

Church News.

OWEN SOUND, Sept. 25th.—Three more confessions at Owen Sound since last report. J. LEDIARD.

DORCHESTER AND AYLMER — Bro. Weaver has been speaking for the churches here for a few Lord's days since Bro. Campbell left.

WEST LAKE.—Our meetings lasted nearly two weeks. There were six additions, and two more at our regular services. A. C. GRAY.

EVERTON, Sept. 25th.—The special meetings conducted by Bro. W. D. Campbell at this place go grandly on; fine attendance, good interest, and people being added to the Lord.

MINTO.—Bro. John D. Stophons spent Lord's day, September 20th, with the brethren in Minto. Bro. John Darroch has sold his farm preparatory to retiring and is enjoying a well-earned leisure.

ERIN.—Bro. P. Baker spoke at Erin Centre, Erin village and Hillsburg September 13th in the absence of the writer at London. It was Bro. Baker's first visit to this field; the brethren hope it will not be the last. G. M.

BLENNHEIM.—The special services closed here to-night with thirty-five additions. The church is determined to push the work to greater success in the future. What has been accomplished here is possible in every church in the Province. We reap as we sow; let us all go to work with a will.

RIDGERTOWN, Sept. 22nd.—We have recently had a few profitable talks from Bro. D. Munro. Three made the good confession during his visit. Another came forward on Lord's day morning. The baptisms were attended to at the lake in the afternoon. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. H. BROWN.

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 23rd.—Meeting in progress promises much good. Bro. A. N. Gilbert, of Cleveland, O., is our speaker, and I have never heard the Gospel preached with greater clearness and beauty. Four persons have confessed Christ to date, Sheriff Dougald Brown and his wife being two of these. Are to be baptized to-night. T. B. KNOWLES.

MARVILLE, Sept. 23rd.—The church in Grand Valley intends to commence a series of meetings October 4th, Bro. E. Sheppard to be the speaker. The regular meetings are encouraging; we hope to have a good time. I recently exchanged labor for one Lord's day with Bro. Baker of Everton. He spoke in Marville and Grand Valley. The brethren in both places were highly pleased to hear him. We are all more than pleased with THE EVANGELIST, and shall do all we can to extend its circulation. S. WOOLNER.

TORONTO.—Bro. Connor, of Johnstown, Pa., preached for the brethren at Cecil Street on Sunday the 27th ult., morning and evening.

EAST END MISSION.—On Sunday, September 20th, 1891, Bro. Putman, of Hamilton, preached to good audiences morning and evening, the house being filled in the evening.

Bro. Ballah has labored faithfully at this place during the summer. The meetings have sometimes been very small, but we have been encouraged by the improvement which has taken place since the holiday season is over.

Strangers have given us some encouragement as well by their presence. B.K.

LONDON.—Our readers are somewhat behind in news from London. Bro. A. N. Gilbert formally reopened the renovated house on August 28rd. There were large audiences morning and evening; in the evening the house was packed. The subject was, "What must I do to be saved?" Though that great question was treated in regular New Testament style, the audience appeared to be highly delighted and desirous of hearing more of a similar character. Bro. Robt. Moffett filled the pulpit August 30th; he was also greeted with large congregations and sound Gospel sermons much enjoyed. The writer spent Lord's day, September 18th, in the Forest City, and had the pleasure of speaking to earnest and interesting congregations. Bro. Leonard continues his indefatigable efforts on behalf of the cause, and it is hoped that in the near future a capable man will be procured to devote his entire time to the work of the ministry in that place. G.M.

HAMILTON, Sept. 14th.—It is a long time since I have seen any report in THE EVANGELIST from this church. I feel sure there are brethren all over this Province who are interested in our work. Moreover, we have good news to report. Our meetings have been fairly well attended of late. On Lord's day evening, 6th inst., we had an extra large attendance, and on the evening of the 18th the seating capacity of the house was fully occupied and chairs placed along the aisles. The speaker who attracted such a crowd did not send them away disappointed, but gave them an excellent Gospel discourse, rightly dividing the word of truth in a masterly way. The sermon was attentively listened to. At the close of the service three young ladies were baptized. These made eight added by baptism since last report, and eighteen since Bro. Putman came to preach for us. May God bless the babes in Christ and may they grow up to the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus. Bro. Putman has tendered his resignation; his time expires November 1st. A large majority of us regret very much that it seemed good for him to leave us, for we believe we are losing the services of a good preacher, one who promises ere long to be a power for good in the pulpit. May God's blessing attend him and his dear companion wherever their lot may be cast. The field is large, the harvest is plentiful, but how few are the laborers. Brethren, let us be careful to retain, encourage and support all that we have in the field, especially the young and promising; if we do not how can we ever hope to have the much needed supply of good and efficient preachers to meet the constantly increasing demand? R. N. WHEELER.

Co-operation Notes

Table with columns for Contributions, Children's Day, and Individual Subscriptions. Lists names and amounts for various churches and individuals.

The returns from Children's day are coming in very well. We hope to

hear from still other schools. Again we would urge the superintendents to give the scholars an opportunity to aid the Home Mission work.

The first Lord's day in November is the day on which the churches are asked to take up a special collection for Home Missions. G. M. MUNRO, Cor. Sec.

Do Foreign Missions Pay?

During the century missionary societies have increased in number twenty-eight fold, or from seven to 194.

Missionaries have increased over forty fold, or from 170 to 7,000. The latter number does not include the more than 30,000 ordained native preachers, together with teachers and other native assistants who are really engaged in missionary work among the heathen.

Contributions for foreign missionary purposes have increased forty five fold, or from \$250,000 to \$11,250,000 in America and Great Britain alone. Besides this, in these same countries, there is a growing interest and increased benevolence from year to year in the support of home missions.

Converts have increased from 5,000 to 3,000,000. Protestants now occupy 500 fields, with 20,000 mission stations and nearly 40,000 missionaries, European, American and native, and 500,000 children of heathen parents are being taught in Christian schools, which schools have increased in the century two hundred fold, or from seventy to 14,000.

The same progress is seen in the translations of the Scripture, which have increased from 50 to 250 languages. For three thousand years there were but three versions of the Holy Scriptures. To-day the inspired record may be read in 850 tongues.

At the beginning of the century there were but 5,000,000 copies of the Bible in the world, and it could be read by only one-fifth of the human race. To day there are more than 160,000,000, and it is accessible to nine-tenths of the race.

A sort of Lord's-eye view of the world, passing from country to country where the light of the Gospel has gone, will further assure us of the progress that has been made in mission lands within a comparatively short time.

Japan, so long closed against missionary operations, has literally been taken possession of by the Christian idea, and that since 1855. Recently the Empire adopted the type of Christian civilization, with a written constitution, and a Parliament was elected, of which four per cent. of its members are Christians.

In the Sandwich Islands the people in fifty years have been transformed from cannibals to Christians, and in the Island of Hawaii it is said there is to be found one of the largest Christian congregations in the world, numbering 4,500 members.

In the Friendly Islands, Terra del Fuego, New Zealand, Madagascar, in Australia, Persia, Syria, Arabia, Turkey, and elsewhere, there has likewise been great progress, showing that the heathen are literally stretching out their hands for the bread and water of life—the Gospel of the Son of God.

There are in the United States, Canada, England and Scotland, thirty-four woman's missionary societies, and they collect annually more than \$1,000,000, and employ and support 1,397 missionaries, besides the great work they do in stimulating increased missionary zeal among the churches. These societies, all of recent origin, are the out-growth of the marked missionary awakening of the past twenty-five years.—Religious Telescope.

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