

work, but will just say that I regard a plan, as Scriptural that has for its aim the preaching of Christ to a lost world.

The Annual Meeting this year will be in the city of St. Thomas, much needs to be done before we can claim the crown, or win the prize for faithfulness.

Come up brethren, let delegates at least from every church attend, let us counsel together and pray for divine guidance to work, not to be idle. God will certainly bless us largely with success if we are faithful.

The one thing needful at the present time is more money. The treasury is empty, and the work cannot go on without money. Several hundred dollars will be required to enable us to meet all liabilities up to the Annual Meeting. Please remember this and kindly relieve us from anxiety by sending in remittances at once. There are many brethren who could send us five or ten dollars without feeling it. Many have done so but we need more. The work is going on encouragingly. Brethren, don't let it suffer for lack of funds. Your Brother in Christ,
HUGH BLACK.

TORONTO

It is known to many Disciples that the Church of Christ, on Denison Ave., has, for some time, been endeavoring to secure such a lot as would give it a desirable and advantageous location and one which they might venture to purchase. Such a lot after, perhaps not too long a delay and much careful deliberation, has at last been secured. Its local advantages will be seen when I say that Spadina Avenue will in time become the Broadway of Toronto, and that College St. will be a great thoroughfare east and west cross Spadina north of Queen.

Our lot lies in the south, east angle formed by these two great streets, and within fifty yards of Spadina, fronting on Cecil Street, the first below College. We are thus close to what ere long will be one of the busiest centres of life in Toronto, and quite close to the University and other Educational Institutions, and also near the new Parliament buildings. This statement of location is sufficient to argue its advantages.

The lot is ninety feet front and one hundred and five deep with a lane on either side, one of which is twenty feet wide, itself a little street. The cost is \$7200. We have paid \$2200 in cash and one payment of \$1000 in a year, with the privilege of paying it sooner, and the balance in five years. We have pledges and subscriptions unpaid sufficient to meet the \$1000 when they are paid.

To pay off the balance and erect a house we will have to appeal to the generous and liberal hearts of brethren who realize the importance of the work in Toronto. We have growing confidence in our brethren who love the cause of New Testament Christianity that they will come to the aid of a work when they see its need, and such a need is upon us now of strengthening our work in the cities, and especially here. The Lord has been leading us as fast as we have been able to follow. We have not hesitated to lay hold of his hand and now he has opened a wider door for us. We have taken the pathway of a strong faith in entering it and already the light is brightening over us. The need of strength in the large cities is recognized by all religious bodies. In fact it can hardly be said that a people are strong who are not strong in the cities. When the Lord sent out the apostles they were to begin in Jerusalem, not in a village. When he was engaged in his Galilean ministry he made his headquarters in Capernaum, the largest city in Galilee. It was from Antioch, the eastern capital of the Empire, that the Gospel spread through Asia, and it was the great cities of Asia and Europe that Paul made the centres of his work.

In the cities a people are tested and woe to them if they are found wanting. There they meet the busy thought and opinions of an age more sharply,—there the various opposing creeds are more likely to be entrenched,—there they meet the great multitudes, there the great wealth of trade is to be laid hold on and invested in the cause of Christ, there a people are seen more conspicuously, and from there their faith must radiate.

To become strong in the cities many elements contribute which I have not space to write upon, but one thing is needful to us now,—the early erection of a building suitable to meet our growing wants.

Here can soon be planted a central congregation strong in all the elements of our cause. I believe Denison Avenue has the character out of which missions grow. From this other churches will arise. We ought to have in the next ten years a co-operating circle of four or

five churches in this city, and here very soon the Disciples should have a Bible College to educate young men for the ministry and to afford young men from the University and other Schools an opportunity to learn our position in its full and best presentation.

We ask brethren to whom the Lord has given means, large or small, to thoughtfully and prayerfully consecrate a liberal portion for this city work and we will soon realize a blessed fruitage. Fifteen or twenty thousand dollars invested now in Toronto would send back in a short time a large interest to magnify the cause in all the province. Who will "come to the help of the Lord against the mighty?" I send this out with a prayer upon it to the Master on his throne that he will give it a ready entrance to generous hearts, and that he will guide us all in a united work to his praise. Brethren, may we hear from you in such way as you may please, by correspondence or visits, offering us money or pledges in such sums as the Lord has given you. Money may be sent to W. J. Forrester, 89 Church St., who will acknowledge it. In much desire,
J. R. GAFF.

ONTARIO CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

DEAR SISTERS.—The June Meeting is drawing very near. No doubt you are all looking forward with bright hopes for a grand and good meeting when we come together to talk of the principles and activities of Christianity. Let us be exhorted by the Psalmist. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise, be thankful unto the Lord and bless his name." We can and will have a good meeting, for truly the Lord is blessing us. This work is only well begun. Almost at the eleventh hour, but God is gracious and will reward the faithful. Our meeting will commence earlier in the week this year, (Thursday). Possibly the Sisters may have a session on Friday, which we want to make very interesting. There are many places in Ontario that need our assistance, of which we may be totally ignorant. In this letter I will take the liberty to ask some *one* in these places, to prepare a paper setting forth their needs to carry on the work of the Master, to be read at our meeting. By this means, we may know *where* to work. Last year two excellent papers were read. This year we want more than two. We would be glad to hear a short report from the Aux's at one of the sessions. This is a very interesting feature. The Aux's will also remember that the annual report *must* be made up the last of May. Please send in your reports not later than the middle of the month. Now gird ye up and "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name, bring an offering and come into his courts."

Mrs. E. McCURRO,
Ivan, Mar. 26, '89. Cor. Sec'y.

AN ENTERTAINMENT.

A public meeting was held by the Everton Auxiliary, of the C. W. B. M., in the Meeting House, Everton, on the evening of March 11th, which well deserves notice in the EVANGELIST. The sisters are working, with earnest devotion in the cause of Home Missions.

They decided to give a public entertainment in order to lay before their Sisters and Brethren too the object for which the Mission Bands were organized, and the greater good to be accomplished by such means.

The meeting was in every respect worthy the name of a Christian Ladies' Entertainment.

The meeting was presided over by Sister Fowler, the President of the Everton Band. Those who were not present missed a treat. Our Sister conducted the meeting in a business like, graceful easy style, nothing tedious, no time lost, every one in place, and a good programme through by 10 o'clock. I wish the Presidents opening address could be read by every Sister in America, I will not attempt to the faintest degree to reproduce it, I believe all who heard it were inspired to resolve anew to do more for Christ in the future.

I hope the address will appear in the EVANGELIST. Other sisters, members of the Board, gave finely rendered and appropriate readings, and Brother Fowler one of his happy, pithy speeches, and all interspersed with excellent music.

A collection amounting to \$12.26 in aid of the funds was taken up. I think it would greatly aid our Home Mission work, if similar Bands were organized in every Church, our Sisters are anxious, and able to give valuable assistance to the work, in which we—I hope are all interested—that the cause of primitive Christianity be well established in all parts, both city and country of our Province.

May God richly bless our sisters, may we strive

to emulate their zeal, and may they be constant and earnest, and they will gain to their ranks all who are in sympathy with our plea.

HUGH BLACK.

The following is the address delivered on the occasion by Sister Fowler.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The most of you present, I believe, are acquainted with the object of our meeting this evening. It is sufficient for me to say that it is in the interest of Mission Work, and for the purpose of fostering a missionary spirit among the Sisters of the church.

While we are prohibited both by nature, and the Word of God from going forth as public proclaimers of the gospel, yet, we have, I believe, some little part to perform in the greatest of all enterprises—the evangelization of the world. Although we are a little restricted in our sphere of Christian activity, we certainly do not wish to make that an excuse for being idle spectators in the vineyard of our Master.

Woman has in a special sense, been placed under the deepest debt of gratitude to the Saviour. It is only through the gospel that she has secured, and it has been freely accorded her, those privileges and prerogatives which belong to her as man's equal.

"The condition of woman in antiquity," Prof. Geikie says, "was little better than that of a slave." "She was the property of her husband, his inferior, not his equal."

"Among the Romans she was more highly honored, yet was destitute of rights apart from her husband. Full and perfect worth as a human being antiquity never conceded to woman, man alone possessed this dignity." "Even the philosophers," says a recent writer, "thought her a low order of creature." Plato represents a State as wholly disorganized, where slaves are disobedient to their masters, and wives equal to their husbands." A wonderful change in this respect never thought of by ancient moralists nor dreamed of by ancient philosophers has been brought about by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The declaration of Paul that "the gospel is the power of God and the wisdom of God" has been literally fulfilled. By it we have been saved from many evils in life, and through it we will be saved from all evil in eternity.

Activity in spreading such a gospel should then be a delightful task—a labor of love. But what can we do? What can women do towards spreading the gospel? It is presumption in the estimation of some for them to even think of doing anything. Why should they not, in their sphere, be as active as the men in spreading the truth abroad. The Scriptures teach us if we would share in the reward, we must be helpers in the good work.

We find that women at the very beginning of the Christian dispensation before there had been much time for them to adjust themselves to the new life and new liberties afforded by the gospel, were active helpers with the apostles in the blessed work, for which the apostle commended them. Paul says "I commend unto you Phoebe our sister which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea, that you receive her in the Lord as becometh saints and that you assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you." He says again in another place, "I entreat thee true yoke-fellow help those women which labored with me in the gospel."

From these scriptures we learn that in those early days even, women were servants of the church, transacted business in the interest of the church, and were helpers of the apostles and others in the good work.

But what can we do more than we have been doing? Can we not learn more about the needs of our fellow-beings in other parts of our country and in other countries, and can we not assist in devising ways and in raising means by which the blessed gospel of the Son of God might be preached to them?

We are sometimes told that the most of women do not handle very much money. This may all be true, but should we not consecrate a portion of the little which we do handle for the holy purpose of sending the truth of Heaven to those who are perishing.

We should remember that the man that had but the one talent was held strictly to account for the use he made of it, and let us also remember that if there be a willing mind our offerings will be accepted, according to what we have and not according to what we have not. Our ability is the limit of our responsibility. Our Saviour says, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much, and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door,
While the souls of men are dying,
And the Master calls for you,
Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do."

THE WAY TO ST. THOMAS.

St. Thomas is not so situated that very many people will need to be told where it is. Go to the most convenient railway station and whatever road it may be on if you run your eye over the time-table you are very likely to see St. Thomas. It has better railway communication than any other city in Canada, inasmuch as it is tapped by each of the three great systems, Michigan Central, Grand Trunk and Canada Pacific. From east of Toronto the Grand Trunk follows the southern boundary of the province and gives a direct line through Hamilton and London or through Guelph, Stratford and London to St. Thomas. Lying inland from the lake shore is the line of the Canada Pacific which runs direct from Ottawa through Toronto and Woodstock to St. Thomas. From Owen Sound and the district around it the best way is by the old T. G. & B. division of the C. P. R., through Orangeville and Streetsville, changing cars at Streetsville. From the Collingwood district you can buy a through ticket by the Hamilton and Northwestern changing to the Grand Trunk at Georgetown and on by Guelph, Stratford and London, or by the H. and N. to Milton and on by the C. P. R. Those taking this line must change cars at Georgetown or Milton. We believe the Georgetown route to be the more convenient. From Niagara district the Michigan Central R. P. runs in almost a straight line to St. Thomas. From the County of Wellington the most convenient route is that of the G. T. R., through Stratford and London. The old Credit Valley will bring you to the Railroad City, but the line is much longer and the fare higher. On both these lines there are two changes of cars—at St. Mary's and London or at Cataract and Streetsville. But wherever you are in Canada, between the Atlantic and Pacific, between the great lakes and the North Pole, having once reached a railway station you can buy a ticket through to St. Thomas. We hope that all who can possibly do so will come and be with us next June and help to make this the greatest June meeting ever held in Ontario.
A. M.

THE MARCH COLLECTION.

More Churches are sending in offerings than did a year ago. Quite a number are contributing for the first time. A few have more than doubled their contributions. But, take the offerings as a whole, they are not as generous as was hoped they would be. Some have fallen below last year. Very many are unworthy of strong and prosperous churches. The largest churches and the churches that have had the largest gatherings have not yet reported. It is probable that they are holding their offerings until they average one dollar for the entire membership.

It is felt by very many that the time has come for a grand forward movement. The whole line ought to advance. We started out to raise \$100,000 this year. There is a wide-spread desire that this amount should be raised, and more. We are well able to raise a quarter of a million of dollars a year for Foreign Missions. We have sixty Missionaries in the field. Six hundred thousand people are able to support six hundred missionaries, at least. We must do more than we are doing. Children's Day will probably realize \$25,000. Let all do as they have been prospered, and the result will be well pleasing to God.

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OBITUARIES.

REED.

It is our painful duty to record the death of Willie, the son of Brother and Sister Henry Reed, of Mimosa. He died of that terrible disease diphtheria, on Feb. 24th. He was 11 years and 8 months old. Willie was an exceedingly bright and promising boy, but the Lord saw fit to take him. To the parents there is comfort for them in their grief in the rich promises of God's Word.

MARRIED.

HAIST.—Moot.—On the 6th March, 1889, at the residence of J. W. Moot, Esq., Wm. F. Haist to Kath A. Moot. All of Gainsboro. J. B. L.

DIED.

OVERHOLT.—Sister Mary Overholt, of the Gainsboro Congregation, died on the 21st inst., after an illness of eight days, aged 23 years. She was beloved by all who knew her. Her gentle manner, and fidelity to the Saviour will live in the memory of all of us. She was blind, yet by the aid of raised letters "She sat (too eagerly) at Jesus feet, and heard His Word." She was glad to go.