

to their ability to a good work. We have known of preachers losing influence with the congregations they preached for, because they did not present and urge the claims of the Home Mission Work. The brethren and sisters are far more reasonable on these matters than some preachers give them credit for.

Now we are certain there is material for an interesting and stirring discourse on the subject of Home Missions. The measure of success that has already attended our efforts, the hopeful condition of the missions now being assisted, and the doors opening on every hand are encouraging in the highest degree. Let the churches know about these things and they will cheerfully give means to support the work.

Upon visiting the church at Owen Sound recently, the writer was deeply impressed with the value of our Co-operation efforts. There is in that growing town a noble band of Disciples struggling with might and main to establish on a comfortable basis a church of Christ. The Co-operation is helping them to do what they can't do for themselves, and the outlook is hopeful.

There are isolated Disciples like Bro. Haines whose isolation has not weaned them from the love of the truth, but who seem to prize it the more because of their lack of church fellowship. We trust that many of these at this time as on former similar occasions will send in liberal gifts.

All contributions should be sent to the undersigned, Erin, Ontario.  
Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.

### Church News.

WIARTON, Sept. 28.—One confession here yesterday. A. TOVELL.

MANITOULIN.—Bro. C. J. Lister went to the Island, Sept. 25. He expects to remain there about six weeks.

WELLAND, Oct. 13.—One confession at our meeting last evening. Audiences fair. ALEX. McMILLAN.

ERIN.—Bro. J. D. Stephens is taking the place of the writer for three Lord's days. On Sept. 27, Bro. Lediard spoke to large congregations at Erin Centro, Erin Village and Hillsburg. His old friends were glad to see and hear him again. G. M.

RIDGEMOUNT.—We have had a very enjoyable visit from Bro. George Munro and Sister Munro, and by the way I must not forget to mention the four boys. Bro. M. gave us two discourses which were much appreciated by the church here. The morning talk was especially interesting and edifying. H. BROWN.

BLANFORD, Oct. 8.—The Y.P.S.C.E. has increased five fold since our last report. Began with six active members, now we have thirty active and two associate. Owing to the oppressive weather and fall fairs coming on we closed our meeting, with thirty-five additions. Resumed our series of meeting last Lord's day, Bro. Fenstermacher assisting us. One confession up to date. D. STEWART.

TORONTO.—Bro. A. W. Connor, of Johnstown, Pa., preached for the Cecil Street church on Lord's day the 11th inst. In the morning he preached an able and impressive sermon from the text: "She hath done what she could." The subject for the evening sermon was "Our Saviour."

There were two confessions—one at the morning service and one at the Sunday school in the afternoon; the former was baptized in the evening. Bro. Connor will labor with the church here for a few months at least, perhaps permanently.

OWEN SOUND.—The church in this place held its anniversary services Sept. 27. The writer was favored with an invitation to be present and preach on the occasion. It was a pleasure for the first time enjoyed by him in Owen Sound. On Monday evening, the 28th, the regular quarterly business meeting of the church was held. The reading of the treasurer's report was an interesting feature, bearing testimony to a liberal church, a business-like treasurer, and a good financial system. The church has adopted the system of weekly contributions with envelopes specially prepared for the purpose; it gives entire satisfaction, as might be expected. Churches having trouble about finances are recommended to correspond with Bro. J. Toltou, treasurer Owen Sound church. In connection with the business meeting the ladies served coffee, sandwiches, and cake; churches having trouble in getting a good representation of members at their business meetings are recommended to follow the example of the Owen Sound church in this regard. Bro. Amos Tovell, of Wiarton, was present on Monday night and made an interesting and encouraging speech. Bro. Lediard is enjoying his work in Owen Sound. Mrs. Lediard is having better health, her friends will be glad to know. Bro. C. A. Fleming's Business College is still flourishing. G. M.

### The Church at Carman, Man.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST: It may surprise you, as it has myself, to learn that the Disciples have a church organization in the village of Carman, a station on the Manitoba and South-Western Railway. I came here about Sept. 1, and heard that there were a few of our brethren in this part, but it was about two weeks before I found out where and when they met. So last Sunday I wended my way to "Gordon Hall" at Carman, and with my usual modesty took one of the "lowest seats" and waited for the service to begin. Being a total stranger, I was asked if I was connected with the church; my inquiring friend proved to be the presiding official, Bro. Whitelaw. Several of the brethren took part in the meeting, engaging in prayer, reading and exhortation; bread was broken by some sixteen persons in this congregation gathered in the "Great Lone Land." At the close of the meeting I made myself known to the brethren. There were many kind inquiries and invitations during the few minutes' informal conversation we had together.

The church here has a membership of about twenty, and has been meeting with regularity for two years in a comfortable and well situated hall. The brethren at this point are chiefly from Meaford, Ont., and such names as

Whitelaw, Saunders, White, Sterling and others are found in this vigorous Meaford colony.

Just here I would say that families of Disciples intending to emigrate to Manitoba could not do better than turn their steps towards the Carman district. Besides being a fine farming country all around the village for miles, it has many of the requisites of civilized life and more drawing near.

I bring this church to the knowledge of the readers of THE EVANGELIST at this time as I believe it is in a location to grow in numbers, influence, grace and knowledge. Yours in Christ,

ROBT. McMILLAN.

Carman, Sept. 28, 1891.

### The "November Collection."

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS.—At the last Annual Meeting it was decided, on the recommendation of the Committee on Mission Work, to ask all the churches of Disciples of Christ in the Province to take up a collection, on the first Lord's day in November, to aid in carrying on the work in the many points that must be assisted, or the work left to fail; I hope we are not willing to bear that responsibility. It is very desirable, because the outlook is very hopeful at every place where work is being done, that we stand by and faithfully aid those brethren and sisters by whose devotion and great sacrifices the cause we plead is being sustained at those points.

Brothers, one and all, we have a common responsibility resting upon us. Are we faithful stewards of God's blessings bestowed upon us? I respectfully, in love and with kindness, ask our preaching brethren and the elders of congregations, have you done your duty in presenting the claims of the cause of Christ upon those to whom you minister? And have you, my brother, my sister, done your duty? Have you contributed for the preaching of the Gospel as the Lord has prospered you? The Lord Jesus came from Heaven, left all the glory He had there, and died to redeem us, are we doing our duty, striving to bring others to a knowledge of the truth, to "preach the Gospel to every creature?" Life with its many precious opportunities is passing away. The time is soon coming when the things of earth will not yield us comfort. Let us be rich in faith and be faithful to God, and lay up treasures in Heaven, where thieves do not steal, where the banks never break, where the securities never fail.

Brothers, money is really needed, we must try and sustain the work being carried on in Toronto, Hamilton, London, Owen Sound, Collingwood, Muskoka, etc., and that can only be done by all our churches and all our brethren and sisters contributing as the Lord has blessed you. It is not pleasant to urge this matter upon you, but I feel constrained to do so, believing that if you realized the necessity you would contribute promptly and liberally. Yours in the faith and hope of the Gospel, HUGH BLACK.

### Help for London.

H. Z. LEONARD, Esq., London, Ont.  
DEAR SIR,—Enclosed I hand you Post Office order for \$27, to be applied toward establishing the cause of truth in London, Ont. I am not within twenty miles of any Disciple congregation, and feel my isolation. Praying for the success of your endeavor to establish the cause in London, I remain, Yours very truly,

J. H. HANNA.

Craighurst, Ont., Oct. 2, 1891.

My DEAR BRO.—Your favor of 2nd inst. to hand, containing, as stated,

Post Office order for \$27. The above letter will speak for itself, and calls loudly for a grand move all along the line for missionary effort. If all the good brethren in Christ in Ontario would only feel the importance of the work and contribute as the Lord has prospered them, it would not be long until a flourishing congregation of Disciples of Christ would be found in all the waste places of Ontario. The song of praise to God would be heard from many who are now sitting in the regions of darkness. May all who read the above letter feel the importance of the evangelistic work as they have never felt it before, and come to the rescue of the Ontario Missionary Board with the one thing needful—money—for the prosecution of the work of Christ. We are doing grandly here in London. The house is now in complete order. The furnace for heating will be put in next week, and there will be still greater rejoicing. Congregations are good, interest increasing both at the public worship on the Lord's day and also at the prayer meeting on Thursday night. We are laboring to cultivate a spirit of meekness and humility, doing all we can to build each other up in the most holy faith of the Gospel of Christ. We are still without a regular pastor, but hope to have one soon. Until such can be obtained I try to edify the brethren Lord's day morning and evening. It is quite a task on my strength in connection with my other duties. To-morrow I deliver an address in our cemetery at the unveiling of a monument erected by the Woodmen of the World to the memory of one of their members, W. L. Graham. I hope to be able to do some good and win some to the love of the truth as it is in Jesus. May God bless the writer of the above letter, and soon may it return to him in a well established church of Christ in his community. This fund shall be carefully preserved for the purpose of holding a series of meetings as soon as we are ready for them. Yours in Christ,

H. Z. LEONARD.

MR. EDITOR.—It is with pleasure that I acknowledge the favor done me by the semi-monthly visits of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST. It is read with interest.

The 14th of June I began my labor with the Gainsboro' congregation. Three months passed, and I left them for a short visit to the home of my birth. Another month has been spent in college work in this grand old place, the college of the Bible. I feel strongly attached to the Canadian brethren. I carry their interest with me in my heart. In the providence of God some of the results of our labor is the reclaiming of two, a brother and a sister. Some of the results, I say, for I hope and pray that the results may prove to be far greater. May the dews of heavenly grace and the sunlight of God's love moisten and warm the hearts of our brethren in Canada and prepare us all for a glorious harvest, a harvest of souls. Fraternally,

F. J. M. APPLEMAN.

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