

yet a handful in that large city, but are working harmoniously in disseminating the principles and truths of primitive Christianity in the metropolis of Ontario. The field is large, the laborers few and great the responsibility. God grant that they may not only build each other up in the most holy faith, but that they may be reapers to garner in the sheaves of good from the field of sin.

BRAMPTON, ONT. DEC. 20th 1886

W. W. C.

EVERTON.—The Church here is in a prosperous condition. We have regular meetings at 11 and 7 o'clock each Lord's Day, and a live prayer meeting on Thursday evenings. Since Bro. Fowler came here, over three years ago, and began speaking for us half his time, our meetings have constantly increased in numbers and grown in interest. During the last summer our old preaching brethren, Bro. L. Parkinson and my Father, passed over the river to join the friends gone on before, and we felt that a crisis had come, and we decided that the church required efficient, regular preaching. And I am glad to say that we now have our excellent Bro. Fowler all his time between the church at Mimosa and Everton; he preaches at Everton at 11, at Mimosa, eight miles distant, at 2, and back to Everton again at 7 o'clock, and the increased attendance, together with all that goes to make up Church and Christian life, is so apparent that we are all satisfied that we have acted wisely. And I submit to our sister churches who may feel discouraged with their dying condition, do as we have done, get a good preacher, loyal to the Word of God, to labor for you, and I know what your report will be. We never had as good meetings, to continue from week to week, as we have now. We had the pleasure on a recent Lord's Day of receiving, by letter, an excellent young man from Glasgow, Scotland. By deaths and removals the personnel of the church of twenty years ago is much changed, but their seats are filled with new faces,—such is life and time.

HUGH BLACK.

LOBO.—My pen, in the way of recording church news, has been silent for a long time, though not silent in other matters. This morning I will give a few items of church news from Lobo Church.

From the time I entered upon my work here in April three services have been conducted on Lord's Day—Bible Class and two sermons. A Mission Sunday School having been organized in August added one more service—making from that time till October 24th (when the school in the church closed) four services. The Mission School still continues with unabated interest, and may be kept going through the winter.

With the exception of four families, the entire membership has been visited; and when the scattered state of the members is considered, a person can better appreciate the time that would be consumed in such visitation. Over sixty visits have been made, I sometimes leaving my boarding house and staying in the district until all the members there were called upon.

In all sixty-one sermons have been delivered inclusive of two funeral sermons.

A meeting for the sisters of the congregation, on the second Tuesday in each month, has been in operation for about four months, having for its object the cultivation of a missionary, devotional and literary spirit among the members of the church besides the procurement and circulation of tracts, etc., etc.

On account of the distance the members are from the meeting-house the prayer meeting ceased to exist. Some are anxious for its resurrection, but that is no easy thing.

Besides our regular appointments, there have been two special services—our regular June meeting conducted for a week by myself, and our October meeting conducted by Bro. Sheppard for ten days. I going to Ridgetown and Blenheim to fill his appointments.

Immediately after our June meeting one person united with the church by faith and obedience and three more were added during the October meeting—two by faith and obedience, and one by letter. Thus four have been added to the saved up to the time this report was read to the church on October 29th.

From the beginning of the church in 1826 to 1886 it has been without a church register. In order to remove this stain, work was begun in July, and as time permitted the fragments of history that existed partly on paper, but more in the memory of old members, were collected. The history was written up to date, members were enrolled and items connected therewith were recorded as far as known. As our clerk was so busy with his business only a few hours could be devoted to the writing. The members collect-

ed the matter and he recorded as time permitted. In all about three weeks were spent in trying to furnish the church with a respectable record of its transactions. A few hours' writing and a few more items collected will complete our work, and then the church record will be completed.

Thus closed my half year's work for the church here, and entered upon the remaining half year by a meeting at Welland, upon which I shall write later on. Two were there added—one by letter, the other by baptism.

On December 12th, at our regular morning meeting, we were cheered by receiving the confession of three persons—two of which were heads of families, and they were immersed into the three adorable names on the afternoon of the same day. The work seems to go on smoothly and prosperously. Our meetings are fairly attended, especially the morning meeting.

Respectfully,

M. GUNN.

Poplar Hill, Dec. 20th, 1886.

EVERTON.—One confession and baptism at our last evening meeting.

F.

BEANSVILLE.—I thought I would write you to let you know what we are doing in Beansville. We engaged Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Rodney, to come and labor with us. He is the right man in the right place. He commenced his labors with us on the 1st of August last, and since that time we have had 22 additions to the church, most of them heads of families. Bro. Campbell is one of the best men in the pulpit I think I ever heard. He hews to the line, let the chips fall where they will. Since Bro. C. has been with us we have had very large audiences and they are increasing all the time. When any person has heard him once he wants to hear him again. We have Lord's Day School at 10 a. m., and worship at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.; also prayer or social meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. I think we are in as good a position in Beansville as any Church in Ontario. We are at peace and everything is moving on nicely.

ANTHONY CULP.

ORIGINAL.

THE NEW YEAR.

The year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six is nearly gone. How many mistakes we have made, how many sins we have committed during its course! We cannot re-live the past. We cannot annihilate the evil consequences of our follies. The Christian can obtain forgiveness from his Heavenly Father, and, to some extent, make atonement to his fellow man, for the cleansing of his conscience and the removal of his guilt, but many evils can no more be remedied than that the past can be re-called.

But the future is before us: for how long we know not, but while we live let us, dear reader, try to improve upon the past. Let us be more devoted to the work of Christ, not living to ourselves; but to Him who loved us and gave himself for us. Let us make it the leading object of life to be co-workers with God, striving earnestly to make the world better by living in it.

To this end be kind and loving to all. Avoid harsh and unfeeling expressions. A smile is better than a frown. A word of encouragement or of sympathy is easily spoken, and may cheer or ease a weary heart.

Avoid a censorious spirit. When you see the failings of others, remember your own,—be at least as willing to appreciate the good qualities of those you mingle with as to condemn their failings. Condone or extenuate when you can, and forbear or gently reprove when you cannot.

Be a thornless rosebush of beauty and sweetness in society, and not a Upas tree of poison and perniciousness. Scatter around you the seeds of kindness and goodwill. Reflect the rays of benign sunshine in the homes of the benighted and the desolate. Dry the hot, scalding tear of agony, and soothe the heaving bosom of the distressed one. Visit the homes of the widow and the orphan in the spirit of true beneficence and cause their hearts to leap with joy and gratitude for the goodness of God in your ministrations: In the words of inspiration; "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things;" yes dear brother, and do them, and the God of peace will be with you and you will have a useful and a happy new year.

E. SHEPPARD.

Ridgetown, Dec. 20th.

Home Mission Work.

CO OPERATION NOTES.

Leaving West Lake on the 25th of November, I went to the Church at Hillier, Bro. Mundy accompanying me. The church here had almost died out and had ceased to meet, they are few in number, only 20 persons, and are somewhat disheartened. They are, however, putting forth an effort at the present time, and have secured a part of Bro. Mundy's time and services. The audiences are increasing and a more active spirit is being manifested. They were, of course, unable to do anything for Home Mission Work—standing greatly in need of help themselves.

From Hillier I returned to Bowmanville, and spent the last Lord's Day in November with the Church in that place. The Sunday School is amongst the very best I have met with yet. The audiences were good and the Church I think the largest and most active east of Toronto. They have secured the services of a Bro. Wilson, who will commence his work amongst them at the opening of the New Year. They contributed \$25.00 to the work of Home Missions.

From Bowmanville to Guelph to see our Secy-Treas., Bro. Kilgour, and to meet the members of the Board. I stayed over their prayer meeting. It is one of the most enjoyable prayer meetings I attend, and there seems to be always a goodly number present, and a good interest taken in the meetings.

From Guelph I returned to Toronto and spent a Lord's Day. Fairly good audiences and a constantly improving condition of things. I spoke to them of the necessity of placing a good man in this large city, who should devote his whole time to the preaching of the Gospel. I am hopeful that this may be done in the near future.

From Toronto to Ridgetown. I preached here to a good audience. Bro. Sheppard is busy and his work is appreciated. The prayer meetings have been resumed and the attendance is good. The Lord's Day meetings are increasing too. I spoke on our Home Mission Work and its needs, but left the appeal for funds to be made personally, and from house to house, so I have been combining holidays and work most pleasantly and with the best results. My canvass, however, not being complete, I cannot publish the results this time.

I also preached in Blenheim to a larger audience than usual, and am canvassing the Church the same as in Ridgetown. I preach there on Lord's Day next, and also at Guild's to help Bro. Sheppard who is somewhat indisposed.

I leave home on Tuesday next to attend the wedding of the eldest son of Bro. and Sister Page, of the Church at Vaughan, Bro. Mundy to commence my work by preaching there on Lord's Day, January 2nd, in the morning, and at Aurora in the evening of the same day, continuing there over January 3rd and 4th; Stayner Jan. 5th, 6 and 7th; Glemcain 9th to 15th; Collingwood 16th to 18th; Meaford and Cape Rich 19th, 20th and 21st; Owen Sound 23rd, 24th and 25th; Kilsyth 26th and 27th; Warton 30th to Feb. 4th; Walkerton Feb. 6th to 12th, and Stratford 13th. Hope to be able to preach each week evening at the places mentioned above. The Elders of the Churches will, I trust, kindly make the announcements and secure as good an audience as circumstances will permit. Amount pledged up to date, nearly \$1,400, and about half the churches visited. I trust the New Year may find us increasingly active in the Master's service. Now is the time for protracted meetings—Churches intending to hold meetings should be up and doing. Bro. Martz is preaching with much acceptance for the Church in Mosa. I have just received a letter from the Church in Portage la Prairie. They are hopeful of obtaining the services of Bro. Finch for the Church there. I trust they may succeed, and that the Cause of Christ may prosper there.

J. L.

Amounts received since last statement for Home Mission Work.

Mrs. Doollittle,	2 50
Pickering.....	9 00
Galt.....	10 00
Bowmanville.....	25 00
A. McKillop, West Lorne.....	5 00
Portage La Prairie.....	10 50
Mrs. Trout.....	10 00

J. W. KILGOUR, Secy.

Guelph, Dec. 29th, 1886.

Foreign Mission Notes.

The following is the last paragraph of a very interesting report received from Bro. McLean, which came too late to be inserted entire. Read it, brother, and decide what your duty is in the case:

The great need of the Society is an increase of funds. Men and women are ready to enter the field, but the treasury is empty. Those who have gone are unable to do the work expected of them because they do not receive an adequate support. There is no such dearth of money among the brethren that they cannot double their contributions. Times are hard, but the theater and the saloon are as well patronized as ever, if not a great deal better. Men have an abundance of money to consume upon their lusts. As long as this is the case, Christian people ought not to excuse themselves for doing so little because times are so hard. Only one in eight is doing anything. Many of those that are helping are not doing a tithe of what they are able to do. Let all come up to the help of the Lord, and there will be no lack of funds. With the New Year a new era should begin in the history of our missionary enterprises. We should die to selfishness and covetousness and be more liberal and consecrated henceforth than we have ever been.

"Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace."
"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

On behalf of the Committee,
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REPORT.

The following sums have been sent from Ontario to the Foreign Mission Fund since last report:

Garafraxa	\$12 00
S. S., Erin Village	1 50

MARRIED.

SINCLAIR—KNOWLES.—In Meaford, on the evening of the 23rd ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, by D. Stirling, J. R. Sinclair, of Meaford, to Anna H., youngest daughter of the late Abram Knowles, of Pickering, Ont.

NOTES.

Here is a paragraph from the editorial columns of the Guide, which very forcibly expresses our sentiments, and we doubt not the sentiments of our readers likewise:

"To all right-thinking people this whole matter of bad spirit in controversy has become disgusting in the extreme. Litterness among religious newspapers is no advantage to the cause of truth. Editorial sparring is not the food for hungry souls. It is true, some writers, it seems, feel conscience bound to reply to every hard thing said about them, but in this they make a mistake. When a writer indulges bad spirit or deals in low flings and insinuations, he forfeits all rightful claim to a reply and should, in kindness, be treated to respectful silence. This is much better than to 'MATCH' him in reply, while both you and he, and also the cause of truth will be injured. We admonish brethren who write to think of these things, and for the sake of peace, harmony and good will, to 'speak the truth in love.' K."

For the benefit of those who may not have seen heretofore an account of the great missionary conventions held in Kansas City, Mo., in October, we publish one this month from the pen of Bro. J. L. Parsons, which we found in the Christian Leader. It gives a very vivid conception of the great gathering of earnest, enthusiastic, liberal, Christian workers, and is full of encouragement to all those who are laboring for the restoration of apostolic Christianity.

We are sure our readers will be interested in the letter from Dr. Macklin, which appears in this issue. And we trust that they are also sufficiently interested in the work in which he is engaged to contribute according to their ability to his support and to that of the other missionaries in heathen lands. Those who can only give a little, let them not neglect to give that. We understand the foreign missionaries supported by our brethren now require about \$100 per day.

We take another opportunity of reminding our agents and friends that this is the very best time in the year to subscribe for the EVANGELIST, and also of urging them to put forth a special effort to secure a large number of new names, and renewals, and thus substantially assist us in this good work. The EVANGELIST has already won a warm place in the hearts of a large number of brethren, and we venture to think has also exerted an influence for good in more than one direction. Every paid-up subscriber has a part in whatever of good may be done by our paper. We, therefore, invite, as co-workers, all who desire the success of the Cause in Ontario.