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FOR 1893.

As this is the time of year when special efforts are put forth to increase the circulation of newspapers, secular and religious, it will not be out of place to say a few words to the friends of the EVANGELIST.

It is becoming more evident all the time that the EVANGELIST has a sphere and a field of its own. The number of its devoted friends is larger now than ever before. Commendations of its matter, manner and spirit have been quite frequent and very hearty, especially within the last few months. This is very gratifying and encouraging. The friends of the paper have manifestly no thought of its discontinuance, neither has the publisher.

But in order that the EVANGELIST may live and prosper without being a burden to any one, or involving any one in financial loss, its subscription list must be considerably enlarged. It is believed that the supporters of the paper would not be pleased to hear of its publication at a sacrifice not only of time and labor, but also of money to the publisher. They will not hear such a report if they will but exert themselves a little in the way of getting new subscribers.

We have heard no complaints about the price of the paper—one dollar per year. It may be, however, that some, comparing it with the large religious weeklies, which are published at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 or \$3.00 per year, may think the EVANGELIST a dear paper. The fact is simply this, the large weekly papers could not be furnished for their present prices were it not for their large circulation, and their extensive and profitable advertising patronage. Such papers as the *Christian Standard* and the *Christian Evangelist*, with 2,000 of a circulation and no advertisements, would have to sell at from \$10 to \$15 a year to pay the bare expenses of publication. A paper so expensively gotten up as the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, and with its necessarily limited circulation, cannot be issued even semi-monthly at less than one dollar per year. As we have said, we do not hear complaints in regard to the price of the paper; on the other hand, it is a frequent expression that it is well worth one dollar a year. We have said this much to prevent any one from looking upon the EVANGELIST as an object of charity and to guard against the impression that the person who pays for his paper is making the publisher a present of part of the subscription price.

The EVANGELIST modestly stands upon its merits, its platform and its record, and upon these grounds hopes to deserve the hearty and active support of the Disciples of Christ. In one sentence, what is required in order to the permanence and prosperity of this paper, is that its present subscribers

should pay their subscriptions promptly, and all lend a hand to increase the number of subscribers. What has killed many a paper has been the apathy of its friends.

The publisher wishes most cordially to thank all who have hitherto assisted him in keeping the EVANGELIST afloat, and desires to make special mention of the agents for their generous aid. See our special offers for 1893 elsewhere.

"Bible Annexes."

—Our Canadian brethren are trying to raise a \$20,000 endowment fund for a Bible Department in Toronto University.—*Christian Gleaner*.

This idea of Bible Annexes to the great universities seems to be spreading. The Annex is, we think, a wise expedient, and will serve a good purpose until the Lord shall send us a Rockefeller to build and equip and endow our own great Central Christian University—at St. Louis—*Christian Evangelist*.

Yes, the idea is spreading because it is a good one, and an economical one; but it is not spreading *this way*, rather *your way*, *Christian Evangelist* "Budget" man. We have been talking and writing about the scheme up here for four or five years, and have made a start in the direction indicated. Two years ago two courses of lectures were delivered to students attending Toronto University, and this session arrangements have been made for three courses; one of these has already been delivered by Bro. T. B. Knowles, of St. Thomas; another will be given by President McDiarmid, of Bethany College, this week; and later on Bro. T. L. Fowler, of London, is to give special instructions to ministerial students.

Some progress has also been made towards raising the \$20,000 mentioned; and there is good reason to believe that the scheme will be an accomplished fact ere long.

Our brethren in Ontario who may have had misgivings with regard to the wisdom of the plan, may be inclined to look upon it more favorably when they learn that in different States a similar project is being favorably considered by the Disciples. We understand the C. W. B. M. of the United States has made definite arrangements to establish a Bible department in connection with Michigan University, Ann Arbor. As we have said—it is a good idea. It is bound to spread, and it does not matter where it started.

We are pleased to add to our exchange list the *Truth Seeker*, of Brighton, Iowa. The editor explains why he has embarked upon the sea of journalism:

Fearing that there is a tendency on the part of some of "our brethren" to go off after "strange gods," and to sit down and play with sectarianism, and having an ardent desire to correct this evil to stay this spirit of indifference, and to arouse every latent energy—these are some of the motives that moved us to begin the publication of the *Truth Seeker*.

There is, no doubt, such a tendency as the *Truth Seeker* fears, and we wish its editor much success in fighting against it.

The *Christian Guardian* says:

A lady recently told us of being in Dr. Storr's church, and witnessing a somewhat unique ceremony. Each baptized child who had reached the age of two years was presented with a Bible by the pastor. Our informant thought this usage might be adopted with advantage in every church. Certainly it would be a good thing to take more account of the children of the Church, and early teach them their obligation to serve Christ the Lord.

If the words, "of the church" be left out we cordially endorse the last

sentence above. Before children can be "of the Church" they must not only have been taught their obligation to serve the Lord, but they must for themselves have personally assumed that obligation. In the days of the Apostles the order was hearing, believing and being baptized; those who practice infant baptism make it, being baptized, hearing and believing.

CONFESSING CHRIST.—The Ethiopian official was convinced that Jesus Christ was the promised Saviour. He found the truth for which he had been seeking; the light toward which he had been struggling had dawned on his soul. He is now resolved to follow the leading of the truth and light. As they journeyed they came to a place where water was plentiful; the new convert exclaims: "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?" He believed in Christ; he is now ready to profess his faith in Him. The evangelist points out to him the one condition of admission into Christ's kingdom, "If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest." To this he readily responds, and makes the good confession: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Then the chariot was stopped. Both Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water and he was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. As Philip had unexpectedly approached the Ethiopian, he was now as suddenly and unexpectedly parted from him. As they "came up out of the water the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more," and he went on his way rejoicing. He rejoiced in the spiritual light he had found, in the blessings of salvation he had received. He rejoiced in God. For him the true joy of his life had begun. Philip was found at Azotus, the ancient Ashdod, ten miles north of Gaza. He went on with his evangelistic work, preaching in all the cities through which he passed till he reached Caesarea.—*Canada Presbyterian notes on S. S. Lesson*.

How different the above is from the puerile efforts that have so frequently been made to explain away the evident meaning of the plain words of scripture in the passage in question. No attempt to prove that "into" does not mean "into," nor "out of" mean "out of."

Our Omnibus.

Bro. Silas Moot has removed from Waterloo, Indiana, to Vandalia, Cass Co., Mich.

Bibles and Testaments should be plentiful in every Christian home. After them comes a good standard dictionary. Some friend of the EVANGELIST is going to get one for a New Year's gift. Will it be you? Why not try for it?

Look around and see if there is not some one you can induce to take the EVANGELIST; some one you would like to present it to for a year, or some one you think we ought to send it to for a year for nothing. When you find any such people, please notify us promptly.

Look over this paper and note how our contributors are occupying space, and observe what good reading they are giving us, too. Show this number to your friends and speak a good word for the paper. If you can use sample copies to advantage, drop us a post card saying so, and we shall mail you some.

We call very special attention to our "Special Offers." We think our friends must admit that they are generous. Our prize is a prize indeed. Webster's International Dictionary will be a standard work when the young man of to-day is a grandfather. We desire largely to increase our list and make the EVANGELIST a better paper than ever before. Help, friends, and help NOW.

That excellent paper, the *Christian Evangelist*, of St. Louis, Mo., has recently donned a new dress, and made changes and improvements in the arrangement of its numerous ably conducted departments. Those of our readers who have never seen the *Christian Evangelist* would do well to send for a sample copy to 1522 Lucas Place, St. Louis, Mo.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST: Will you give space in the EVANGELIST to the following important notice?

I withdraw my endorsement of "The Plan of the Ages." I no longer recommend it as safe literature. I believe it has done harm. I regard it as a dangerous book for any but the most careful students of the Bible.

E. R. BLACK.

Aylmer, Ont.

Before going to Japan, Miss Mary Rioch went to Frederick Lyonde, the high-class photographer opposite the post office, Hamilton, and was photographed. She was so well pleased with the work, that she gave a second order. The Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions has placed an order with Mr. Lyonde for 75 photographs of Miss Rioch. Mr. Lyonde received a GOLD MEDAL first prize at Toronto this year.

SPECIAL PREMIUM
FOR THE LADIES.

By the kindness of Bro. J. M. Warner, proprietor of the Hamilton Carpet Sweeper Manufacturing House, we are able to offer a Premium which we think will be very acceptable to our lady friends.

WE SHALL PRESENT TO EVERY lady who sends us TEN new yearly subscriptions to the EVANGELIST before January 1st, 1893, a

GRAND RAPIDS
CARPET SWEEPER

There is a cut of the "Grand Rapids" on page 8 of this paper. It is a first-class Sweeper; it is fitted with all the latest improvements; it is beautifully finished, it works like a charm, and its retail price is \$3.50.

The CANADIAN EVANGELIST has many friends among the sisters, old and young, married and single, who have freely given their time to extend its circulation in part years. We are happy to be in a position to make them so liberal an offer.

Take notice that this offer is to every lady who sends TEN new subscriptions before January 1st, 1893. We believe many of our friends can take advantage of this offer—*ten* is not a large number; by going right to work ten new subscriptions can be obtained before January 1st, 1893.

N. B.—Should any one of our friends of the male persuasion desire to make their mother, wife, daughter, sister, cousin, etc., a present of a Grand Rapids Carpet Sweeper we shall be pleased to send them one on the same conditions that we offer them to the ladies.

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What our Friends are Saying.

A brother sending in a new subscription together with his own renewal, closes his letter thus:

"Hoping that people may realize the benefits of such a paper as the EVANGELIST and that your subscription may increase."

Another writes:

"Am pleased with the general tone and character of the EVANGELIST and hope it is prospering financially as well as in its literary lines."

And here is the word of still another:

"I must congratulate you on your last issue. Personally, I think it is the best number you have ever published, everything considered."

With the continued sympathy and support of our brethren and sisters and the blessing of God, we can make the EVANGELIST a still better paper.

Church News.

ACTON, Nov. 2nd.—One baptism at Acton last Sunday night.

A. C. GRAY.

RIDGETOWN, Oct. 31st.—I am glad to inform you that we have succeeded in engaging Bro. R. Bulgin, late of Clayton, Md. He has been with us two Lord's days and the brethren are delighted with him.

J. A. C. ANDERSON.

AURORA.—The Disciples will have meetings next week, commencing on Monday evening at 7.30. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, will be the speaker. He is said to be an eloquent evangelist. His subjects are what the age requires. All who can should hear Mr. Campbell, especially those desiring to know more of the teaching of the Disciples.—*Aurora Banner*, Nov. 4th.

RODNEY.—Bro. Ainsworth has just concluded a two weeks' series of meetings at Rodney, resulting in eleven additions to the membership there. The church is much encouraged by the good results, and hope that the good seed sown will yet yield abundantly in the minds and hearts of others who are almost persuaded.

J. A. M.

West Lorne, Oct. 28th.

GUELPH, Nov. 1, 1892.—A WELCOME THAT WAS A SURPRISE.—We were very pleasantly surprised on the evening of Nov. 1, by about fifty of the brethren, sisters, and friends of the church, who had come to welcome home Mrs. Fowler, who had just arrived from a visit with her parents. What they brought in their hands will minister to the needs of the outer man, and their kind words of welcome expressed in the brief programme which was carried out will nourish and strengthen the inner man to renewed efforts in the work for Christ. It is a great pleasure to labor with this people, who are working so earnestly for the growth of the church in this city, and we can indeed thank God that our lot is cast in so pleasant a place.

GEO. FOWLER.

RODNEY AND WEST LORNE.—At the close of my labors for the past year, I send for publication the visible results. There have been fourteen additions during the year; thirteen by primary confession and baptism and one by letter. Just closed a two weeks' meeting at Rodney, resulting in eleven being added to the church. The audiences are good, and peace and harmony prevail. I have accepted the unanimous call of the churches of Lorne and Rodney to remain with them another year, and will enter upon the same full of hope, trusting that greater results may attend my labors. With a sad heart I chronicle the gradual failing of our beloved Bro. Arch. McKillop, who is estimated so highly by the church and community for his moral and spiritual worth.

R. M. AINSWORTH.

West Lorne.