

such an influence that the people will say that the work is the Lord's and we cannot prevail against it.

We still meet in the Town Hall and pay the high rent of one dollar and seventy-five cents each service. How long must this continue? It is for our Ontario brethren and sisters to say. Are we to have a house of our own after this winter, or must we continue to pay this exorbitant rent? We are few in number and weak financially, and cannot do much ourselves, and we trust our appeal to Ontario will not be in vain.

E. J. DARROCH.

Minnedosa, Feb. 1st 1890.

HAMILTON.

We are moving along in the matter of building our house of worship. The contracts have been all let to good reliable contractors and builders. The carpenter is getting his work forward as much as possible so that when the stone and brick work is begun there will be no delay on his part. As soon as the frost will permit the excavating is to be commenced, and the work to be proceeded with without delay until completed. So you see our house is just in bud and will burst forth in full bloom about the first of June, so we expect.

I see by the reports in the EVANGELIST that the money pledged at St. Thomas for our building fund is continually dropping into the hands of our treasure; and I am glad to observe that others are sending in their contributions for the same good work. And just here let me report a donation made by our young brother D. Riach, formerly of Hamilton, but now residing in Lynn, Mass. He is the son of our sister Riach of this city. He has remitted to our treasurer the handsome sum of one hundred dollars. I call this handsome, because he is but a young man working at his trade for a living. Such liberality should make some of us blush. God will bless such noble-hearted men and women, young or old. I watch all these reports with great interest for various reasons. One I will name and it is because when I returned from the Annual Meeting, I very solemnly assured our brethren and sisters here that every dollar pledged at St. Thomas would be paid in, and more. Notwithstanding, my solemn assurance I could easily see that all had not the same faith that I had. There was that doubtful expression on their faces, that shake of the head, accompanied by that significant smile, which you always know is not produced by a joyful heart. But let me say, with gladness too, that faith in God and in his dear children now reigns supreme in every heart here, every expression of doubt is swept away, and our little band unitedly looks forward to greater riches, and richer blessings.

There has come to reside in our city Brother and Sister McMillan of Fergus, Brother and Sister Amies of Collingwood, and two young brethren from the west. These are quite an addition to our working force. We are glad to have them and welcome them to our little church.

Our Sunday School, superintended by our very faithful Bro. Warner, and taught by faithful brethren and sisters is just as prosperous as we could possibly expect in our present disadvantageous position. Our prayer meeting is fairly well attended when "La. Grippe" will permit.

In conclusion let me say, and I say it without a boastful feeling, that we have a united, faithful band working together for the salvation of the lost and the glory of God. But, my brother, we need the house and then the preacher. Will the brethren, therefore, continue to drop their offerings into the treasurer's hands and help us on?

R. N. WHEELER.

Feb. 17th 1890.

Children's Work.

MRS. JAMES LEDIARD, Supt., POPLAR HILL, To whom communications for this department should be addressed.

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It is with much pleasure that I acknowledge receipt of letters from Toronto, Walkerton, Everton and Guelph. From Toronto I learned "The Children's work is still progressing. We have 48 names on the list, from which two have been taken; one was removed by death. Little Katie Sutherland died in February. The other has left the vicinity. The average attendance is fifteen. We have had very interesting meetings every month. Collections for the last year, \$6.34; expenses, \$3.85; balance, \$2.49. During the summer the Sunday School of Denison

Avenue was presented with one and a-half dozen Bibles by the Children's Mission Band. We have a birthday box in connection with our work. Each person who chooses puts in a cent, or more, for each year of his age, on, or as near his birthday as possible. The proceeds are for local work. LIZZIE KIRK, Sec. Jan. 2, 1890.

DEAR SISTER,—In regard to the Children's Work here, we have held meetings regularly every two weeks since I last wrote to you. We go by the name of "Willing Workers," have taken up the study of Japan as a Mission field, and have learnt a number of new hymns during our meetings. The greatest draw-back is our number. When I last wrote you, our roll numbered thirteen names, it now has but ten, three having removed from town. The average attendance of our Sunday School is twenty-six, and one half of that number belongs to the Bible Class. There are very few children among the town members of our congregation. On this account I find it harder to keep the children interested than it would be had we a larger class. However I trust we shall not fail in our effort, but succeed in accomplishing even a little.

Yours very truly, LEONORA WHITEHEAD.

Walkerton, Feb. 7, '90.

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD,—Please find enclosed the sum of \$2.00. This is the proceeds of the first quarter of our Mission Band. Twenty cents of this was given us by a young lady who is now on her way to China. We expect to report quarterly, and hope that each time the sum will be increased. We enjoy the work, and trust that our feeble efforts may be blessed by God to others. Sincerely yours, ELIZA LYNDALL, Treas. Guelph, Jan. 31, '90.

These reports are very encouraging indeed and show that the missionary spirit is taking hold of the hearts and the lives of our young people. In a letter from Everton, I learn that they are about organizing a Children's Band. May every success attend their efforts. I hope to receive a full report of a successful commencement very soon. Are there not other Auxiliaries of the O.C.W.B.M. who could do likewise? If so now is better than later.

J. E. LEDIARD.

"Thoughtlessness is the least excusable of all excuses offered by thinking beings. And yet hardly any excuse is made so lightly, and with such sense of sufficiency. Perhaps more moral danger is wrought to one's self and to others through thoughtlessness than through evil thinking. Shall one who glories in his being created a thinking soul find an easy refuge in the poor excuse 'I did not think?'"

"Happiness, of whatever kind, needs utterance, prompt and joyful. Sadness and gloom, pain and distress, may well have the shield of silence to prevent their diffusion; but everything that is bright, cheery, and delightful should be shared and spread as far as possible. Yet how frequently is this reversed, and the misfortunes of life disclosed in all their details while its blessings are passively accepted without remark! The shadows are eagerly described, while of the sunlight nothing is said.

"Fight your own battles. Hoe your own row. Ask no favors from any one, and you'll succeed a thousand times better than one who is beseeching some one's influence and patronage. No one will ever help you as you can help yourself, because no one will be so heartily interested in your affairs. The first step will be a long one, perhaps; but carving your own way up the mountain you can make each one lead to another, and stand firm while you chop still another out. Men who have fortunes are not those who have had \$5000 given them to start with, but boys who have started fair with a well earned dollar or two."

LITERARY NOTES.

OUR SUFFERING SISTERS.—Every Christian woman should read a little book bearing the above title. Revelations are therein made of a condition of things regarding the treatment of heathen women in different countries at the time of maternity, that seem scarcely credible or conceivable. The statements are made on the best authority, with the names of the informants whose eyes have seen these things. A copy will be sent free to any lady on application to the writer, Mrs. G. D. Dowkott, 459 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

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OBITUARIES.

McEACHERNS.—Sister Jane McEachren died January 20th, 1890, at the house of her brother, Angus McLellan, in New Westminster, B.C. She was 47 years of age last October. She was the youngest daughter of the late Douglas McLellan of the township of Erin. When a young girl she was baptized by Bro. C. J. Lister and continued to be a member of the church at Erin Centre until she left this country. Though deprived of church privileges after leaving Ontario, she remained constant in the faith. She lived in four different States of the Union. Her husband and family now live in Seattle, W.T., at which place she was taken ill last December. She has gone out of much tribulation and we trust she washed her robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Farewell dear sister, thou art gone from earthly care and toil to meet in that celestial home with all the loved ones gone before. Mrs. W. B.

MILLER.—On the 7th February we followed the remains of Sister Eliza Stephens Miller to the cemetery. Age 77. Baptized by Elder John Menzies, and married by Elder Black, to Bro. Geo. Miller, from Niagara, while living in Esquimaux. To this Township her father came from the North of Ireland, where he had officiated as a Congregational minister, and where he also became a Baptist. En route for Canada, he remained in New York some time, and became intimate friends with the Errett family, who then resided there. Subsequently he and Consular Buchanan became fast friends; who, being a Disciple, would help Bro. S. to know the way of the Lord more perfectly. After which, all the family became Disciples. Sister Miller was well known by the brethren in Esquimaux and Eramosa, and by many in Erin before removing to Owen Sound. She was scrupulously conscientious and was deeply pious. A devout worshipper of God to the last. We sorrow not as those who have no hope.

"This star by star declines, Till all are passed away, As morning high and higher shines To pure and perfect day; Nor sink those stars in empty night; They hide themselves in heaven's own light." C. J. L.

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