

**Hamilton.**

It is very gratifying to us, and no doubt will also be to the brethren in the Province who have been interested in and have been supporting the Home Mission work, to know that there is a very decided improvement in the appearance and prospects of the church in Hamilton. All departments of the work are in a healthy and hopeful condition. The Sunday evening services are more largely attended than ever in the history of the church. In fact, we have proved that we can have our house full, gallery and all. The Sunday-school is growing and getting constantly into better shape for its great work of teaching the Word of God.

The Young People's Society is doing a most wholesome work, which tells in many ways.

Recently a Children's Mission Band has been formed, which has already 61 paying members. It is never safe for uninspired people to prophesy until after the event, but the present indications in Hamilton are that a new era has dawned, and that very encouraging things may be looked for in the near future. There has been a number of baptisms lately, and some Disciples are coming to us from other places, all of which is cheering to us here, and will impress our brethren of the Co-operation with the idea that it is not vain to expect that a good strong church can be built up in Hamilton G. M.

**Bridgeburg.**

In response to your request for some items of interesting news from this point, I send you the following:

Since the last communication from here, Bro. E. W. Allen, pastor of Forest Avenue Church of Christ, at Black Rock, Buffalo, has been preaching regularly for us with great acceptability. In the latter part of February, Bro. Allen commenced a series of Bible study meetings of a most interesting and instructive character, but, owing to the very bad weather that prevailed, the attendance was light, and the meetings were deferred for better weather. As a result of the study, our people, as well as a few outside, know more of Bible truth than they had ever known.

Arrangements have just been made with Bro. Allen and the brethren at Black Rock for him to continue preaching for us; and we purpose holding a social gathering next week for Bro. Allen and his wife to meet us all and get to know our people.

We now have bright prospects before us for growth. The aid we received

last year from the Co-operation Board was very helpful to us, enabling us to keep Bro. McDougall much longer than we would have done alone. We shall always feel the good effects of that well timed help.

Our young people are anxious to have special services as soon as practicable. All the branches of our work are progressing fairly. We thank and praise God for His wonderful love and grace to us.

The DISCIPLE is always a welcome visitor, bringing, as it does, items of news from our brethren in other localities, as well as reminders of our duties and privileges in our Master's service. May our Heavenly Father richly reward your efforts to bring before us faithfully important and pertinent truths.

JOHN J. JAMES,

March 23, 1896.

**London.**

The church in London has enjoyed another year of prosperity. About 90 have been added, mostly by baptism, making the net membership nearly 200. Our debt has been reduced by \$200, leaving \$2,000 unpaid. We hope to make a further reduction in September next.

As the readers of the DISCIPLE OF CHRIST have already been informed, our church building is now too small to accommodate our Sunday evening audiences. Large numbers have frequently been unable to find seats and have been obliged to go elsewhere. It is absolutely necessary that steps be taken to increase the seating capacity with as little delay as possible.

Our Sunday-school has now an attendance of from 160 to 170. For want of room in the lecture hall, it has been found necessary to divide the school, the senior classes meeting in the main building.

Bro. Geo. Fowler has proclaimed the whole truth forcibly and fearlessly. Emphasis has been laid upon the first principles of the Gospel to such an extent that the whole neighborhood is leavened. To this fact may doubtless be attributed the pronounced failure of our immediate religious neighbors to add to their numbers by a partial presentation of the truth, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts in that direction during the past winter.

F. M.

London, March 24th, 1896.

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**London: From the Preacher's Standpoint.**

Being asked to write an article for the Home Mission number of the DISCIPLE, I intend to write about London, and not about other churches. We want facts, and not sentiment, if we expect a good collection May 3rd. London is the youngest mission of the Disciples in Ontario. Thus far it has been one of the most prosperous and encouraging. We read of what our brethren in the States are doing, but many have shaken their wise heads and said that it was impossible to do such work here. Our cause in London emphasizes that it is possible to do great things, even in Ontario. In four years we have grown from a beginning of six to a membership of two hundred, and have had our appropriation reduced one-half—from \$800 to \$450, and this with a large church debt, in the midst of one of the worst financial depressions of the century.

London is the strategic point of Western Ontario. It is in the center of one of the finest agricultural communities in the world. The outlook is bright. Brethren of the province,

stand by the work! Give it your financial support and your prayers. Without your support in the past this work would not be done. It is a monument of your liberality. In a few years, with God's help, you will see a strong, self-supporting church in London, with missions in the city and adjacent districts. This work has been done, not by special service, but by continued and persistent effort.

The first principles of the gospel have been preached as well as going on to perfection. We have not been ashamed to preach faith, repentance, confession, baptism, remission of sins, gift of the Holy Spirit, faithful continuance and eternal life, even if our grand old pioneer fathers did preach the same old Jerusalem Gospel. We have nothing new.

Brethren, a strong pull, a steady pull, a pull altogether and the work springs forward.

To God be the glory and the honor, and the power for ever and ever.

GEO. FOWLER, 376 Lyle St.

**Owen Sound.**

In reply to your enquiries as to the present standing and work of this congregation as looked at from the preacher's standpoint, I may say:

That we have many causes for thankfulness, and but few reasons for discouragement. It is quite possible, however, that you might do better than apply to the preacher for a general statement of the work in any congregation. Preachers are sometimes very human, and a little prejudiced when their own work is concerned.

1. As to discouragements. We have lost by removals several members, who were helpful and whom we regret. This is of course the common lot, but is more severely felt by small congregations. 2. The continued depression has affected us financially. Men out of work cannot give, however willing they may be. 3. Our work amongst the poor has been a heavier charge than usual this winter, and God's poor cannot be neglected. This is a trial so far as the poor are concerned, but a blessing so far as the church is concerned, though it makes life a little harder for all of us and hinders us in some other fields of work. We are sometimes led to envy the churches who can raise all the money they want, while we and others are hampered on every side by lack of dollars to accomplish what dollars were meant to do. But the Lord knows all about that, and for this we are thankful.

These are about all the discouragements.