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Our Special Offers.

Our friends are reminded that it is but a short time until January 1st. We would like to send out a large number of Carpet Sweepers as premiums. Ten new subscriptions will entitle the one sending them to a Sweeper. Then there is the offer of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary to the one sending the largest number of new subscriptions before January 1st, 1893, upon the conditions set forth in the advertisement. This is a great offer. We ask every friend of the EVANGELIST to lend a hand in increasing its circulation and usefulness.

Hamilton Y. M. C. A.

The Hamilton Young Men's Christian Association recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Association Hall, which will seat about eight hundred people, was well filled on the occasion. The President, Mr. George Rutherford, in his short and pointed address said he liked the Y. M. C. A. for two principal reasons: 1. Because it helps to break down class distinctions. 2. Because it is breaking down denominational lines, helping to bring on the day we all hope for, when all believers in Jesus will be one. He added, that day may be distant, but we believe it will come in God's own time and way.

The Secretary, Mr. Pratt, presented the annual report. He declared that all departments of association work were in a flourishing condition. These departments are three in number, physical, educational and spiritual. The association has a first class gymnasium for physical exercise and a competent instructor to direct the boys and young men in their exercise. The educational department is in the line of university extension work. One course of lectures had before the anniversary been given by Mr. A. H. Sinclair, M. A., of Toronto, whose general topic was municipal politics. Another course has since been delivered by one of the Masters of the Collegiate Institute, on Tennyson. With regard to specifically religious work, Mr. Pratt said that the association emphasizes the Bible. Four Bible classes are conducted in the building. Special thought is given to social work—making the boys and young men feel at home, and especially welcoming strangers in the city.

Mr. Allen, of the Centenary Methodist Church, spoke of what the association had done for his boy and himself: told how the physical department and the religious character of the physical instructor have taught his boy that there is no antagonism between physical strength and agility and the religion of the New Testament. For himself he had been benefited by Mr. Sinclair's lectures on political science. Mr. Wade, late of Woodstock, now of the

Church of the Ascension (Church of England), Hamilton, was the other speaker of the evening. He spoke as an old Y. M. C. A. man, and declared that 10,000 pulpits are preaching a namby-pamby Christianity. He further said, that originally the Y. M. C. A. was intended to do the work the church would not do; but now it is doing a work the church cannot—dare not do. He averred that it is not the mission of the church to win souls by methods that would be right in the Y. M. C. A. building; and he therefrom concluded that there need be no conflict between the church and the Y. M. C. A. It occurs to us to suggest in this connection that the church should be like the Apostle Paul, who said, "I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some," and we therefore think that every lawful means is lawful to the church.

Arrived in Japan.

By a letter received from Miss Mary M. Riach, who left this city in October for Japan to engage in missionary work, the *Times* learns that the party reached Yokohama on Nov. 3rd, having made the voyage from San Francisco in eighteen days. The trip was pleasant, although a great deal of rough weather was experienced. The steamer Peru by which they sailed, is only three months old, this being her second voyage. She is painted white with gilt trimmings, the ceiling of saloons and cabins hand-painted. It is upholstered throughout in crimson plush. The table is excellent, the head cook being a Frenchman; the accommodation good; the officers courteous and anxious for the comfort of all. She describes a chrysanthemum show in which the dresses of figures etc., decorating the walls were made entirely of the flowers, buds and leaves of the chrysanthemum. She is well pleased with her new home, and with the arrangements made for prosecuting her chosen work.—*Hamilton Times*.

The above clipping gives some information concerning Sister Riach in addition to what may be found in her letters appearing elsewhere. Our readers will all be glad and thankful to know that she arrived in Japan in safety, and will appreciate her thoroughness in writing so promptly and so fully. We shall no doubt frequently be able to publish interesting letters from her.

The Royal Commission on the Liquor Traffic has been out in British Columbia. We are glad to note that in Victoria, leading city officials gave very emphatic testimony in favor of prohibition. It is somewhat amusing how much the Commission makes of the question, as to whether witnesses think a prohibitory law could be enforced. The main enquiry should be: Ought a prohibitory law to be enforced? When the people answer "yes," as though they meant it, Parliament will pass the law and the government will enforce it.

Mr. Ouimet, Minister of Public Works in the Dominion Cabinet, is reported as saying in addressing his coreligionists in the Province of Quebec on the Manitoba school question, "That it is the inalienable right of any man to send his children to any school he thinks fit, and no one has any right to deprive him of it." That sounds well, but it is an assertion which must be taken with qualifications. For instance, a man would have no right to send his children to a school that taught immorality or treason. Should the State learn that certain schools were teaching the one or the other of those things, it would be the duty of the State to close up such schools.

We see exception taken to the fact that our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens

are glorying because our new Premier, Sir John Thompson, is a Roman Catholic. We do not think they should be blamed for that. What Protestant would not glory if the Premier were of his own faith and order? Why, the *Canada Presbyterian* never tired of boasting that four of the late Presidential candidates in the United States had been brought up on the Shorter Catechism. Let our Catholic Canadians take what satisfaction they can out of the Premier's faith. Do you remember how the Disciples in the United States and Canada rejoiced when one of their number, James A. Garfield, was elected President?

"Baptism According to Scripture" is the title of three lectures which are to be delivered in the Baptist church here by the Rev. R. Weaver, next week, beginning on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14th. Subject of the first lecture on Wednesday evening, 14th inst.: Scriptural Baptism, what it is and what it is not. Second lecture on Thursday, 15th inst.: Answers to some objections, with an appeal to history. Third lecture on Friday, the 16th inst.: The Question answered: Is Baptism in any shape or form essential to Salvation? All are invited to come and bring their Bibles. Lecture will commence at 7.30.—*Aurora Banner*.

From a former number of the *Banner* we learned that the Church of England minister in Aurora had also been discoursing on baptism. Our readers will remember that Bro. W. D. Campbell, now of Detroit, was recently holding an interesting protracted meeting in Aurora. No doubt he gave the local theologians something to think about. We trust the *Banner* will give us the Baptist minister's answer to the question propounded in his third lecture.

The Hamilton Ministerial Association was favored with a lecture by Dr. Workman, on Monday, Dec. 12th, the theme being "Messianic Prophecy." It will be remembered that not long ago the Doctor was ejected from his position as a Professor in Victoria College, because of his views on this subject. We take Dr. Workman to be an able, scholarly and earnest man. He protests that his purpose is not to overthrow, but to conserve the truth and declares that his studies and conclusions, so far from undermining his faith in Christ, have rather placed it upon a more secure foundation. We cannot undertake at this time even to state in brief outline the Doctor's views on the question in hand, but this we can say that he handles his subject like a master, and that his delightful positiveness is exceedingly refreshing and stimulating. After hearing the Doctor we are not surprised that the *Christian Guardian* combats him so stoutly.

Our Omnibus.

Truth is God's daughter, and woe to the man who dishonors her. Facts are the sons of Divine providence. Cursed be the man who bears false witness against them.—DR. BRIGGS.

Bro. M. M. Renner, architect, formerly of Toronto, is now in Washington, D. C. He is actively engaged in church work.

"In St. John, N. B., Dec. 4th, Mrs. James E. Barnes, aged 65." Bro. E. B. Barnes sends us this brief intimation of his aunt's death. Those who were at the Toronto annual meeting will recollect seeing her there along with her husband, and will not forget her kindly smile and friendly ways.

We ask our friends to read carefully the advertisement of the Christian Publishing Co., of 1522 Lucas Place, St. Louis, Mo. Their Sunday school lesson

helps are edited by B. W. Johnson and W. W. Dowling, both of whom have had large experience in preparing S. S. papers, lesson leaves, etc. Our Sunday schools will find the Christian Publishing Co. prompt in filling orders, and courteous in their business relations with their customers.

Are you in arrears for your subscription to the EVANGELIST? Please pay up and renew. Can you induce another to take the paper? Then kindly do so. Can you afford to pay fifty cents to have it go to a friend for a year? Then why not do that? Do you know anyone you think we ought to send it to free? If so do not be afraid to tell us.

We have been asked, since coming to Hamilton concerning the Collegiate Institute of this city. We have been looking into its record and present facilities a little, and we consequently feel justified in recommending it as a good school, having a large and competent staff of teachers, the principal being Mr. R. A. Thompson, B. A. Candidates are prepared for the following examinations: Junior matriculation and senior matriculation into the university. (2) Matriculation in law, medicine and engineering. (3) Third and second class and grades C. and B. of first class teacher's certificates. Instruction is also given in book-keeping, precis-writing, penmanship, phonography, commercial correspondence and commercial arithmetic. The fee for non-residents is \$20.00 per year; \$8.00 for the autumn term, \$12.00 for the spring and summer terms. Board may be obtained in the city at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per week.

"Brother W. F. Cowden is sick in bed with fever and likely to be there for some time to come, and his correspondents will please take notice and so excuse his silence. He is quite broken down from work and exposure, and is a very sick man."—C. B. EDGAR, in the *Harbinger*.

We sincerely regret to hear this. Cowden is one of our most useful and able men, and even a temporary suspension of his labors will be severely felt, especially in the great North-west, where he has accomplished so much, and where his direction and management are so greatly needed.—*Apostolic Guide*.

Bro. J. B. Knowles has recently removed from Perry, Ohio, to Medina, Ohio. In a letter asking that his EVANGELIST be sent to Medina, he says: "Medina is the county seat of Medina Co., which joins the county containing Cleveland. We like our new home and field, and are hopeful of good being done. The church gave us a delightful public reception last Tuesday evening."

Elm Street Methodist Church, Toronto, will fight the whisky dives, by which it is surrounded, with a coffee house and reading room, which will be practically free to the poor, and which all will be invited to enter.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death, Dec. 12th, of our venerable and much-loved sister, the wife of Elder Hugh McMillan, of the Erin Centre Church.

We regret to hear of the serious illness of Bro. Angus McKinlay, of Georgetown.

Sensationalism has its center in self; evangelism in some one else. The one says, "Let all men come to me," the other says, "Let me go to all men."—*The Agitator*.

SPECIAL PREMIUM FOR THE LADIES.

By the kindness of Bro. J. M. Warner, proprietor of the Hamilton Carpet Sweeper Manufacturing House, we are able to offer a Premium which we think will be very acceptable to our lady friends.

WE SHALL PRESENT TO EVERY lady who sends us TEN new yearly subscriptions to the EVANGELIST before January 1st, 1893, a

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The CANADIAN EVANGELIST has many friends among the sisters, old and young, married and single, who have freely given their time to extend its circulation in past years. We are happy to be in a position to make them so liberal an offer.

Take notice that this offer is to every lady who sends TEN new subscriptions before January 1st, 1893. We believe many of our friends can take advantage of this offer—ten is no large number; by going right to work ten new subscriptions can be obtained before January 1st, 1893.

N. B.—Should any one of our friends of the male persuasion desire to make their mother, wife, daughter, sister, cousin, etc., a present of a Grand Rapids Carpet Sweeper we shall be pleased to send them one on the same conditions that we offer them to the ladies.

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Church News.

GLENCOR—Our meeting here closed on Friday, Dec. 2nd, with six additions. We are all encouraged and believe this meeting will yet bring forth much good in the town.

ALEX. McMILLAN.

HAMILTON, Dec. 12th.—The question last evening was, "Why I did not baptize the baby?" being suggested by a request to baptize an infant. One person made the good confession at the close of the service.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Last evening five candidates acknowledged the authority of the One Lord by becoming obedient to Him in the one baptism. The house was filled to the doors, as is usually the case Sunday evenings, with most attentive hearers. Many go away saying: "That sounds, true enough, like the ancient Gospel." T. L. FOWLER.

WIARTON—Bro. C. J. Lister, who has kindly been supplying our pulpit need for some weeks past, has consented to labor with the church here for a time. His long experience as a preacher, and his profound knowledge of the Scriptures, lead us to hope for much benefit from his teaching. Four young men have been added to the church by confession and baptism since last report.

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BOWMANVILLE, Nov. 28th.—A very choice programme was rendered by the children of the Sunday School on Thanksgiving night, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues, etc. The attendance was large, the collections liberal