

# Manitoba Column.

## Look Here About Winnipeg!

DEAR EVANGELIST:

Brethren have written to me making inquiry about the letters going out from this Province relative to the work begun in Winnipeg.

An objection has been urged that the appeal to the board was made with the understanding that when it consented to give \$250, the balance (with the gift from the F. C. M. S.) could be raised in the field. This is correct. It was stated in that way. But the information upon which the estimates were made has proved to be of the wrong nature. It is fact after the common acceptance of the term—it was stated to us who gathered data that thirty disciples were enrolled in the city. We met some disciples anxious for the work to begin, some were out of the city, visiting, or on business. It is possible also that this thirty might include families. However that may be, it was put before the brethren just as it was received, "thirty disciples enrolled." Now Bro McKee finds that only a few will identify themselves with the work. Yet they are of the right stamp and are doing all they can. It is a fact, too, that others who had never known our plea until the prospecting was done, thought and spoke favorably of the work proposed, and we cannot but believe that these will yet unite in the work. At present, then, there is this hard face of facts that the work has to be laid from the foundation, and we must have some substantial assurance in addition to what is already subscribed. There is no place in the city suitable for meetings; a church house must be built. Bro. McKee has made a strong appeal through the *Standard* for help to build a house.

Brethren, Winnipeg has been too long neglected, it will not do to put off this work longer. Excuse this statement, or boast; but, brethren, there is not a work in Canada to-day among us that so much needs our help and immediate attention as Winnipeg. There are other things stated in the letters sent to the churches that have changed, too. The population since then has increased several thousand; 14,800 immigrants have come into this Province in 1892. It was stated then that the population was 25,000, now it is in the neighborhood of 30,000. It was stated that there were 8 railroad lines emptying their commerce into Winnipeg, but there are 12. There must be a church there, and it must go forward in harmony with the rush of life. A slow work will not be noticed there.

Dear brethren, you who live where your population scarcely changes in a decade, behold your opportunities to come into touch with the moving thousands from every clime. Doubtless this has been the dream of your life in respect to your religious zeal—if you could only be where you could touch the multitudes with your influence, how happy you would be. Here is your opportunity! Reach out your hand, cast out your line, awake to right-doing just here. Let us have in the metropolis of this Province of energy, which dares to do great things, a proof of your zeal. This is the Province that is asking and seeking and knocking for every moral and religious reform—it has carried over the heads of sectism and wickedness, national schools and prohibition. We are the only people in all the religious world who have the unity platform for all believers in Christ. Now is the time to plant this seed in the minds of the people of Manitoba.

Brethren, do not keep the contents of the letters that have been sent you from your congregations. Let them have a chance to speak for the cross of Christ, for the brotherhood of man, by a contribution to Winnipeg work; we are determined to push it onward by the best methods, and in harmony with the needs of the day. A step, as from the churches to which the 100 to 200 letters were sent, need not be a strain upon you, but by a united action a wave of healthy support would roll into the most needy place of our Dominion. Brethren, we are in earnest up here. The church in Portage is doing more

for Winnipeg than all Ontario. Think of that! Minnedosa, a weak little mission, has a paper with half as much as all Ontario, and has actually paid more than all Ontario. Winnipeg at present is scarcely able to pay hall rent. By and by it will stand ahead, because of its possibilities. J. B. LISTER.

## Co-operation Notes

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

J. H. Hanns.....\$5 00  
A Friend.....5 00

### CHILDREN'S DAY.

S. S. Hamilton.....\$7 40  
" Walkerton.....2 30  
" Erin Village.....4 80

We presume the S. S. Collections for Home Missions are being held over as usual a week or two for full returns. That is well; it saves the expense of making more than one remittance. As the demands upon the co-operation are greater than ever this year, it is to be hoped the Sunday schools will give liberally on this occasion.

GEO. MUNRO, Cor.-Sec.

## Annual Meeting at St. John.

The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, was held in St. John, N. B., in which city we have a live church, whose minister is H. W. Stewart, a maritime boy. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that Bro. Stewart is an earnest, energetic and devoted man, greatly beloved by his brethren. With such a man the church could hardly be other than it is, and with such a church the preacher has every opportunity to lead in a good work.

The meeting began on Friday evening, the 2nd inst., and ended on the evening of the 5th inst. The first thing on the programme was the address of welcome by H. W. Stewart. It was brief, cordial, and to the point; several of the visitors responded, expressing their joy at their hearty reception, which was given not in words only but in very warm hand shaking, and in genuine hospitality. About the close of this meeting, Bro. T. H. Capp (minister of this church for a decade of years, now of Springfield, Mo.) arrived. From the greeting which he received it was quite evident that he had not been driven from the Provinces.

On Saturday morning, after an hour's devotional meeting, the business meeting began. Reports from various churches, eighteen districts, were read, showing a total church membership of 1735; Sunday School attendance, 957; added to the church, 100; losses by death, 27; by letter, 10. The receipts of the Home Mission Board were \$605. The expenditure, \$570.

The report of the *Christian* (the paper published by our brethren in the maritime provinces, and under the control of the brotherhood) showed a circulation of 960, with \$221 profits; the profits are given to the home mission work. One of the chief matters before the convention was that of affiliation with our brethren in the United States in Home Mission work. After consideration in committee and discussion in convention, resolutions were unanimously carried asking admission to said organization on the same conditions as a State. The business throughout was transacted on business principles.

Bro. J. H. Hardin and wife, of Springfield, Mo., and Sister Graybiel, of Buffalo, were present. Bro. Hardin aided much with his ready counsel in the consideration of important matters. He also preached several times, being the chief speaker. On Thursday evening he preached an eloquent sermon on the subject, "The things that cannot be shaken." On Saturday evening he and Sister Graybiel addressed the audience on missionary work. Those who have heard Miss Graybiel need be told nothing of her; she captivated the people. On Lord's Day morning Bro. Capp preached a good practical sermon on Heb. vi. 1-3. Judging by this ser-

mon one does not wonder that ten years of such preaching had produced a church full of good works. In the afternoon Bro. H. Minnick, of Lubec, Me., discoursed on the questions, "Who is Jesus?" "What will you do with him?"

In the evening Bro. Hardin delivered the annual sermon, his text being 1 Tim. iii. 15, "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." After giving a brief and clear exposition of the text, Bro. Hardin gave the history of our origin and progress, the great results, desire for union, and supremacy of the Bible, that have been certainly brought about through our influence. Bro. Hardin delighted the brethren, and I think that it is safe to say that they delighted him, the attraction and benefit was mutual. The services throughout were inspiring. The devotional meetings, especially the one at 7 a. m. Sunday, were very profitable. In these meetings the sisters were not a whit behind the brothers in taking part. No time was lost in honoring one another by waiting for some one else to speak first.

The following are the names of some of our preaching brethren of the Maritime Provinces who were there: E. C. Ford, chairman of the convention; O. B. Emery, H. W. Stewart, Howard Murray, Wm. Murray, Weaver, Gates, H. E. Cooke, R. E. Stevens. It was a great pleasure to meet with these brethren, and listen to them speak of and plan for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ. The meeting was considered one of the best ever held, and great results are confidently looked for.

The church in St. John knows how to entertain.

JOHN MUNRO.

## Young People's Work.

FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH.

\$350.00.—THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS IS NEEDED FOR WELLAND, AND THE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASKED TO RAISE IT. WE CAN. WILL WE? DO NOT FORGET THE AMOUNT—\$350.00.

We clip the following from the Golden Rule:—

NOTIFIED.—Sometimes—not often, but sometimes—the prayer meeting committee is annoyed by the poor memories of the appointed leaders, who "forgot that they were to lead that meeting." Here is the way that committee in the Church of Christ, Boston, Mass., impresses the fact of appointment upon the members:—

BOSTON, MASS., May 5, 1892.

DEAR BROTHER:—You have been appointed by the prayer meeting committee to take charge of the Christian Endeavor prayer meeting on Tuesday next, May 10, with the subject of "Public Worship: a Privilege and a Duty," found in 1st. 84; Heb. 10: 25. We should be very much pleased to have you meet with our committee Sunday evening at 6.15, for the short prayer service. Trusting that you can comply with our request, I remain yours in the work for "Christ and His Church."

DAISY FLOWER.

Chairman of prayer meeting committee.

KEEP THIS LIST:—We give below a list of all the young people's societies, so far as reported to us, in the province. They are all Christian Endeavor Societies, none others have so far reported. Some of our older Churches are known by the names of the Townships in which they are located, and for this reason we give both name of Church and Secretaries' post office. Corresponding Secretaries should keep this list for future reference:

Church.	Cor.-Sec.	Post Office.
Goodenough	Ellis Moss	Rosedale.
St. Thomas	Terrie Sinclair	St. Thomas.
St. Thomas	Paul Knicker	St. Thomas.
Orangeville	Andrew Hill	Orangeville.
St. Mary's	Clara Wendt	St. Mary's.
Winkerton	James Whitehead	Winkerton.
London	Jorge McDonald	Box 500, London.
Winkerton	M. A. Thompson	Winger.
Geoph	Joe F. Reed	Geoph.
Toronto	Rossie Culp	St. John St. Toronto.
Ridgeway	Flora M. Campbell	Morpeth Road.

### MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLES.

In his address at the New York convention, Rev. Dr. Clark strongly emphasized the thought that the Christian Endeavor Society is not merely an organization, but a providential movement. If this be so, it has a right to

those principles that distinguish it, and that have been, under God, the secret of its success. These principles Dr. Clark describes as individual consecration, devoted service, pledged loyalty, and interdenominational fellowship.

It will be well if each of us should ponder carefully these words, and see to it that as individuals and as societies we are true to the principles of the movement with which we are connected. Let us be very careful that we do not exalt the organization and the machinery, forgetting the true source of power. This is a snare into which we are in constant danger of falling, and the more rapidly our numbers increase the greater becomes the danger. Dr. Clark speaks these strong words: "Our duty is plain, Christian Endeavorers, not to glory in a name or strive for a mere organization. The organization without the dominating Spirit of God is less than the least of all things; but our duty is also our privilege, to recognize as in the past the guiding hand of God."—*Endeavor Herald*.

The above is worthy the careful attention of all young workers. Very often there is a tendency to imagine that machinery, i. e., organization, will work of itself if only it is once set up. Cases have actually been known of churches, which, having heard of the wonderful work of the Christian Endeavor Society, have straightway organized branches thereof, expecting marvelous things—only to be disappointed. The machinery was set up, but the power omitted. No Christian Endeavor Society can be made a success unless its leaders at least are spiritually strong and have ardent desire to advance the cause of Christ.

The work of the Christian Endeavor Society is done in committee, but its strength is renewed in the prayer meeting.

OCTOBER 18, 19 AND 20, LONDON. RALLY OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, OCT. 20, AT 8.45 A. M.

Lack of space prevents us giving the programme of the London convention in full, but we give below a synopsis of the principal parts. Those who would like fuller information are referred to the *Endeavor Herald*.

Tuesday afternoon and evening, question drawer and addresses of welcome. Wednesday forenoon, reports from local unions and presentation of county banners; afternoon, "missions" will be discussed by Rev. F. Tapscott, of Hamilton and H. W. Frost, of Toronto; evening, address by Bishop Baldwin. The "Pastor's Hour" will also be on Wednesday. Thursday forenoon, denominational rallies and free parliament on "Work of officers and committees." Afternoon, "The Word of God" will be the topic discussed by H. W. Frost and others. Evening, address by Rev. Dr. Rose, of Montreal. Sunrise prayer meetings, Wednesday and Thursday.

Railway rates will be single fare on certificate plan. All delegates will be billeted. Wear your badges and register at once on arrival at place of meeting.

The Provincial secretary thinks there should be 1000 delegates at London.

There will be two well-known American speakers, names not yet announced. Those who require billets should send their application as soon as possible to A. J. Clark, 380 Simcoe St. London, Ont. Attend to this at once if you would secure convenient quarters, for there will be a crowd at London.

The following is from a private letter, but we know we will be pardoned for giving it to the public. It is the kind of letter one likes to receive.

Orangeville, Aug. 26, 1892.

DEAR BRO. McMILLAN: I want to endorse Bro. Leary's suggestion regarding a rally of Disciples at the London convention. Such a meeting would be a stimulus to the efforts we are making to raise that \$350, and I tell you we want all the stimulus that can be had, for the money must be raised. Not only will the work at Welland be carried through, but the V. P. S. C. E. will earn for itself a name and place in the future calculations of our co-operation conventions and committees that we can get in no other way than proving its worth by real and practical results. . . All's well. Yours, etc.

J. A. AIKIN.

THE WORK AT WELLAND.—Bro. Munro is still holding the fort and sends us the very pleasing intelligence of the baptism of a young lady recently. We have every expectation also of being able very soon to give another item of news, which will place the work in our mission field on a very hopeful basis. But in the meantime money is needed and should be had right away. Every effort is being made to raise enough for immediate pressing needs in the vicinity of Welland itself, but more of the young people in other parts of the Province should come to the rescue at once. The aid given by each individual or each society may not be very great, but all such added together should foot up a large sum, and then, as Bro. Aikin remarks above, the successful carrying out of this work will place the young people's work in the Province on a footing which it cannot possibly attain to by any other means.

A REQUEST.—Will all the young people, wherever they are gathered together, please offer up prayers next week to the Father of Battles for the success of Welland, our mission field?

ALEX. McMILLAN.

Alvinston, Ont.

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