

How true and how admirably said is the following:—

The ever-admirable marvel of Providence is that in the spiritual creation God does not accomplish His will by His power, but through the wills of His children.—*Thom.*

THE NOVEMBER COLLECTION.—We have space here merely to remind our readers that the first Lord's day in November is the day on which the Annual Meeting requested the churches to take up a collection for Home Missions. There should be liberal contributions on that day in every church in the Province.

We had a pleasant call from Bro. R. N. Price, of St. Thomas, the other day. He is superintendent of the Sunday school in the Railway city. He says that Bro. Knowles is giving on Sunday evenings a very interesting series of lectures on the Book of Revelation, which are attracting the attention of thoughtful people in the city.

One of the most versatile writers for the religious press in Canada is "Knoxonian," whose weekly contributions to the *Canada Presbyterian* are a feature of that able journal. In our selections we give a sample of his style. Most of us may take to ourselves his pleasant criticism of a very common species of thoughtlessness.

We copy from the *Apostolic Guide* Prof. McGarvey's statement and appeal relative to Bro. Hagopian. Though the appeal is made specially to his old friends and school fellows, it will not be amiss if other brethren help. Should any of our readers feel disposed to assist that brother, who is "sick and in prison," they may send their gifts to J. W. McGarvey, Lexington, Ky.

TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.—If for any reason it is not convenient to take up the collection for Home Missions the first Lord's day in October, some other day soon after will do. The important thing is not the day on which the collection is made, but that the collection be made. Let the superintendents lend a hand and the schools will cheerfully assist to support the Mission work.

Bro. Sheppard spent a night with us in Erin on his way to Grand Valley. Bro. Sheppard enjoys excellent health as is apparent from the amount of work he undertakes and accomplishes, which, what with his work at Walkerton, special services at different points and contributions to the papers he is a busy man. He informs us that it is in contemplation to have a protracted meeting in Walkerton soon.

On another page will be found an article by Bro. W. O. Moore, which we have pleasure in presenting as a supplement to our own criticism of the *Christian Evangelist's* assertion that "a Christian is more than a disciple." Bro. Moore's refutation of it is complete and overwhelming. Our genial contemporary, the *Buffalo Christian Voice*, in quoting the *Christian Evangelist's* paragraph against our position gave it the heading: "Wake up, Bro. Munro." What causes us to marvel is that such wide-awake papers as the *Voice* and the *Christian Evangelist* usually are, should be so drowsy on this question.

The Disciples of Kentucky held a great Convention in Lexington, Aug. 19-21. About 400 delegates were present. During the past mission year they aimed to raise \$12,000 for missionary work in the State; they exceeded that sum by \$1,809.67. The *Guide* says: "Besides this, the evan-

gelists in employ of the Board raised for local work in building churches, employing preachers, and repairing churches, etc., \$13,300. This is exclusive of the work done in South Kentucky, which has its own organized work." The Convention resolved to raise \$15,000 this coming year. The additions reported were over 2,500. The C.W.B.M. of Kentucky raised and expended during last year \$5,761.

Our Michigan brethren held their Convention this year in Grand Rapids, August 21-24. We find a very interesting report by Bro. J. M. L. Campbell, of Detroit, in the *Guide*. He says it was the largest Convention of Disciples ever held in that State, about 300 delegates being in attendance. Among the visitors were President Loos, of Kentucky University; J. H. Garrison, of the *Christian Evangelist*; G. L. Wharton, our returned missionary from India, and W. E. Richardson, of Allegheny, Pa. Bro. C. closes his report with the following words:—

"When all has been said that could be said, and the impressions of those days are given form and voice, the judgment must stand that never in the history of our State has a meeting been held characterized by such perfect harmony, such loving fellowship of kindred spirits, and such a season of spiritual feasting, as the Convention just closed. May its effects be felt for future good."

The Disciples in Ohio embrace 480 congregations. They worship in 450 meeting houses, 22 halls, 6 school houses and 2 private dwellings. According to the United States census, the church property is valued at \$1,500,050, and there are 141,043 church sittings. The Disciples number 61,970. Their reported mission money is \$26,000, which is 48 cents per member for missions. Of the churches, 355 annually contribute to the work of evangelization through the organized missionary societies. The other 125 churches are not strong, but some of them contribute for local evangelization. At this writing the statistics are not complete as to the Sunday schools. For missions, preaching the gospel, local church expenses, Sunday schools and building meeting houses the Disciples raise annually in Ohio \$800,000, or about \$5.50 per member on an average. As they are not a wealthy people, this is considered a good exhibition of liberal giving. . . . That the Ohio churches are not selfish in their offerings is seen by their contributions last year: To the F.O.M.S., \$7,716; to the C.W.B.M., \$1,410; to the G.C.M.C., including church extension, \$1,000—a total of \$10,126—and by the contribution of \$5,792 to Hiram College, Johnstown sufferers, and the Southern Christian Institute.—*Standard.*

Co-operation Notes.

The following contributions to the Hamilton Building Fund have not hitherto been reported:—

John Henry.....	\$10 00
Alex. McPhedrau.....	5 00
John Thomson.....	5 00
H. T. Law.....	5 00

Nearly all those who subscribed to this fund at St. Thomas have paid up; those who have not, probably know how the case stands and intend to pay when they can. The Board would like to have this matter off their hands now, as the house is completed and the money needed. Pay now, friends, if possible.

Received for Home Missions since last report:—

J. W. McKee.....	\$1 00
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That dollar looks lonesome, brethren, very lonesome.

Now some people when they think of that lonely dollar will say: The Co-operation is gone now, the brethren are tired of it and do not mean to contribute any more. But those who are familiar with the way in which Mission money comes in have no such thoughts. They know that those who have already subscribed and those who have pledged their support will pay sometime, if it is only at the next Annual Meeting, or even after that. What troubles the Board is, that the payments now due to the Mission points cannot be paid promptly as they should be. They say money has been scarce this season; but they also say that crops are fairly good, and prices not so bad. And now that the farmers are marketing their produce, the Board trusts that the Mission Fund will not be forgotten.

It cannot be too distinctly impressed upon the minds of our brethren that the Board is acting for the Annual Meeting, and is doing its best to carry out the instructions given thereat. It goes with the saying, therefore, that those who chose the Board and appointed its work should lend their energetic support right through the year. It is known, no doubt, that the only salary the members of the Board receive is the privilege of paying their own travelling expenses to meetings of the Board. They do not complain; but they ask, as they have a right to do, that their labors may be lightened in every possible way, and that they may be relieved of undue anxiety with regard to the Mission Fund.

There was a meeting of the Board in Hamilton on Sept. 14. The request of Hamilton Church to receive aid in paying a preacher's salary at the rate of \$100 a year was granted. The appeal of brethren in Muskoka to be assisted in supporting Bro. A. C. Gray was favorably considered, and it is hoped that the Board will be able to render them the aid they desire. The Church in Owen Sound also asks help; the Board expressed itself ready to do all in its power for it also. The matter of putting forth an effort in London was carefully enquired into, and there is reason to believe that ere long something worthy will be done in that city.

The Committee on Union met at Bro. James Kilgour's house, in Guelph, Sept. 16. A statement previously prepared was considered and revised, and it is expected that it will be published soon, in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Meeting. Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.

Letter from Minnedosa.

DEAR EVANGELIST,—On the 3rd inst. we bade farewell to the friends at Rosedale, after partaking of a feast fit for a king, which was made as a token of love for their departing servant. It was a sad time for me, a season of regret: (1) Because I was leaving work undone that should have been done. (2) I was saying good-bye to friends whom I loved and who loved me, and I remember them as those who know how to be kind. May God bless them and cause His love to fill their hearts. Let me say as a last word to them now: Brethren, love one another! And, "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Be hopeful, and bear all things.

The following Friday the Wainfleet friends gathered in the church for a double purpose: (1) To aid the Children's Mission Band; (2) to say us a good-bye and present Mrs. Lister with a purse. It must of necessity be true that a day of reward is to come, for the many deeds of love that are done

from good hearts for Jesus' sake can never be repaid here. We married no such expressions of love, but I know our Lord will do all things well. May Wainfleet continue in its labor of love, upward and unity which they now enjoy. God forbid that anything should mar their peace.

About four o'clock Saturday morning through rain and mud we took up our journey, setting our faces toward Canada's great North-West. Though we gave ourselves two hours and forty minutes to travel twelve miles, we missed the first train by two minutes, and while waiting for the next train we visited Sister Dunn. There the two Marys busied themselves on David's flock until it was time to leave. We went on board the "Empress of India" at Port Dalhousie and crossed old Ontario, whose waters bathed the town of my boyhood, where they yet mourn the loss of our Bro. Baughman. Bro. Gaff met us at the Toronto wharf and took up our "carriages" and conveyed us to his home, where we were entertained until Monday. When we learned that Sister Gaff was ill we felt our mistake, but Bro. Gaff managed all so well that we could not but feel that our visit was not inopportune. Brethren! there is no work among us so great, so difficult, and so much in need of our hearty support as the Toronto work just now. Now is the time to help Toronto! Work and give and pray for its success. I very much enjoyed the service there on Lord's day, and had a view of their new house now being built. There has been good judgment exercised in the undertaking there. It made me feel hopeful for our cause and proud of my brethren. The Churches outside of that great metro city should bear a large share of that work, because they will reap the larger share of the benefits.

Out here I meet the "noble (?) red man," who must soon become extinct. Why? Because his aim is low: no energy, no progress, no enterprise, no education, not mindful of his capabilities, not mindful of God. The white man is progressive! Let us take a hint!

On leaving Toronto we were helped on our way after a Godly sort, with a hearty "God bless you." More again.

J. B. L.

Minnedosa, Man, Sep. 16, 1890.

Church News.

GRAND VALLEY.—Bro. E. Sheppard is conducting special services at Grand Valley. We hear that large audiences greet him, and that the prospect is good for an ingathering.

ERIN VILLAGE.—The Church at this place rejoices in another addition to its number in the person of David McMillan, eldest son of the late Bro. Chas. McMillan. Bro. McMillan confessed with the mouth Jesus as Lord on the evening of Sept. 21st, and was baptized the same hour.

BLenheim.—Bro. E. J. Hart and his daughter Metta are holding meetings in Blenheim. Large congregations gather to hear Bro. Hart's preaching and his daughter's singing, both of which, we are told, are of a high order. We shall be pleased to hear of their making a prolonged stay in this country.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—The new church will be opened on Sunday, October 5. Bro. E. J. Hart, of Hiram, Ohio, will preach morning and evening. Bro. J. R. Gaff, of Toronto, will preach at 8 p.m. On the following Monday evening there will be a platform meeting to which the town ministers and others will be invited.

The brethren will be pleased to see any who can come from a distance.

ERIN.—Bro. D. D. Burt, who it will be remembered has been in attendance at Hiram College for two seasons, spent a few days at his home in Erin last month. He had been engaged holding a protracted meeting at one of the points where he preaches, but being threatened with serious illness he was reluctantly compelled to give up after twenty-five had been added to the Church. He came home to rest and recruit. That he did recruit is evident from the fact that on Lord's day, Sept. 14th, he preached at Erin Centre with great energy and seemed none the worse for it. The Erin Centre people were highly pleased with his discourse. Bro. Burt is engaged to preach on alternate Sundays for two churches while pursuing his studies in college; for this service he receives \$150 per year. On the same day Bro. J. D. Stephens spoke at Erin village in the afternoon and at Hilleburg in the evening. At both places his sermons were much enjoyed. Bro. S., we understand, will attend Bethany College again next session.

Church Opening at Hamilton.

Sunday, Sept. 14, was a bright day for the Church in Hamilton, and one long to be remembered. Never before in our history have we succeeded in gathering so many together to listen to the Gospel as presented by Christ and his Apostles. We sincerely hope it marks the beginning of better things.

In the morning Bro. Anderson gave an address of welcome to visiting brethren and strangers.

The sermons, morning and evening, were preached by Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Aylmer, the subjects being: "On this Rock I will build my Church," and "Rightly dividing the Word." The afternoon service was conducted by Bro. Geo. Munro, who preached from Acts xvii. 11: "Those were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so." It is needless to say the preaching during the day left nothing to be desired.

Rev. R. G. Boyle, of the Baptist Church; Rev. W. Morton, of the Congregational Church; Elder Anderson, of the Baptist Mission, and Dr. Leonard, United States Consul at London, were present at the afternoon service, and delivered short addresses. The collections during the day were large, amounting to \$97.

To the brethren who were with us from a distance we give heartfelt thanks, particularly Bro. Pomeroy, who by his efficient leadership made the musical part of the service a success. The meetings were continued during the four following evenings and were well attended. Two made the good confession and were baptized, and two united with us from the Baptists. LIZZIE V. RICH.

Cardinal Newman and Stopford Brooke furnish the subjects of two very interesting articles in the *New England Magazine* for October, accompanied by portraits of each from recent London photographs. Prof. Genung, of Amherst, treats of John Henry Newman as a writer; and William Clarke writes appreciatively of Stopford Brooke as preacher, biographer, reformer, writer, poet and friend. Another article in this same issue bearing on English matters will be enjoyed by those interested in the architecture of the British Houses of Parliament. Ashton R. Willard writes on this theme, and his article is beautifully illustrated.