches or individual disciples until at this writing, including \$10.00 paid from the brethren near Goderich, and heretofore unreported, I have received a total amount in cash for services as evangelist of \$632.50. I have visited and re-visited points where I have preached in the Province until the times in which I have again and again attacked the enemy's ramparts, in an aggressive warfare against the sin of those who seek to overthrow Christianity—the indifference of its votaries at professed friends—anti-missionary sentiment, and other forms and phases of wrong-doing, opposed to the Saviour's teaching, have reached the number of forty-six different engagements.

For Bro. Jas. Lediard, at once my contemporary and successor in labor, I bespeak the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the brethren in his effort to place this work on a more firm and permanent basis. If strength is given I may soon be on the field of activity again holding meetings in the Province, where, in the judgment of my brethren, they believe I can do good.

While the actual distance travelled in direct connection with my work has been more than

two thousand miles, a careful management of my appointments so as to avoid too much retracing of distances once covered by travel, I have been able to cover all railway, stage and hack fare expenses by an outlay in cash for the entire year of \$82.25.

Of course this amount is exclusive of my own personal expense of coming to Canada and returning to my home again, which, with the privilege of one short visit to my home during the year, cost me personally, as my contribution to this work, the sum of \$57.00.

I may include, I presume, without offence to any one interested in me personally, and the final report I now submit, that at this date there is still due evangelist for services rendered, and unpaid, as yet, the sum of \$167.50, which the Board of Management will no doubt promptly direct to be placed in my hands. In conclusion I submit, that there are some disciples in Canada who would not sacrifice the home comforts and make the sacrifice I have been called upon to make in the interest of the cause for a much larger sum than the full amount of my salary. I have learned that there are hundreds of true, tried and noble disciples, who have a love for the cause, and many have contributed of their means to aid in supporting me in the doing of this hard and much needed work in Ontario.

To all dear brethren and friends a tender Farewell.

C. W. MARTZ.

OBITUARY.

On the morning of the 5th of January, at his residence, in Meaford, the spirit of Bro. J. C. Whitclaw quietly passed away to his eternal home. For more than a year he had been in failing health, and all efforts, whether change of climate or medical aid, proved ineffectual in producing any change for the better. In the spring of 1886 he gave up business in Meaford and tried the climate of Manitoba, settling with the church at Portage la Prairie, and laboring with them very acceptably, though in great weakness, for about three months, when he was compelled to return home, his strength all the time gradually wasting away with consumption—"But while the outward man perished, the inward man was renewed day by day." With great patience and implicit confidence in the word of the Lord, he endured till the change came. Many times as the end drew near he spoke of realizing more than ever the certainty of things unseen and eternal. From the time he entered upon the Christian life, he pursued a steady, persistent, faithful course in what he believed to be his duty in the service of God till the end.

His labors in preaching and teaching were chiefly confined to Meaford and adjacent churches and so faithful was he in discharging his duty that nothing but impassable roads, or weather hindered him from filling his appointments.

Among his last sayings on earth was an entreaty to those whom he had been instrumental in teaching the way of the Lord more perfectly, to be faithful in the service of the Lord.

Our dear Brother was called away before he scarcely reached his prime, being only 34 years of age, and leaves a sorrowing wife and three small children to the care and protection of Him who has promised to never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him. These, with his aged and affectionate mother, have our deepest sympathy in their bereavement, and we pray that the Everlasting Arms may bear them safely onward and upward till they again meet with him who has but gone before, to be with Christ which is far better.

D. STIRLING.

Meaford, Jan. 21st, 1887.

MARRIED.

MCGILL—WHITE—On the 4th of January, at the residence of the bride's mother, by T. L. Fowler, Donald E. McGill, of Erin, to Hattie White, of the same place.

WHITE—MCALLISTER—On the 4th of January, at the residence of the bride's father, by T. L. Fowler, Edward White, of Erin, to Katie Ann, eldest daughter of Daniel McAllister, Erin.

TRUMPER—MCDONALD—On the 12th of January, at the residence of the bride's father, Robert McDonald, Esq., of West Point, by J. H. Mundy, Miss Mary Catherine McDonald to Mr. Frederick B. Trumper, of Athol, P. E. Co.

PAGE—KAITH—On the 29th of December, at the residence of the bride's mother, Sherwood, Ont., by James Lediard, Ella Kaith to Lewis Page, of Vaughan.

ALEXANDER—MARTIN—On the 13th of January, in the Township of Erin, at the residence of the bride's father, by Elder James Kilgour, C. A. Alexander, Lambton Co., to Sister Sarah M., third daughter of Bro. Geo. Martin.