

In Canada, while as yet we have only had a foretaste of the good things to come, we have still great cause for rejoicing.

The crusade recently inaugurated in this city against intemperance by Mr. D. J. K. Rine, has been productive of a very large amount of good. We understand that already more than one thousand persons have signed the pledge, and that large additions are being made to the cause at every meeting.

Our temperance societies talk of making a grand united rally to carry the city, feeling that if the Metropolis of Ontario were won it would have a great moral effect upon the rest of the Province.

We trust that they will go to work in downright earnest, and make a united endeavour to carry out their project, and not, as is often the case with temperance movements, rest idly upon their oars as soon as they have prepared their resolutions and speeches. We trust that the old taunt of temperance people having no "back bone" in them when it comes to a square stand up fight, will be refuted in a very marked manner in the present instance. We trust further that the cause will have hearty and enthusiastic support, not only of every minister of the Gospel but of every church member as well, so that when the results come to be summed up it will be found that the victory has not been won by a bare handful, but by such an overwhelming majority that the cause of temperance will ever after remain secure in this city.

THE LATE REV. HOYES LLOYD, A.M.

After an unusually prolonged and distressing illness, brother Lloyd has gone to his eternal rest. Two months ago his physicians informed his family and himself of the hopelessness of his recovery, and the probability that the end might not be very far off. The sad message was received in a spirit of calm, beautiful, holy resignation that has seldom been our lot to witness. Then came a longing desire to go at once into the immediate presence of that blessed Jesus whom he had loved so much, and preached so simply and faithfully to others for long long years. At times, this yearning to be taken home was so intense that he would

tearfully exclaim, "Why is His chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the wheels of His chariots?" On Thursday morning the 7th of June, the 'chariot' came to the sleeping saint, and bore his ransomed spirit home to the Father's house on high, where our Elder Brother gives the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

Of our departed brother's life and labours; of his genuine piety and his faithful service to the his Master; of his peculiar tenderness of heart, and his yearning desire for the good of souls; of his usefulness as a Christian minister and a Christian editor we have neither time nor space to speak at present.

Perhaps the subject will be treated of by some able and more eloquent pen than ours at another time.

But whether or no: Bro. Lloyd shall ever be made the subject of a lengthened obituary notice, his name will long be held in sweet and loving remembrance by many who were led to Christ through his instrumentality, or enjoyed the privilege of his pastoral and social friendship.

The pains of death are past,
Labour and sorrow cease;
And life's long labour closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE SERMON this month contains the *first words* of the new pastor of St. Catharine Street Church, Montreal, to the people of his charge. We commend this able discourse of Bro. Campbell to the careful attention of all our readers.

THE ASSOCIATIONS.—The recent meetings of the Western, Elgin, and Brant Associations, as reported in the columns of the *Baptist*, indicate a very gratifying spiritual condition in many of the churches of which they are composed. In the Western Association the total number of baptisms reported was 185, an increase of 15 over the previous year; in the Elgin Association the number baptized was 156, an increase of 68 over last year; and in the Brant Association the baptisms amounted to 269, a very cheering exhibit for the number of churches; but we no-

tice from the *Year Book* that exactly the same figures were reported last year: so that this Association has been in both years blessed with equal spiritual increase. The total number of persons baptized on a profession of faith in Christ in these three Associations for the year, was 610. To God be all the praise!

OUR ADVERTISING COLUMNS.—A few of our friends, while complimenting us upon the very neat appearance and beautiful clear type of the *Helper*, object to some of the advertisements appearing in the front. They say, "if you must have advertisements, put them all at the back where we need never see them."

Well, we can't please everybody,—that is certain! So we shall just have to go with the majority. To the advertisers themselves our plan is most acceptable. They don't want to be shoved in a corner. Then, many of our readers have expressed their intention of preserving and binding the Magazine. By our present arrangement the advertising pages are a cover to keep the rest clean; and then when binding time comes they are stripped off, and seen no more for ever.

We hope it may not be very long before the length of our subscription list will warrant the addition of four more pages to our reading matter: then the cover and advertisements will be of a different coloured paper, and so less like a part of the Magazine.

Respecting the advertisers themselves, we need only say, we believe them to be all good men and true, and that it will not only do no harm to read what they say; but that they are all eminently satisfactory persons to deal with.

THE PIONEER BAPTISTS OF CANADA.—We have much pleasure in announcing the appearance in our next issue of the first of a series of papers bearing on the early Baptist history of this country. We should like to give the name of the contributor, who is an aged and talented father in the ministry; but being possessed of an amount of modesty rare in these degenerate days, he desires that his name be withheld. However, that he is fully competent to do justice to his subject will be seen from the following extract in a letter, which we are permitted to make