

EVERTON.—There were two confessions at our regular evening meeting two weeks ago. Our house of worship has been repaired, repainted and re-furnished. Mr. Moffat of Guelph, had the contract for the painting and he did it to the satisfaction of everybody concerned. There were four coats of paint put on the walls and ceiling. The former is a gray-stone color and the latter is a lighter color and beautifully decorated. The walls are relieved by deep stencilling and the high arched ceiling is panelled and elaborately stencilled. An appropriate motto is inscribed upon the wall over the pulpit. The baptistery lid is also inscribed with suitable texts. These inscriptions reflect much credit upon Mr. Moffat's skill as a painter. Our house is now in a first-class state of repair.

T. L. FOWLER.

COLLINGWOOD.—We always feel somewhat reluctant in reporting church news, unless we have something special to communicate, and yet it is due the churches to know what one another are doing. As I suppose I am safe in saying that nine out of ten of the readers of our religious papers look at the "News Column" the first thing.

We are pleased to say that as a congregation we are living in perfect peace, and loving harmony. And it does one good to see the earnestness manifested by the individual members in the prosperity of the cause of Christ in our midst. For months we worked between hope and fear. No one who is not fully acquainted with the circumstances knows what we had to contend with, and we hope they never will. We thank the Lord that the gospel is breaking down a strong prejudice, and the people are giving us a much better hearing than at first. We are all hopeful, and confident that the success of the cause here is but a question of time depending upon the faithfulness of the individual Christian, and keeping the Saviour of men before the people in our lives, and in a proclaimed gospel. The gospel will captivate the affections and lives of those who give it an honest hearing. May the Lord give us courage, and open the way to carry on His own work. One added to the church here by confession and obedience last Lord's Day.

Jan. 2nd, 1889.

C. S.

RECEIPTS.

The following contributions for Mission work in the Province have been received since last report:

Church, Garafraxa.....	\$11.00
" Erin Village.....	8.25
" Blenheim.....	20.00
" Owen Sound.....	6.50
" Glencairn.....	10.00
" Erin Centre.....	20.00
" Everton.....	9.00
S. S. Everton.....	20.00
A. Bell, Sunnidale Corners	2.00
John Teetzel, Blenheim..	5.00
J. Ketchum, Cherry Valley	25.00

The following are the sums received to date in response to the appeal made by the Board for a special collection:

Church, Everton.....	\$13.18
" Mimosa.....	4.82
" Cotswold.....	6.00
" Galt.....	2.00
" Acton.....	10.05
" West Lake.....	4.00
" Wainfleet.....	4.00
" Erin Centre.....	15.00

We trust all the churches without exception will send a special collection. The good work is going on. Let all participate in it.

T. L. FOWLER, Cor.-Secy.

OPENING OF THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP, MARSVILLE.

In the Fall of 1887 the writer held a series of meetings with the church in this place and the immediate result was quite a number of additions. The more remote result was a desire for a larger house of worship. The house then occupied by them being both small and dilapidated steps were at once taken, a new site purchased and preparation made for beginning the work. The actual work of erection commenced during the past summer and by the close of the year the building was complete, a description of which has already appeared in these columns. I need only say that it is a bright attractive house, with every comfort and convenience, while there is nothing of extravagance. The arrangement of baptistery and dressing rooms is most convenient, and congregations intending to build would do well to write Brother Woolner for particulars of this feature of their new house. January the 6th was the day selected for the opening services. The writer conducted the opening services in the

morning, while Rev. W. C. Armstrong of Hillsburg, preached in the afternoon, and Brother George Munro in the evening. In spite of the unpleasant weather, the house was crowded to its utmost capacity at each service. The contributions from the brethren were liberal, and the voluntary offerings of the people in the neighborhood generous. The new building with the site, and furnishings complete, has cost about \$1700. And the brethren throughout the Province will be glad to hear that, there is no debt; this is a rare occurrence and is worthy of note. A meeting was held a few days after the opening, and all accounts paid. It speaks well for the liberality of the congregation. By the desire of the brethren I stayed and held a short meeting with them, resulting in the addition of 8 persons to the saved. The audiences were large and the interest good, many coming in to hear who were not in the habit of attending our meetings. We had the pleasure of Brother Munro's presence two evenings. I had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and as usual the brethren at Marsville received me very warmly and remunerated me very liberally.

As it is some time since I have written to the EVANGELIST, owing to the disturbance occasioned by the change of my field of labor, I take the opportunity of saying that I am comfortably settled with the church in Lobo. The field is large, the opportunities for doing good many, if we have but the wisdom and grace to take hold of them. The meetings are well attended. The prayer meeting especially is growing both in numbers and interest. You will hear with regret of the long and serious illness of Brother Archibald Sinclair, and will join with us in prayer for his restoration. In the early spring we hope to resume Sunday School work here. The church carries on two Sunday Schools during the summer, but closes during the winter months. The outlook here at present is encouraging. In my engagement with the church here I have reserved a portion of my time for a limited number of evangelistic services. Churches desiring help in such services will please write me at Poplar Hill, Ont., my present address.

JAMES LEDIARD,
Poplar Hill.

S. S. ENTERTAINMENT AT COLLINGWOOD.

Our Sunday School Entertainment held on the evening of the 21st ult., was largely attended, and was a most enjoyable time for both old and young. After partaking of a rich repast provided by the ladies of the congregation, the entertainment proper was opened by the congregation singing two verses of the hymn "All Hail" followed by a brief prayer, reading of the Scripture Mat. 21:10, and a hearty welcome by the school hymn 285. The programme prepared for the evening was then carried out—consisting of several Recitations, Songs, and short addresses, all of which were well rendered. A happy evening for the little folks was closed by singing, "God be with you till we meet again."

Collingwood, Jan'y 4th, 1889. C. S.

PREACH ON MISSIONS.

Your notice in the last EVANGELIST in regard to collections for Foreign Missions, together with the fact that many of us are so indifferent to this most important and fruitful part of Christian work leads one to reflect:—Why is it that there is not a more hearty response from the different churches?

Though there are several reasons, and considerable has been said on this question, still there is one reason which very little has been said about, and which would count for a great deal if rectified. This is the preachers' neglect of putting stress upon the importance of this work. How many missionary sermons are preached during the year? It is to be feared that some have their first to preach yet. How many simply announce among the other notices for the coming week the yearly collection for foreign missions? Let those who follow this plan, and are anxious for the success of missions, prepare one or two good sermons on the subject, and mark the result. If you are preaching to influence people for good, surely there is no greater good you can do than to get your congregation alive to missions. The reason for speaking thus is, because very few missionary sermons are heard from the pulpit by the regular preachers. As it is noticeable that the people who are most interested in foreign missions, are most alive to the work at home, if your congregation is dead to the home work and you fail to get them interested, try this plan, and instead of failing altogether, two grand things will be accomplished.

D. M.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

DR. HOPSON'S SERMONS.

I have in my possession many sermons, and notes of sermons, some written by Dr. Hopson's hand, the others written by myself at his dictation, and afterwards revised by him. Among them are the following, which I specify because they are more frequently mentioned by the multitude of his old hearers who are urging me to publish a book of his sermons:

Three-fold Nature of Spiritual Influence.

Three-fold Nature of Truth.

The Gospel the Power of God.

The Division of the Word of Truth.

Others may be Right, may be Wrong: We are Right and can not possibly be Wrong.

The Fellowship.

Perfect Law of Liberty.

The Good Confession.

Walk in the Light.

I have had offers from brethren to take as many as fifty copies, singly, if certain of these sermons should be included.

I propose now, to publish a volume of several hundred pages, of Dr. Hopson's sermons, at my own risk, if enough subscriptions are secured to guarantee me against loss.

The response to my proposal to publish his Biography was so general and generous, that I feel greatly encouraged to approach his brethren with regard to his sermons; I, therefore, address this notification to all who have cheered me in my former labors, to honor his memory.

I take the liberty to enclose a subscription blank and return envelope, in the hope that all will interest themselves to secure other subscriptions to forward with their own.

The price of the book will be \$1.25, per copy, due on the delivery of the book.

With lasting gratitude for the great kindness extended to me in the past, I remain,

Fraternally,

MRS. ELLA L. HOPSON.

Address me in care of Hamilton College, Lexington, Ky.

OBITUARIES.

MIDDLEFELDT.

Sister Middlefeldt, of the Gainsboro congregation, died on the 22nd of Dec., in her sixty-fifth year. She died peacefully, in full hope of everlasting life.

May the Saviour minister to us all, that same sweet peace and quietness, which we saw in her, in that trying hour.

Winger, Jan. 7, 1889.

J. B. L.

CURRIE.

Mrs. Mary Currie, widow of the late Duncan Currie, died Dec. 8th, 1888, at the residence of her son, Bro. A. J. Currie, of Erin. She was born in Islay, Scotland, in the year 1809, came to Canada in 1833, and was baptized about the year 1839. She had nine children, eight of them survive her, and six of them are now in fellowship with the Disciples of Christ. The son who is dead lost his life in peculiarly sad circumstances; he was at the residence of a married sister, and after dinner was lying on the sofa playing with the children, when a stroke of lightning killed him and two of the children. Sister Currie had long been in delicate health. In the winter of 1887 she was so unfortunate as to have one of her legs broken. She never fully recovered from the shock then sustained, and for a good while before her death was confined to her bed the greater part of the time, during which period she was tenderly nursed by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. A. J. Currie. She greatly enjoyed the visits of a kind old lady who would read to her from the Gaelic Bible. She was buried at the cemetery on the 5th line, Erin. A large number of relatives and old neighbors attended the funeral; the writer addressed them from 1 Thess. iv: 13-18.

G. M.

MOODY.

Death has again visited us. On Lord's Day, January 13th, Sister Jennie Moody died, or rather, sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, after about three weeks severe suffering from typhoid pneumonia. The expressions of love for Jesus and her abiding trust; of her bright and glorious hope were most remarkable. She astonished those who ministered to her by her exhortations and prayers. All her desires seemed to be for nearer and dearer communion with Jesus. Just before she breathed her last she sang a part of the song, "Wait until he comes," and then saying to her mother "I am going home," she calmly breathed her last.

Sister Moody was in her 15th year. She was baptized by the writer, when Bro. Willie Campbell was with us last spring.

Thy will be done, O gracious God,
Though now our hearts are riven,
We know she's saved by Jesus blood,
And safely rests in Heaven.
'Twas sweet to hear her words of love,
And holy resignation;
To hear her speak of things above,
In fervid exhortation;
Gone from our midst in early bloom,
How deeply we deplore her!
Yet look with hope beyond the tomb,
For Jesus will restore her.

Ridgetown.

E. SHEPPARD.

CRIPPS.

Died, at his residence, in Erin Township, on Lord's Day evening, January 13th, 1889, Brother Wm. Cripps, aged about 60 years, leaving a loving companion and a large family to mourn his departure. Deceased was a quiet, industrious man, and much respected. Had made for himself and family a comfortable home, but had neglected the religion of Christ till past the eleventh hour. When death was near at hand, he became more than ever anxious to obey the gospel. I was sent for, and with the help of a brother baptized him in a bath made for the purpose. He stood it well and for a few days seemed more cheerful and quite happy; but was too far gone in consumption to last long. On New Year's Day he was immersed in water, on the 13th he enjoyed the privilege of partaking of the Lord's Supper, with a number of brethren, who with the writer had met at his house to enjoy with him, for the first and last time, that feast of love. On the 16th we met again to lay away in the cold grave, what remained of our brother. I learned that he had long been convinced of the truth, and understood his duty, but entertaining the idea, that Christians should not be in debt, he deferred making a profession of religion till he should be clear with the world that he might bring no reproach upon the church of Christ and although this was a noble purpose, and showed the integrity of his character, yet he found it was a mistake, and that he must come, as the hymn says:

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bid'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Our brother is gone, now, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but trust that by the grace of God sustaining us, we shall meet beyond the river. May the Lord bless, and comfort our excellent sister, and all the members of the bereaved family.

W. M. CREWSON.

Acton, January 19th, 1889.

MARRIED.

McCOIG.—MUNRO.—On the 26th Dec. 1888, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. John Sinclair, Blenheim, by E. Sheppard, assisted by Mr. Waddell, Presbyterian Minister, John D. McCoig, of Harwich, to Beila Munro, of Ridgetown.

THOMSON.—BLACK.—On the 25th of December last, at the residence of the bride's father, by T. L. Fowler, assisted by George Munro, Benj. M. Thomson, of Erin, to Laura, only daughter of John Black, of Eramosa.

SMALL.—ROBERTSON.—On the 26th of December, by T. L. Fowler, Samuel Small, of Erin, to Jessie Ann, eldest daughter of Allan Robertson, Erin.

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