

He said he had been a doctor of divinity for thirty years, and to this day when he was in any difficulty on any question of theological science, he reverted to the definitions of the Shorter Catechism, than which he knew no better. Some years ago, Dr. John Hall, of New York, also made a very pleasing testimony—that when as a young man attending church services, if he had heard any statement in the sermon of which he felt uncertain, he was wont to try it by some plummet line of the Shorter Catechism, and that thus while still a youth he could find his home training in that little book "profitable for doctrine."—*Presbyterian Review*.

What those doctors of divinity regard as a great merit, we are convinced is the chief evil growing out of the use of the Shorter Catechism. The placing of a human standard between a man's mind and the divine standard is not a good, but a snare. From our standpoint it is taking a mean advantage of a boy to teach him the Shorter Catechism. Why not fill his mind with the unadulterated Word of God, instead of with a mixture of Scriptural doctrine and unscriptural dogmas?

In 1866, when I was first in Europe, I could not carry a copy of the Bible inside the walls of Rome. Last year there were twenty-nine Protestant chapels in the city of Rome, and preaching openly carried on in them with impunity, the Pope and cardinals finding it impossible to interfere.—*DR. A. T. PIERSON*.

And yet our Roman Catholic friends claim that the influence of the Pope is increasing. When the Bible goes up the Pope goes down, even as darkness flies when light appears.

Read this carefully:

J. S. Lamar, in the *Christian Evangelist*, sounds this true note: "Our peculiar views may be right or wrong; our interpretations, correct or incorrect; our doctrines, sound or unsound; far below all these in basic relation and infinitely more important than they, is the postulate that the New Testament—in its faith, its ordinances, its precepts, and its doctrines—is implicitly trustworthy, and must be implicitly trusted. At whatever cost of preference or prejudice, of traditional doctrine, usage or practice, what this divine authority clearly and expressly teaches and requires must be accepted and rested in as a finality. This, and this only, is right and true and saving; this, and this only, is the true and practical basis of union."—*Guide*.

Now read it again, and again, and once more. Those are most wholesome words. When we lose sight of the truth they declare, we are gone.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, having decided that the Roman Catholics of Manitoba have the right to apply to the Government for remedial legislation in the separate school matter, the great political question in Canada now is, what will the Dominion Government do, or propose to do? We do not, of course, know. But we have a very strong conviction that Manitoba should be allowed to settle the matter for herself. If, moreover, the Roman Catholics should be accorded special privileges, there will be trouble upon trouble. As we have repeatedly observed, what is needed in a country like this is a public school system purely secular. Once even religious exercises are introduced, the school assumes a sectarian character. The State has no business to teach anybody's religion. It is very unreasonable for Roman Catholics to wish to keep the secular education of their children in their own hands. If the Roman Catholic church were the true church, it would not fear being brought into contact with any and all faiths. The Catholics always fear the light. Their policy is to keep their children in the dark.

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Omnibus.

Notice.—We can not publish anything unless we know the real name of the writer, and not always then.

The address of Bro. Silas Moot is changed from Westville, Ind., to Francisville, Pulaski County, Ind. We are glad to hear that Bro. Moot is prospering in his new field.

If you are on the lookout for a good series of Sunday school supplies, send for samples to the Christian Publishing Co., 1522 Lucas Place, St. Louis, Mo. See advertisement on Page 8.

The church at Aylmer is asking their brethren throughout the province to assist them to rebuild. We trust their appeal will be heeded, and responded to heartily and liberally. This is a time for exhibiting Christian fellowship.

We have pleasure in making this paper a special Foreign Mission number. And very particular satisfaction does it give us to be able to present our readers with such excellent likenesses of Sister Kioch and Dr. Macklin.

In the hurry of getting out the last paper we omitted to state that Bro. R. Bruce Brown, of Yale, Mich., visited Aldborough while we were there and preached three times at Rodney, once at West Lorne and once at Eagle.

THE PREMIUM BIBLE.—"I received the Premium Bible all O. K. The type is clear and distinct. The book is fully up to my expectations." Our agents will make a mistake if they do not urge our friends to accept this very liberal Bible offer.

The Police Commissioners of Hamilton have appointed Sergt.-Major Smith, an old, tried and capable officer, and a worthy, God-fearing man, as we are credibly informed, to be Chief of Police for the city. And therein do we rejoice, for only such a man can fit the position.

Few things that have appeared in the *EVANGELIST* have given us more pleasure than the advertisement of our Bible College, which was inserted for the first time in our last issue. Our people should rally as one man to the support of Bro. Fowler in that work.

We are not at all surprised to hear that the students at the Bible School think Bro. T. L. Fowler is just the man to conduct such work. We know him of old. Young men will not pass through his hands without knowing the difference between the Law and the Gospel.

As Bro. T. L. Fowler may feel a little delicacy in the matter, we take it upon ourselves to remind those who subscribed to the Educational Fund of the Co-operation at the Annual Meeting, or later, that the money is now needed and that all subscriptions should be paid at once, if at all possible.

We have heard many kind words for the last *EVANGELIST*, as for instance, that it was one of the best numbers we have ever published. No one has sent a complaint because the regular Jan. 15th number did not appear. We thought our friends would appreciate the situation and be good-natured over it.

Skin Diseases.

Skin diseases are more or less occasioned by bad blood. B. B. Cures the following skin diseases: Shingles, Erysipelas, Itching Rashes, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eruptions, Pimples, and Blotches, by removing all impurities from the blood from a common Pimple to the worst Scrofulous Sore.

We are pleased to note the cheerful faith and confidence of our foreign missionaries as expressed in their letters home. If they who are in the field wrestling with the hosts of heathenism are not discouraged, why should we be? No doubt but those faithful men and women will in due time reap an abundant harvest.

We trust no reader will omit to peruse very carefully the appeal by Bro. F. E. Meigs, which is on the eighth page. Many of our people saw and heard Bro. Meigs, and all who saw him know that he is one of the Lord's noblemen. He should be provided with ample funds for the support of his school.

The article by Mrs. Bradley—"The Glamour of Gold,"—which is in this issue, was published once before by us, clipped from a paper to which Mrs. Bradley was then contributing. Now that our readers have come to know the author so well, we are sure they will enjoy reading it again fresh from her own hand.

It rests largely with the preachers and elders as to whether the March collection for Foreign Missions will be what it ought to be or not. A hearty, cheerful commendation of the work disposes the people to give. Speak a good word for the missionaries and their work, brethren. Do not fail to announce the collection Feb. 17 and 24.

And while we are writing of the Bible school, we are reminded that very little has been said since the Annual Meeting by way of urging our people to support it financially. We make bold to say that every Disciple in Ontario should count it a privilege to contribute to its funds. A large number of small contributions would meet the present need well.

Bro. D. Stewart, who as last *EVANGELIST* stated had recently left Grand Valley to resume his studies at Des Moines, Iowa, expects to complete his college course next June. He desires then to return to Ontario to spend his life in preaching the gospel. He will be ready for evangelistic or pastoral work. He would like to know very soon whether his services will likely be required here in Ontario. His address is 1173 Twenty-seventh street, Des Moines, Iowa.

In another place will be found the report of the recent annual meeting of the North American Life Assurance Co. It must be exceedingly gratifying to the friends of the company, especially considering the long period of financial stringency the country has been passing through. The readers of the *EVANGELIST* will make no mistake if they give a cordial reception to the agents of the North American Life Assurance in a good company is a good thing, and the North American is a good company.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE.—The latest number is packed with notes and articles on giving. There is enough material in this issue for a dozen sermons or talks on this topic. This number is intended to help the March offering for Foreign Missions. A supply will be sent free to every church that calls for them. In ordering, please state how many you can profitably use. Send all orders to A. McLean, Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio. A copy of this paper should go into every home.

The Buffalo, N. Y., *Commercial* has a page, once a week, devoted to church news. In a recent number Dr. Gifford spoke of the Apostles Paul and Peter as Baptists, whereupon "Cornelia Japonica" asked Bro. Gifford to indicate to which one of the below-named bodies of religious people our much-

beloved Paul and Peter belonged: Regular Baptist church (North), Regular Baptist church (South), Regular Baptist church (colored), Six Principle Baptist church, Seventh Day Baptist church, Freewill Baptist church, Original Freewill Baptist church, General Baptist church, Separate Baptist church, United Baptist church, Baptist Church of Christ, Primitive Baptist church, Old Two Seed in the Spirit Predestinarian Baptist church (Vide the U. S. Census, 1890). Perhaps the inquiring Athenians, when questioning the great apostle to the Gentiles on the famous Areopagian heights, asked him: "Rev. Paul, D.D., LL.D., Ph. D., are you one of those Old Two Seed in the Spirit Predestinarian Baptist Christians, or simply what the disciples were first called at Antioch?"—*Christian Evangelist*.

Church News.

AYLMER.—On Sunday morning last, shortly after eleven o'clock and just after the services in the various churches had commenced, an alarm of fire caused a large portion of the male members of the congregation to leave their pews and make all haste to the east end of the town, where the Disciple church was seen to be on fire. In the Methodist church, which was only a block away from the scene of the fire, the service was withdrawn altogether. It was seen by those who were earliest on the spot that the church was doomed to destruction. The fire, which had originated in the back end of the church, had worked its way to the front and climbed to the very top of the tower, which was a mass of roaring flame. The weather was bitterly cold and a strong wind was blowing from the northwest, and at one time it was feared that Dr. Fear's residence across the road would be destroyed. The firemen were on hand in good time, and there was a fine pressure on the hose as soon as they were laid and the water turned on. With the exception of one or two little mishaps the firemen worked nobly and well under exceptional difficulties of wind and weather, as well as the absence of their chief, who did not hear the alarm and was not present to render his valuable assistance. This was no fault of his, as the wind carried the sound of the bell in an opposite direction. The organ, most of the chairs and a few of the seats were got out, but the building was a total wreck. The whole fire department of Toronto could not have saved it under similar circumstances. The Disciples are not a strong body here, and their loss will be a severe one. The church had been repainted and repaired throughout, and was neat and comfortable. The loss will be about \$1,200, with \$500 insurance. The fire originated undoubtedly from the pipe or chimney from the stove in the school-room, which had been lighted by the caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Finch, but a short time before. Mr. Finch was just starting a fire in the furnace when the alarm was given. Our Disciple friends have been tendered many words of sympathy during the past few days, and we trust that when they start to build it will take tangible form in the way of good subscriptions to help them in their hour of trouble.—*Aylmer Express*.

ST. THOMAS.—Our work is moving on nicely. We had twenty confessions and baptisms in January. We are expecting great things from our meeting in March. W. D. CUNNINGHAM.

WALKERTON, Feb. 5, 1895.—The series of meetings with the church at this place, which began on Lord's day, Jan. 13, were brought to a close on Thursday evening, the 31st ult. There were six added to the church by confession and baptism and one by letter. As per report in last *EVANGELIST*, Bro. Jas. Lediard did the preaching, and I may just say that he has shown himself to be a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The storm king held high carnival the second and third weeks of the meetings and prevented the brethren from the country from being present. We think that apart from the accessions much good has been done by the clear, forcible, convincing and kindly manner in which our brother presented the truth. The subjects were well chosen and listened to with profound attention. I would further add, that as a church we feel that we made no mistake in choosing Bro. L. to come to our assistance, and we look forward in hope that we may again have him to hold a like meeting. N. C. ROYCE.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Work prospering. Cold weather, hard times and much suffering. Six confessions and baptisms since last report at regular services. GEO. FOWLER.

YALE, Mich.—The work at Yale is promising. Bro. McLellan and wife and two sons and daughter, from Dakota, lately took membership with us, also Bro. and Sister Travis, from Canada. We have a good Sunday school and Y. P. S. C. E. and about ninety members in our church. I lately preached a few evenings at Bro. Ferguson's school house in Novesta, and six made the good confession. R. BRUCE BROWN.

WINGER.—A private letter from Winger contains the following: "We have not yet engaged a minister, but we are in correspondence with several, and hope to be able to decide upon one before long. Our Sunday morning meetings are very good. The Y. P. S. takes charge of the evening meeting, which is also well attended."

Co-operation Notes.

Contributions.

Home Missions.

Acton Y. P. S. C. E. \$10 00
Portage La Prairie church 26 50
International Bridge church 1 00
Mrs. John Thomson 3 00
Thomas Whitehead 5 00

Educational Fund.

Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton... \$ 5 00
A friend, West Lorne 2 00

Three-quarters of the Co-operation year is past and the contributions so far are but a small fraction of the amount required.

Many of our preachers seemingly take very little interest in Home Missions. We have for years endeavored to keep the interests of the work before the churches and especially before the leaders in the work. On the whole we have much for which to be thankful, but there are some churches from which we should expect better things.

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