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### NECESSARY

We here make our bow, and proceed to make our apology for the appearance of the *Christian Worker*, which is now a candidate for christian favor. It is not our purpose to be a rival to any of the many good papers published by our brethren, on the contrary, we desire to "put in our oar" to help spread the "good news" of our Redeemer's Kingdom.

The *Worker* asks the privilege of going out once per month, loaded with good things concerning the Master's cause, and silently to enter into the affections of the people and cheer them up, and tell them "the story of Jesus and His love."

It will be an especial object to forward the *Meaford* cooperation by stirring up the lukewarm and inciting all to greater efforts in our Master's work.

We will glean from our papers all the news of the progress of the Gospel in other fields, and give this news condensed to our readers.

The *Worker* will be a bold, respectful advocate for the restoration of primitive christianity, both in teaching and practice. It will go to them, from our dear brethren, upon the first principles of the Gospel, thus reading the light for and near.

Misrepresentations of our teaching will be corrected as far as possible, and the slanderers exposed.

Reports from the churches will appear, if the churches will send them in. A postal card is all that is needed to vitiate the report upon.

Many say they are not able to take a paper that costs two dollars per year. The *Worker* is so cheap that all can take it, and to good that all will want it.

Every step. Yet it is scarcely sixty years since the current Reformation began. The difference between us and the opposing societies may be briefly stated, as follows: Our test of fellowship is "Faith in Christ as the Son of God and our Saviour, and obedience to Him." We do not make our opinion a test of Christian or Church fellowship. The denominations, no doubt, have faith in Christ, but refuse to fellowship all who will not subscribe to their human creed, which is only their opinion of what the Scriptures mean at last. All agree upon what the Bible says, but divide on human opinions, hence one is a Presbyterian another Methodist, Baptist, etc., because they have the opinion that suits them best, *Catechism* in one, *Ver Deus* in another. We require a person to believe with all the heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; to repent and turn away from all their sins and confess his faith in Christ (not theories of Christ) but Christ as the Savior, and be immersed into the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. This brings such a one into the Kingdom of Christ, then they who are thus brought in are taught to continue faithful, adding the "Christian Graces." To such a one Eternal Salvation is sure, and to none others, according to God's word.

We believe "that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for Doctrine, (teaching) reproof, correction in error, instruction in righteousness, that the Man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." This being true we do not need a creed, being perfectly furnished in the Scriptures. There is not a believer in the Bible, in the land that will not say if a man will follow the above honestly, that he will be saved. Hence here is something that all can unite on as a whole embracing all the essentials of the Christian religion. The Holy Spirit converts the sinner through the Gospel, which is God's power to save. The Gospel being the word of the Holy Spirit. This is an out-line of our teaching, we will elaborate in future numbers of the *Worker*. We invite friendly criticism, and will assist all in our power to let the plain word have a chance.

**OBITUARY.**  
SOMEONE COMES WITH THE MORNING.—We are sorry to announce the untimely death of Joseph Law. He was a bright promising young man, had just finished his education, and entered into his life work full of joyous hope, when suddenly without a moment's warning the summons came. Our sympathy is with the mother who must feel this sudden grief most keenly. His brothers were shocked almost dumbfounded. The only comfort is in God and the word of His Grace.

On the 27th of Oct. John Chambers started from his home in his usual health, to go to Meaford, about two miles away, and stopped at his daughter's, Mrs. George Ellis, and in alighting from the wagon he fell—only a slight fall. He was helped up, but said, "I am a dead man!" He expired 50 minutes afterwards. He has lived near Meaford for the last 20 years, hence was well known. The large concourse of people that attended the last rites testify to the esteem in which he was held. The editor of this paper preached the Discourse from the words of the Apostle, "For as it is appointed for man once to die, after that the judgment." He leaves a large family of grown up children, and many friends. May God comfort them, and especially the widow who is now left to grope her way alone until the Master shall call her hence. John Chambers was 75 years of age. Thus one by one we pass over the stream. Let us all be ready.

**CHURCH NEWS.**  
The Church at Owen Sound is in better condition now than it has been for some years. Brotherly love abounds and a disposition to work will insure success. All the members feel encouraged.

The Church at Meaford is moving along like a perfect piece of machinery. The Bishops are the power behind the throne here, as they ought to be everywhere. The new converts who came into the church during our meeting last summer, are all at their post. This is very gratifying to me as well as to the church.

At this writing we are engaged in a meeting at Killyth. The audiences are good, the interest best, the attention better. The church is not strong numerically, but they are well united together, and are ready for a forward move. They have a good house, well fitted up, and it presents a cozy appearance inside and out.

For the information of our readers, we will condense the reports "from the field," that we have gleaned from the Standard, Review, Apostle, Times, Christian, Old Path Guide and Index and Sentinel, in addition to the church in the States in round numbers, for three weeks ending Oct. 25th:

Ohio	109
Indiana	203
Illinois	78
Tennessee	60
Kentucky	114
Iowa	148
Missouri	227
Georgia	99
Virginia	68
Pennsylvania	7
Michigan	6
Kansas	51
Mississippi	20
Alabama	21
Florida	11
North Carolina	8
Prince Edward's Island	9
Total	1834

The editor of this paper visited Euphrasia the 14th Sunday of last month and baptised a two year old son of Bro. Donnelly. The church at Euphrasia is united in love and working along patiently. They have a neat little house in which to meet. We expect to hold a series of meetings there soon.

We have visited Collingwood and took a survey of the field. We feel encouraged by the outlook. Brethren Hill and Cairner seem to be ready for the work. We will open up the campaign at that point in December. "Fally men" is the word now.

We have not been able to visit the church at Cape Rich, on account of other engagements, but we learn from Brother Cox that they "come together every first day of the week." This is a good indication. Steadfastness is the sure policy.

Bro. C. J. Lister has been laboring at Bowmanville since July. We judge from his letter in the *Index & Sentinel* that the prospect is not as cheering as it might be in the church at B., but if patient, earnest work will make things better, we have no fear of the result. If Bro. L. has any fault to find with our teaching, let him write it.

So far this has been a very prosperous year for our cause. The religious Journals published by our Brethren, are teeming with cheering reports from the field. Additions reported by hundreds, and a general awakening among the churches. Brethren, let us not fall behind in this work. Put things in order.

We cannot forbear to mention the many donations and acts of kindness we have received since we came to live among this noble people. Brethren and Sisters you cheer us up very much.

Bro. Duncan Sterling has moved his family from Warton, and is again on his old place, about a mile from Meaford. Bro. S. thinks "there is no place like home," and we agree with him.

Bro. Donald Fleming of Killyth has been in poor health for a long time. He is dependent at times, but so are rejected to see him on the road to recovery. He is patient in his affliction, and we hope he will take dose of cheerfulness "now and then." It will be good for him.

Our dear Sister Falls is trying the skill of Dr. Pierce of Buffalo, N. Y. She is very feeble. May God bless the means used and restore her health, but we submit to his will. She is a noble Disciple of Jesus.

**SHORTS.**  
"Go preach the Gospel to every creature."—Jesus.  
"My father worketh hitherto, and I work."—Jesus.  
Roll in the subscriptions and we will send out the *Worker*. It is a silent but effective preacher. Try it.

Warm up the churches spiritually. Put the Armour on, get ready for a forward move. A good prayer-meeting is the heater. All turn out.

Circulate the *Worker*; it will do good in preparation for a meeting.

Those people who are trying to get to heaven on their knees will find out at last that they didn't have a thru ticket.—Josh Billings.

We—that is, wife and I and four children arrived at Meaford Oct. 4th.

Fourteen months for 30 cents! From now until December 1882. Send in a long list, "Work" is the word now.  
"Be wise as Serpents and harmless as Doves."  
"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."—Jesus.

"Prayer is the Christian's vital Breath, The Christian's native air."  
Prayerless Christians are careless Christians.  
"Work! Work! Work!" Spread the *Worker*.  
Those who are circumscribed by a human creed, have no room to grow.

Read this number carefully. Show it to your neighbor. Send us a large club, and you will be happy, and make your neighbor happy.

The fearful fires in Michigan are only a little foretaste of the calamity that will befall the wicked.  
He that takes the Bible for his rule of faith and practice, rejecting all human creeds, as he must, to do it, will not go far wrong.  
Truly converted christians neither morn down in summer, nor fevered out in winter. Does this hit you Bro. or Sister?  
"I now have room to grow," said J. B. Hotterliam, an eminent scholar of England, when he renounced Sectarianism, and accepted the Bible alone.

A conversion that does not lead to obedience of God's commandments, in the way directed in His word, is not a conversion to Christ.

Being acquainted with the *Essentials* of the Northern Business College of Owen Sound, and knowing their ability and facilities for giving the instruction needed by young men desiring a commercial education, we do not hesitate to recommend this institution to all desiring to prepare themselves for commercial life. See advertisement in this paper.—E. W. WORKER.

If you have a friend or a number of friends that you would like to read the *Worker*, subscribe for them and have it sent direct from this office to them. Some families have already subscribed at the rate of two, four and six copies, for the year for their friends and neighbors.

The following was Victoria's last message of sympathy to Mrs. Garfield:—"Words cannot express the deep sympathy I feel with you at this time. May God support and comfort you as he alone can."  
"Victoria."

"Walk worthy of the vocation in which you are called."—Paul.  
Christianity is a vocation, no man should follow a vocation that is not honorable. The vocation being honorable, he ought not to be ashamed of it, but honor it by an upright life. Christianity is honorable.

The following from the pen of Bro. A. Elmora is just to the point. Read it:—  
One great hindrance in protracted meetings is that a portion of the membership are often unprepared to begin with the meeting. When a protracted effort is begun, all possible business should be suspended. We should not expect to run our farms and shops on a full head of steam. The first week should not pass, attended by a few, while our children, hired help and poor neighbors are absent. Sisters should not remain at home, cooking for company. As a matter of time we cannot afford such slow going. A preacher thus scarcely half employed can not be so profitable to himself, to the community in which he is labouring, nor to the cause at large.

I don't object to half fare on railroads but I insist on more than this in meetings. If possible, we should have two meetings each day, which will afford the opportunity of preaching to the church in day sessions, and to sinners at night. Every one who has a wagon and team should take them along; and inform the poor on the

way to be ready; pick up all who can possibly be induced to attend. If we take conveyances we can usually fill them. The first thing is to get an audience, and second, preach the Gospel.

We want you to send us short articles, news concerning the church work, reports, etc. We want our paper to represent the whole brotherhood in this region. Write short and write often.

We want the *Worker* in multiplied hundreds of families. Let some young brother or sister in each neighborhood work up an interest in the matter. Send us a long list of subscribers. "Work while it is called to day."

Address all communications for publication to the Editor at Meaford, Ont. Send all monies and letters concerning Adver. (sign) or other business to the business manager at Owen Sound, Ont.

Subscribe for a number of copies and send them out. It is good mission work.

We will admit a few first-class advertisements, just as few as we can get along with, and we will not accept an advertisement, if we have any doubt as to its character, at any price. Our readers will appreciate this.

We want it understood at the start that "The Christian Worker" has come to stay. We are on a solid basis and having "put our hands to the plough we will not look back; We want a thousand subscribers, and we are going to get them if the brethren up their duty, before the January number reaches our readers. No to work.

Move on with the Temperance cause, brethren. You cannot afford to stand aloof from it. Your boys are exposed to its fangs. Think of the hopes blasted; homes made miserable and souls lost by intemperance, and then ask yourself, "can I afford to withhold my influence against it?"

New York, Sept. 28.—The Anchor Line steamship *Anchonia*, arrived from Glasgow, reports the sinking of a small vessel. All on board were lost.  
A passenger says: "I was in the main saloon when the crisis came—the steamship reeled, and we thought we were going to the bottom. Women screamed, some fainted, and all that could rushed for the decks. I saw the hands on the steamship throw lighted buoys overboard; and manned boats were lowered in about ten or fifteen minutes. Then it was too late to save any one on the unfortunate vessel. She sank almost instantly. We heard their cries for assistance, but the poor fellows drowned before we could give any."

It is often said by those who think christianity cannot exist without a creed, that there cannot be harmony without a creed. The following reveals some of the harmony and brotherly love, where the creed settles all questions of faith. It may be good for the soul, but it certainly is hard on the throat. We hope that these wretches are not common.  
"A. W. G. S. S. S. S. S. S."—An ecclesiastical quarrel has occurred at Glasgow, growing out of a long-standing quarrel between the orthodox and liberal wings of the Free Church. A revision of the standard of the Church, the confession of faith, and the Westminster catechism are the subjects of dispute. The liberals wish remodelled, so as to do away with the doctrines of infant damnation election, predestination, and verbal inspiration of the Bible, while the orthodox factions hold that these doctrines should be preserved. At the Synod of Ministers of the Free Church, the discussion rose to such a pitch that Rev. L. MacKay Askall seized MacArthur by the throat and almost strangled him. The combatants were separated with great difficulty.

The Mormon priests, in their sermons, are telling their deluded followers that if they had been called they could have saved the President's life simply by laying on of hands. The Salt Lake *Tribune*, a fearless paper, that has for years been a painful thorn in the side of the Mormon Church, pertinently asks the wise healers: "Why didn't they save their Prophet Brigham in that way? Why didn't they save the sixty Mormon children that died in Salt Lake in August by that simple process? The frauds shouldn't all answer at once."

I once thought that the Bible was full of instruction not praying for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for Holy Ghost religion, but upon searching not a word of authority for either is found in the new Testament.