

W. H. Rogers in the *Christian Standard* tells us that "There are twelve churches in Nova Scotia, besides the scattering brethren, and five churches in New Brunswick, exclusive of isolated bands not regularly organized. These churches contain between sixteen and seventeen hundred members. As the result of their combined labors for the past year they have one hundred and seven baptisms to report, and some accessions who had been previously baptized.... Prince Edward Island has eight hundred members in seven churches.....Thirty preachers have left the Provinces for the States." Bro Rogers thinks that though their labors have been invaluable in the States, they would have done more good by preaching and laboring at home. We should like to know how many preachers have gone from Ontario to the States.

One of the most encouraging features of our work in this country is the number of young men who have recently resolved to devote their lives to the ministry of the word. The cause has long been languishing for the want of preachers. We trust a better day is dawning, or has already dawned. We await with hopefulness, though almost with impatience, the time when these and other young brethren will be in the field well-equipped to "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ."

We are glad to see that the church in Portage la Prairie is interested in foreign mission work; they contributed \$29.80 on Sept. 4th. We cannot understand how any church of Christ can be uninterested in this grand work. How much money is spent even by Christians frivolously! It has been well said that the cause of Christ will never prosper as it ought to do, until His followers get right on the money question. Many preachers need to lay aside all squeamishness in the matter and do their duty to the brethren by urging them to do all they can with their money for the Master.

CHURCH NEWS.

STRATFORD.—We are sorry to be informed by Bro. Macklin that he has decided to move to Texas. We believe Bro. M. has done the best he could and has sacrificed much for the cause in Stratford. Our best wishes go with him to his new home.

ST. THOMAS.—Bro. A. R. Best has been preaching for the church in St. Thomas in view of locating there. It may not be generally known that Bro. Best comes to us from the Baptists. We trust he may be the means of accomplishing much good.

WIARTON.—Bro. John B. Lister has decided to come to Warton instead of going to Muskoka. He is with us now. We expect him to stay for a year at least. As Bro. Lediard spoke of Muskoka, perhaps it would be well to note his coming here. We are all glad to have him with us.

HAMILTON.—Last Lord's Day the time for exhortation was occupied by Bro. Bradfield, who preached an impressive and instructive sermon. Bro. B. now preaches for us every third Sunday, Elder Wheeler and he taking turns in relieving Elder Anderson. At the close of the discourse Elder Anderson extended the gospel invitation. Two responded and made the "good confession." They were baptized Tuesday evening. This is the third addition to our numbers within a short time. May there be many more. L. V. R. Oct. 28th, 1887.

Bro. H. Brown is highly esteemed by the brethren of the churches of Gainsborough and Wainfleet. We believe him to be an earnest and faithful teller of the good old story. He is well spoken of by all and has made us all feel to rejoice at his presence. There has been no jar nor discords, but all has been peace and harmony since he came among us, and will be remembered by all. He intends soon to return to his family, but we hope to have him come again.

GRANT, MICH., AND LOBO.—We spent the last Lord's Day in Sept. with the brethren in Grant, Mich. We had the pleasure of meeting with several of Christ's people from the neighboring churches. Bro. Tarswell and wife, late of Erin, drove from Deanville (about 50 miles) to meet with us. We had a very pleasant time, fine weather, a fine gathering and a fine, loving spirit. One baptism, a widow of the late John Black, on the second Lord's Day of October we were with the Lobo church at their annual meeting. The continued wet weather was a draw back, but the Scotch people are not afraid of a little rain, and turned out most encouragingly. Bro. Wright was to leave this field of labor after the Lord's Day following. May God in his providence send this faithful church a faithful laborer. The kindness, love and hospitality of this church are well known. Ridgetown.

Elder Jas. Kilgour has been remarkably active during the past winter in the Master's cause for one of his years. In addition to his labors for his home church at Guelph, he preached for the church in Toronto on the third Lord's Day in August. The three weeks following he labored for the church in St. Thomas, after which he visited Meaford and officiated, assisted by Bro. Lester at the opening of the new meeting house at that place. The work which Bro. Kilgour is yet able to do is much needed among the churches.

MUSKOKA. Our Annual Meeting you gave notice of in your last EVANGELIST was a total failure. I will give you my mind of it, although I was not able to attend being sick, so I am governed by report. On Saturday, October 1st, there were eight in all, but I am told by those who were there but little was done, and no preachers up to this date. Three loads went from this congregation to meet with them at Baysville at 10 o'clock, and as there were no signs of the house being opened at 11 o'clock they came back, and we had our usual Sunday-school and meeting. Had there been one feature observed, I think there would have been a good meeting.—"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 2: 4). I suppose all think themselves not to blame, but I do think a little of the above would do us all good. On the last Lord's Day in September we had a Bro. Wright, a Baptist, to preach for us, and he did us much good spiritually: his discourse was from Matt. 11: 11. To my surprise, after the discourse, by invitation from me, he attended to the Supper as a brother; this is just as it should be.

Ridout, Oct. 3rd, '87. W. P.

WAINFLEET AND GAINSBORO.—I lectured at Wainfleet, Ont., on Sept. 20th, 21st and 22nd, and on the 23rd, 24th and 25th preached for the brethren at Gainsboro. Bro. H. Brown had commenced the meeting at Gainsboro. the Sunday previous, and up to my coming had taken the confessions of two persons, which with three who made confession at the water at the time of their immersion made five who were, doubtless, enlisted under his honest preaching. There was another confession on Sunday afternoon, making six in all who, during the short meeting, put on the Lord Jesus. I was much pleased with the Canadian brethren, and was greeted with overflowing houses during my stay. The opportunities for doing good at Gainsboro are very great. Bro. Brown is much loved by the people, and I trust to hear of his re-engagement for an indefinite time. The churches for which he has labored are abundantly able to keep a preacher in constant work if they will only systematize their giving. In fact the Disciples at Gainsboro are rich and increased in goods, and if all will give weekly, as they are able, there can be built up there one of the strongest congregations of Christians in all the Province of Ontario. I enjoyed meeting with the brethren at both Wainfleet and Gainsboro, and shall always remember my trip among them with pleasure. May the good Master bless the Disciples in Canada and deliver them from unwise leaders, sectarian narrowness and poisonous reading.

Tonawanda, N. Y., Sept. 28th, '87. FRANK TALMAGE.

MANITOULIN ISLAND.—Out upon the waters of the Georgian Bay, during my late trip to the Manitoulin Island, I had the pleasure of preaching on board the boat to an "excursion party," and was requested to furnish a copy of the discourse for publication in one of the Toronto papers, which I could not do, but have written it out for the ONTARIO EVANGELIST, if you think it worth the space and have room for it. While on the Island I had the privilege of speaking to the brethren and others at different places on each Lord's Day, and we were glad to meet each other. On the second Lord's Day of my stay I hired a horse and buggy and went to one of my old stations, but got there too late for a meeting that night, still the friends were so anxious for a meeting that we appointed one for 9 o'clock on Monday morning—and that in the midst of harvest—but being a damp morning we had a good turn out, and at the close one person came forward and made the "good confession," wishing to be baptized. Then on the way to the water another, and then at the shore of Lake Wolsley another expressed the wish to put on the Lord. We could rejoice and thank God for his goodness in giving us the gospel and its privileges. We found the crops on the Island rather better than usual, and the people more prosperous and contented. I did not take time to visit Green Bay and Sheguindah, but I think that in all parts of the Island there is need of some one to spend his whole time in laboring in the Master's cause. And while they need help, they must try to help themselves, and to help others, and so become more of a missionary people.

ACTON.—On Lord's Day, 9th of October, a Bro. Roberts from Toronto spoke to the brethren in the morning, and the writer in the evening, and at the close an invitation was given and an estimable young lady came forward and was baptized on Monday afternoon. I promised to meet with Acton church on the next Lord's Day, after which I return to Muskoka with my family.

W. M. CREWSON.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE. During a short visit to Manitoba and the North West, which was very delightful in every respect, it was my good fortune to spend several days with many old friends and neighbors in the town of Portage la Prairie and surrounding country. Almost all these friends are connected with the church in that place. On Lord's Day, Aug. 28th, I had the pleasure of meeting with the church; there was also present from Ontario Bro. Arch. McKillop of West Lorne. We heard two good sermons from Bro. Finch, who, I was glad to hear, is highly esteemed by the church. They consider these as very fortunate in having secured the services of so excellent a man, so faithful a worker, and so good a preacher. Bro. Finch believes the church in the Portage has before it a prosperous future, and is quite encouraged by what has already been accomplished since his arrival in the country. He intends to make another visit to Dakota this Fall, if at all possible. One cannot but feel that it is a great pity that the Disciples are not more largely represented in that great country.

D. M.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

When a preacher labors for a church where the *Review* is in general circulation, does he usually receive less than will pay his actual expenses, even when he has been sent for by the said church?

QUERY.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

The meeting at Cape Rich closed without any additions to the church. The audiences were good and the interest well sustained. I trust the church itself was strengthened and good in that way done.

From Cape Rich to Toronto, where I spent one week preaching on Lord's Day and attending the meeting for prayer on Wednesday evening, and also the meeting for Bible study on Friday evening. The latter meeting was held at the residence of Bro. Dr. McCullough, on Spadina Avenue. It will be held there in future on alternate Friday nights. This is a convenience to those in the west of the city, while those in the east will meet at Bro. Malcolm's, 89 Church Street. If you are in the city, spend these evenings with us. You will find it a great spiritual treat.

Word to the Brethren all through the Province. If you are coming into the city to live, or if you are sending your sons or daughters into the city, for educational or other purposes, or if you have friends already in the city who are not worshipping with us, if you will drop a postal card telling us where to find them we will visit them, at once, and welcome them to the privileges which we enjoy. This is especially important in the case of young Christians who come from the country to this great city. They will be more safe with the church and with their brethren than elsewhere. Drop a card to W. J. Forrester, 89 Church Street, Toronto, and we will give the hand of welcome to those who come amongst us and engage them in Christian work and enjoy with them Christian worship.

Bro. John Munro spoke with acceptance to the church in Toronto on Lord's Day morning, the 10th inst. We need preachers of the gospel greatly, and it is refreshing to know that there are young men who are fitting themselves for so great a work. May the blessing of our Heavenly Father and the encouragements of his people follow our Brother in his studies and in his work.

I am now in a meeting with the church in Gairfarrax, reaping a grand harvest from the seed so faithfully sown by Bro. Samuel Woolner. Thirty persons have confessed the Saviour up to this date, and I trust there are yet more to follow. The meetings will be continued for a few days longer, when I will likely return to Toronto.

JAMES LEDIARD, Marsville, Ont.

October 22nd, '87.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work is growing on all sides. In Turkey, in China, in Japan, in India and Norway, there is need of more laborers. G. W. Jackson would like to have seven men for the seven vast and populous districts around Bilaspur. The work can not be enlarged unless the income of the Society is greatly increased. The receipts are growing year by year, but the growth is not as rapid as it should be. Apart from bequests, this year's receipts are \$7,147.56 greater than those of last year. But \$40,559.35 is a paltry sum for such a work as the Society is conducting. The year closes with \$891.52 only in the treasury. No collection will be called for until March. The five months from now until then are the duller in the year. The friends of the Society will see the need of giving more liberally than ever that the cause may not suffer.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec'y, Cincinnati, O. Box 750.

PRESENTATION TO ELDER JAMES KILGOUR

On the evening of the 11th of October the house of Elder James Kilgour, on McTague Street, was taken possession of by about fifty of the members and friends of the congregation of Disciples of Christ. After pleasant congratulations, Mr. D. Stewart, who was chosen president, made a short speech and called upon Mr. V. Canham to read the following address:

To Elder James Kilgour,

OUR DEAR PASTOR. A few of us have met this evening for the purpose of showing you that your labors among us, as a church, are not for gotten.

We realize that it is a sacrifice, on your part, in your declining years to meet with us on all occasions, be the weather dark or fair, to encourage and strengthen us "to run the Christian race with patience, ever looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

On behalf of the older members of the church and of the "Mite Society," accept this purse as a small token of our appreciation of your efforts.

Our earnest prayer is that God may bless and support you in your failing strength, and that you may long be spared to meet with us.

Signed on behalf of the Church and Mite Society,

MARTHA BUTCHART, DANIEL STEWART.

Guelph, Oct. 11th, 1887.

Miss H. McDougall made the presentation.

Mr. Kilgour in replying said that he could truthfully say that he was entirely taken by surprise, as neither he nor any member of his family had the least hint that anything of the kind was to take place. Still he was pleased to see so many of his friends present, and more pleased with the kind words of the address and the tangible proof of their kindness which he held in his hand. In his labors among them he had sought to advance the best interests of Christ's cause, and hoped that in the future they all would seek to work more for the Master, "striving together for the faith of the Gospel." He thanked them for this expression of their kindness and hoped they would have a pleasant evening together.

Mr. Wm. Abbott, being called upon, said he had known Mr. Kilgour for forty-two years, that his acquaintance had been of a most intimate kind, and in his labors during that time he had sought "them not theirs." He was glad to be present and could say that he was worthy for whom they had done this.

Impromptu speeches, recitations and songs completed the first part of the programme.

The second part was introduced by the ladies of the congregation, who had come well prepared to prepare a bounteous repast, of which all partook heartily.

After pleasant conversation and devotional exercises, the company dispersed, much pleased with their visit.—Guelph Mercury.

OBITUARIES.

The church in this place has suffered the loss, by death, of three of its members during the last month.

Sister Nancy Watson, aged 89 years, died September 2nd, quietly passing away, as the result of old age.

Sister Eliza Jane Cooper died September 18th, aged 18 years, after a long and wearisome illness.

Bro. Charles Miller died September 29th, aged 82 years, from old age.

The writer spoke at each funeral.

Marsville, Oct. 22nd, '87. SAMUEL WOOLNER.

MARRIED.

DAY—SWORD.—On the 5th October, at the residence of Mr. John Stewart, Jr. by T. L. Fowler, Edwin Day, of Eramosa, to Elizabeth Secord, of the same place.

EDUCATION.

EDUCATION it has been said is the golden key that unlocks the door of Success. Within certain limits and with certain qualifications the saying is undoubtedly true. But to the young, in this age, whose preparation for the arduous conflict of life is as yet unfinished, it is an important consideration in what direction they shall expend their energies,—along what line of action their efforts shall tend. The struggle for fortune, fame or even an independent competency is for various reasons more difficult at the present day than at any former time. The age is past when the spending of years in storing the mind with classical and metaphysical subtleties is likely to prove a prudent or profitable investment to the great majority of young men or women. The field for the exercise of such attainments is exceedingly limited, and at the same time crowded with competitors for the laurel of success. It is to the wider fields of Agriculture, Manufactures and Commerce that attention must be directed in this comparatively new and prospectively great country of ours, with a view to having scope for the exercise of talent and ambition and opportunity for making life both useful and successful. It is obvious that the education necessary for effective work in either of the latter spheres, must be special, comprehensive and thoroughly practical. It is not intended here that the accumulation of wealth is, or ought to be the main object of human activity, but the acquisition of a certain amount of wealth, in some form, is not only a duty but also a necessity to every individual who would live honestly. The Guelph Business College, Guelph, Ont., is a popular Institution, designed to impart that practical education that prepares the individual for the successful management of financial affairs, the proper adjustment and comparison of losses and gains, and for the intelligent performance of the varied transactions that the merchant, the manufacturer and the farmer must meet in the regular course of business. To the young man or woman possessed of energy and ambition a course at this institution is commended, as opening up the way to a career of independent usefulness and success. Circulars giving full information are mailed free to any address, on application to M. McCORMICK, Principal.