

For the Worker. THE BLESSED.

A mighty change was about to be made. The old dispensation was soon to give place to the new. The authority of the law of Moses was ready to vanish away, soon it was to be abolished, and the handwriting of ordinances was to be blotted out of the cross.

In view of this Jesus after showing his apostles, opened his mouth and taught them, saying—Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. It was not of those rich in this world's goods, nor of those who lived in poverty, but of the poor in spirit, he they rich or poor in earthly things, he said "Blessed." Their poverty was to result in happiness; not in the happiness of this world, but in a greater happiness—a spiritual happiness or blessedness.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." It is not sufficient simply to be in want, if they will be filled, they must give for spiritual food, and long to quench their thirst in the pure waters of life. This manifests itself in an anxious desire to appropriate, on the first opportunity the means necessary to quiet their hunger and allay their thirst. It is not the passive state of being poor alone that makes them blessed. A action is also required, for He says "ye rather blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it." They are to hear the word of God. They must "receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save the soul."

to reach sinners and lead them to the feet of Jesus that they may hear the word of God and keep it and be blessed. The doctrines and commandments of men are not in order to blessedness, neither are human errors and traditions appointed to satisfy those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. In order to the fullness of blessedness the engrafted word is to be received, and the soul purified "by obeying the truth, through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren," "Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Would that every individual Christian could be brought to fill up the full measure of his part, in giving and doing to make the world blessed. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Z.

STATUARY CHRISTIANS. It is said that when Oliver Cromwell visited Westminster Cathedral, in England, he saw in one of the apartments statues of the twelve apostles in silver. "Who are these fellows there?" he asked, as he approached them. On being informed, he replied, "Take them down and let them go about doing good." They were taken down, and melted, and put into the treasury. There are many who, like those silver apostles, are too stiff for service in much that the Lord's work requires. Some are too nice, some too formal, some too inclined. They stand or sit stiff and stately in their dignity and sinners go unsaved and believers uncomfoted, unhelped, for all the effort they will make to lift a hand to serve them. They need to be melted down and sent about doing good. Statuary Christians, however burnished and elegant they may be, are of little real service in the cause of Jesus.—Selected.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON BAPTISM.

BY A. CAMPBELL. Waving all matters of doubtful dispute on the promise, what is laid down in the Acts of the Apostles as the indispensable qualifications necessary to baptism? A. "If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest." Q. Did you ever read of the baptism of any infants in the Scriptures? A. No. Q. Did you ever read of the sprinkling of any infants in the Scriptures? A. No. Q. Who commandment, then do we obey in having our infants baptized or sprinkled? A. The commandment of the clergy. Q. Does transgress any Divine command in neglecting to have our infants baptized? A. No; I never read of any being accused of this sin in the Bible, nor of any commandment that was there-by transgressed. Q. Did you ever read of any sponsors in the Bible? A. No. Q. What do you mean by a sponsor? A. I mean one that promises and engages for another in baptism. Q. Did you ever read in the Scriptures of any one promising anything for another in baptism? A. No; no promise of parent for child, at baptism, is ever mentioned in the Bible. Q. Whence originated the custom of promising and vowing in baptism? A. From the clergy. Q. Did you ever read in the Scriptures of any vows that minors or adults were under in consequence of baptism? A. None. Q. What are the promises given to baptized infants or minors in the New Testament? A. None. Q. What are the threats denounced against them that neglect to have their infants baptized? A. Many from the clergy, but none from the Bible. Q. Is Baptism a command? A. Yes. "Be baptized, every one of you." Q. In what does religious obedience consist? A. In a voluntary act of an intelligent agent. Q. Is a person active or passive in obeying a command? A. Active.

FIELD NOTES.

Under the new arrangement "Field Note" will be a two interesting feature of the WORKER to those who are in sympathy with our co-operative work, and we are of the opinion that those who look upon our work now with a suspicious eye, will, ere six months have passed, be fully persuaded that we are engaged in the work of the Lord! News from the field are always interesting to those who love the cause of our adorable Redeemer especially good news. As we go to press so soon after the campaign has opened we will not be able to give very extended news in this issue, but in our future numbers we hope to keep our readers fully posted in our work. Nothing is more truthful than the saying of our Saviour, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and we shall endeavour to show by our fruits, in good works done for our master, that we are in earnest, and worthy of the high trust committed to our hands. We know of no other way of stopping the mouths of gainsayers, than by putting them to shame by our good works.

Let this be the preface to all the "field notes" in the future. On the 7th of this month we took the train at Meaford for Aurora, to stop over night with Bro. Yule who is now well known to our readers as Sec. & Treas. of the co-operation. On the train we got into conversation with a gentleman which resulted most happily to me, the conversation led us mutually enquire who the other was, I told my status and standing, when he replied, "I am your brother." It was Bro. Lauchland from Oshawa, who with sister Lauchland had been on a visit up north. This was a pleasant episode, if there was nothing else in it.

I arrived at Aurora at 7 a.m. and found Bro. Yule waiting for me at the Station. On our way to his house, we called on Bro. Morrill who is the speaker for the church at Aurora, and he is speaking a part of his time at Sherwood, and has recently visited the "West end" church at Toronto.

Bro. Yule is full of hope for success in our new work. We talked until "the mornow drew near," and then sought "nature's sweet restorer." In the morning we viewed the new meeting house which now has its walls up to the eaves, it is of white brick, size of building 28x40, and will compare favorably with the other houses in the town.

We took the train at 8 o'clock a.m. and made close connexion at Toronto and was in Hamilton by 10.30 a.m. Not having to leave until 1.40 we put in the time by calling on Brethren Harris, Anderson and Jones. They are decidedly in favor of the co-operation, we left an appointment for the 5th Sunday and hastened away to Hagarville, where we were met by Bro. Geo. Derby who conveyed us to Selkirk where, of course, we domiciled a Dr. Fry's. The notice of our coming was short, yet the house was full morning and evening. This Church is in favor of our work, their first contribution will be in cash and subscriptions over one hundred dollars.

Our meetings were devoted exclusively to the preaching of the gospel, the business was done separately. Bro. Robert Beatty was with them and spoke to good acceptance the preceding Lord-day. Our old genial friend and Bro. Wm. Holmes was out at both meetings. Monday was spent visiting from house to house, and at night we spoke to a large au-

dience at "Sweet Corners," this is a well known place that needs help. We will speak there two months, and then one night at Nelles Corners, and go to Wainfleet on Saturday. We find the brethren rejoicing in heart that the Lord has opened the way for them to assist in the work of spreading the glorious gospel in the land. The old prophet said, "My people perish for the want of knowledge," but "our people are perishing for the want of something to do," and now that the way is open they propose to work.

MORE NEXT MONTH. EVANGELIST.

DEAR WORKER.—I am now visiting relatives in Paisley, Ont. I left Portage La Prairie on the 24th of August. One week before leaving I baptized a young lady which makes 9 in all that have united with the church in P. L. Prairie by baptism, during my stay, and 17 by commendation.

Parting with the dear brethren and sisters of P. A. L. was a difficult task. The goodly ones were said at the station as the larger portion of the church accompanied us to the depot. I do not care to mention names but I cannot refrain from mentioning the names of older Sissons and his partner in life. These are particularly faithful ones and are bordering on four score. These brethren seemed as grieved to part with me as I with them, and as a token of their respect for myself and wife they presented us with several pieces of silver plate a few days before leaving.

They are anxious now to get a good substantial man to take my place, one who is favourable to missionary work, one who will wear well, as he will be a long distance from any other church and consequently will not have the privilege of exchanging with other brethren. I hope they will succeed in getting a worthy man, as the cause is progressing most satisfactorily. Am preaching every night in the Baptist Church in Walkerton, and am spoken for to attend the yearly meeting at West Haven, Mich., the 28th. These churches wishing my services must be quick in correspondence. Correspondence addressed to Brussels, Ont., Box 185. ANDREW SCOTT.

Now abideth faith, hope, and charity.—Cor. 13: 13.

Behold this string of pearls, the coronet of diamonds. Each pearl sparkles with the lustre of its own individuality. Of the three it is written, "Now abideth faith, hope, love." Of love it is declared, "But the greatest of these is charity." Love the most brilliant of the group; yet Faith, Hope, Love, all essential to vital godliness. There can be no religious experience without these. One cannot be substituted for the other. Like a railroad permit, or passport, they are not transferable." These three grace have their places in the experience of every child of God.

Bro. D. L. Layton of Meaford is expected home before Oct. 1st, from his visit in Nova Scotia.

We are sorry to hear that Bro. McDonald cannot come to Wainfleet and Walkerton as announced in this issue.

Subscriptions for the WORKER are coming in fast, and if the brethren will assist in increasing the circulation we can soon issue a semi-monthly. Send in the names. L. & W.

Miss or Rev. Anna Oliver has found it too hard a task to keep running the Methodist church which she practically founded and has pastorally cared for in Brooklyn. She made a great struggle for four years against many obstacles, the fact that she is not a man being one of the most formidable. The church property which she secured by her own exertion, and valued at \$50,000, has been sold for \$18,000, \$5,000 is given her at back salary, the rest being required to pay off the mortgage. Thus the Brooklyn preacher's church in Brooklyn closes its career.—Examiner.

DEATH OF THE TWELVE.

Matthew suffered martyrdom with a sword at a city of Ethiopia. Mark expired at Alexandria, after having been dragged through the streets. Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece. John was put in a caldron of boiling oil, but escaped in a miraculous manner, and afterwards was banished to the Isle of Patmos, and died. It is thought, at home naturally. Peter was crucified at Rome, with his head downwards. James the greater was beheaded at Jerusalem. James the Lesser was cast from a lofty pinnacle of the temple and then beaten to death with a fuller's club. Philip was hanged up against a pillar at Hieropolis, Phrygia. Bartholomew was flayed alive. Andrew was bound to the cross, from which he preached to his persecutors till he died. Thomas was run through the body with a lance, in East India. Jude was shot to death with arrows—probably in Persia. Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded. Barnabas, of the Gentiles, was stoned to death by the Jews at Solonica. Paul was beheaded at Rome by Nero.—Ex.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 8, '83. DEAR BROTHERS IN AMERICA.—

It is not very often that you find my name nor the Danish mission in your papers. The reason of this is, that of late we have had nothing strange to report. I have not had any additions to the church to encourage you nor my own heart, still I am glad to say that the little band here is living in peace and harmony and in hopes of better times, hoping the time may come when many shall enquire for the salvation of their souls. What a pleasure for a missionary to be permitted every month to report of souls that have come into the kingdom of Christ, and how sad do we feel when our labor for a time seems to be in vain, when God tries our faith and patience, not alone the preachers, but the church and the brethren that support them in their labors of love; then we missionaries that live thousands of miles away from our great brotherhood get a longing in our hearts after those that can whisper courage in our ears and keep up our hands; but, thanks to God, once in awhile comes a letter from over the great waters, from Bro. McLean and others, with words of praise to our sad souls that give strength to our faith, bringing the Lord's sayings to our remembrance. A little over a week ago I had the pleasure of shaking hands with some gentlemen belonging to a large excursion company of Americans travelling through Europe. Among the company were two of our brethren—Young Bro. Irwin, from Columbus, Ind. and Bro. Goodpasture. Bros. Sweeney and Erett had kindly advised of the coming of Bro. Irwin, and so I

met him at the boat coming from Norway. The stop at Copenhagen was only two days, and as he did not stay over Sunday, he was not at our church, which I know would have been a pleasure for all of us. He said he was longing to get to church. As these lines will reach America before him, and probably Bro. Irwin's father will read them, I can inform him that his son looks very healthy, and will likely gain fifty pounds in weight before he reaches Columbus.

As far as time allowed, I went with them to see the sights, which seemed to please them very much. As we could not be at Church, they went with me to the office for my weekly paper, and although they could not read the Danish they got a paper apiece to take home with them as a souvenir from Copenhagen. My weekly paper gives me great pleasure. It has over 3,000 subscribers; so in one sense I am preaching to more than 5,000 people every week, and now when fall comes I hope for an increase. I hope, brethren, you will not forget the Danish mission in your prayers. Stay our good Lord bless you all, and may your interest in foreign missions increase, and as a fruit of your love bring many souls to heaven.

A. HOLCK. The fire of vanity is fed by the fuel of flattery. If you can only speak a kind word gladly say it. You have the ability to work as well as to speak. Will you, like Mary, do what you can? Try it.

'We are all here,' said the Philippian jailor. Take courage then, and speak a word for Christ. Send in more new names for the WORKER. 50 cents per annum only. 'O what a blessed hope is ours, While here on earth we stay, We more than taste the heavenly powers, And ante-date that day, We feel the resurrection near, Our life in Christ concealed, And with his glorious presence here, Our earthen vessels filled.'—Words of Faith.

'What a blunder I made!' The remark was made by a preacher who was giving an account of a recent revival he had held. He had seen over a score added to the church, and he had never thought of placing in their hands their church paper, which would have been both preacher and pastor when he was far away. Many others commit the same oversight. If we want our people to be active, living Christians let them be posted respecting the work of the church.—T. C. Advocate.

MEDIAEUM—WATSON, Debate.—I shall be glad to furnish this valuable work, to all who may be interested in the subject, at \$1 each, single copy, reduced rate for large orders, postage paid. GEO. J. BARCLAY, Box 202, Toronto.

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