

Here is something for those who use tobacco. Lads and young men should be faithfully warned against the practice:

"Out of twenty young men who competed for a West Point cadetship at Westfield, Mass., ten were rejected by the physician because they had the tobacco heart," brought on by cigarette smoking. They were unfit for West Point services. *Globe*.

Many a man is not the man he might be, and would be, had he never indulged himself in tobacco. Let young men be wise and stop the practice before it is begun, for it surely wastes the sinews, and shatters the nerves, it does no more.

It is well known that the *Toronto Mail* is now a Prohibition paper. The following paragraph from the *Globe* anent the recent contest in Texas will indicate its position on the great question. The attitude of these great papers is very significant, and very encouraging as being about as certain an index as can be found of the general opinion of our people on the Temperance question:—

"If the majority against Prohibition in Texas should turn out to be as much as 100,000—which seems likely—the liquor men all over the continent will probably take heart of grace. Their victory, however, simply amounts to a retention of the State by somewhat less than the usual Democratic majority. The fact that there was found anybody bold enough to beard the whiskey fiend in his Texas den is most significant. To have proposed a plebiscite on Temperance in the infernal regions would not have seemed much more bold. The wonder is not that Prohibition was defeated, but that there should ever have arisen in a State whose name suggests revolvers, bow-knives lynchings and all unlawfulness, a party strong enough to raise the head on behalf of so respectable a cause as Temperance. And there is this that is certain. The majority against Temperance in Texas will yearly diminish and diminish until Texas takes her stand, purified and resolute, beside her sister State Maine. Texas may be the last to come up into the line of Prohibition States, but she will be there some day."

As a further illustration that the *Regular Baptists* are not *Regular* in all respects we copy this note from the *Christian Standard*. Is it not about time that our Baptist friends should cease to occupy so absurd a position,—i. e. some of them, of course—in regard to the communion question? We have known Baptists who would gladly commune with Disciples but that the rule of the church, as they said, forbade them, and again we have known Baptists who would break bread with Disciples as freely as they would with Baptists, and still again we have known Baptists who would not commune with Disciples on consideration, who in fact did not seem to regard Disciples as the Lord's people at all, now we think the *Canadian Baptist* might throw some light on these matters for us. And, by the way, it will be no harm for our readers to know that while the *Presbyterian Review* of Toronto, one of the best religious journals in Canada, promptly exchanged with us when we began to publish the *EVANGELIST*, the *Canadian Baptist* has so far ungraciously declined to do so. But we shall freely forgive the *Baptist* if it will give us a definition of the expression, "Regular Baptist." But here is the clipping from the *Standard*:

BRO. DARSIE, in his letter from Boston in this week's *Standard*, after mentioning that A. G. Lawson, a Baptist preacher of Boston preached for him in the Tabernacle adds:

"But what I want more especially to say is that Bro. Lawson not only preached our people a good soul-nourishing sermon, but that he rested for them at the Lord's table, and, like a brother among brethren, partook of the sacred feast himself. And he showed no hesitation whatever in so doing. He regarded it as a matter of course. It was in all respects a grateful, appropriate and brotherly act. I mention it partly to express our appreciation, and partly to exhibit the superior breadth of our Baptist Brethren in New England."

That is just right. There is no reason why it should not be so done. But tell it not to the editor of the *Little Flag*, nor to the editor who holds that a brother is guilty for proposing to receive those who are known to hold any unscriptural views. They might put up the bars, and leave all Boston outside the pasture field.

CHURCH NEWS.

WIARTON.—Bro. John Munro is spending a few weeks with the church in Wiarton.

ERIN VILLAGE.—Bro. Lediard found but 26 churches which held prayer-meetings on a week day evening. There is now one more—Erin Village is added to the roll of honor. Next!

ACTON.—We understand that Bro. A. Anderson, of Hamilton, paid the brethren in Acton a visit on a recent Lord's Day. Bro. Geo. Black, of Everton, was also present and spoke in the morning; Bro. Anderson spoke at night.

NASSAGAWEYA.—We are informed that Bro. Ed. Black, of Everton, spent a Lord's Day in August with the brethren at Nassagaweya; glad to hear the young men are stepping forward.

JORDAN. Please report through the ONTARIO EVANGELIST, on the 20th inst. one added to the church here by faith, repentance, confession and baptism. J. M. LAWS.

July 29th, 1887.
RIDGETOWN.—On the day of our picnic at the Eau, August 3rd, I baptized a young woman in the beautiful waters of Lake Erie. Church and Sunday School moving along in peace, with signs of improvement. E. S.

ST. THOMAS.—We learn from the *St. Thomas Journal* that Bro. Sinclair and family have moved from that city to Collingwood to take charge of the church in that place. Collingwood is an important point, and we should give it all the help we can.

MIIMOSA.—The Mimosa picnic took place on the 25 ult. in a grove near the meeting-house. If a large crowd, good speeches, excellent music and a grand spread, are prime factors, it can be said we had a good picnic. The school is doing well under the superintendency of Bro. Stevens.

ERIN CENTRE.—The Sunday School started at this place is in a very prosperous condition. The attendance has been as high as 85. The regular church services at 2 o'clock are well attended. There is also in connection with the work of this church an evening meeting two Sundays in the month at Hillsburg, which is largely attended.

STR. PACIFIC, Aug. 25th.
I am on my way to Gore Bay, to return in 2 or 3 weeks. We had one baptism in Ridout last Lord's Day, everything is going on very well, and our influence is growing. We intend to have our Annual Meeting at Baysville, on the 1st Lord's Day in October. Business meeting on Saturday previous. Would like a visit on that occasion from you, Bro. Geo. Munro, Jas. Kilgour, or any others who can come. Come and help us. W. M. CREWSON.

WELLAND.—Bro. Hiram Brown informs us that he preached in Welland Lord's Day, Aug. 14th, and that he was to continue meetings there during the following week. He says that the brethren are zealous but somewhat discouraged, and that the church must be supplied with a preacher for a while. He also exhorts the EVANGELIST to speak out. The EVANGELIST has already had a good deal to say about Welland, but does not object to making another remark: Let the churches in the Niagara district undertake the responsibility of putting the cause in Welland on a solid basis, and let Bro. Brown urge the matter upon them.

GALT.—In response to your appeal in the JUNE EVANGELIST I write you these few lines regarding the progress of the Master's cause in Galt. Most of the brethren who are able have been working hard through the winter and spring to extend the knowledge of the truth, and we have been called on to attend to six baptisms as a consequence of our labors. One Lord's Day morning, about four months ago, after the baptism of a brother and sister, fourteen sat down round the table to partake of the blessed memorials of our Saviour's sacrifice for us. The number ebb and flows a little, as some who occasionally partake have not formally united with the church.

Our regular meeting takes place in the W. C. T. U. rooms, on Main Street, at 11 a. m. on Sundays, and we have been meeting on that evening at Sister Wells', where we have had many profitable and comforting gatherings. In one of the week evening meetings we have attended during winter and spring, there has been much opposition, but, while we maintain the truth, we have endeavored to show the Christ-like spirit, and have created a more favorable impression than those who oppose us, and we feel rewarded by the indications that the "word spoken" is taking root, and that its influence is working like leaven. We are called upon to suffer a little and bear a little at times, while we know that we are being defamed, but it is a matter of joy to think that these little persecutions are for the Master and His gospel's sake. On Sunday afternoon we have been holding Sunday school, with an attendance amounting to about an average of 13 or 14. I am here for the summer for my health, and was very sorry at being prevented from getting to Guelph to the June meeting, as I had been anticipating "a good time." For a rural occupation I have been running an apiary, and have been too busy to write you particulars in time for July or August EVANGELIST, which I regret and which I trust you will excuse. Enclosed I send you 50 cents to renew my subscription which is over due. R. W. McDONNELL.

St. George, Aug. 10th, 1887.

DENISON AVE., TORONTO.—We regret that our Bro. Lediard who has been with us some time, was compelled—by ill-health—to leave on 15th Aug. to seek quiet rest for a few weeks at his home in Ridgetown. We trust he may soon regain his wonted health and vigor, and be ready for the field again. Bro. M. J. Ferguson of Kentucky, arrived in the City yesterday, and expects to remain some ten days with us, preaching on Lord's days and during the week. We expect to have something good to say respecting him in our next issue. The "heated term," and holiday season being about over, we now expect a rallying of our forces for the work before us during the coming fall and winter. Elder Jas. Kilgour came down to the city and conducted services at Denison Ave. on Lord's day Aug. 21st. Bro. Kilgour is always warmly welcomed by the church in the West End. May he be spared to us all for many years to come. G. J. B.

Toronto, 25th Aug., 1887.

MINIO.—In the latter part of the month of June I visited the little church of baptized believers at Cotswold, Ont., and held a few gospel meetings among them. Good attention was given by all classes to the explanation of the scriptures. The meetings continued to increase in size and interest for about two weeks, and there was every prospect of sinners being saved when we had to withdraw the services on account of family sickness and other circumstances, which rendered it advisable to close for the time being. Elder John Darroch is still faithfully feeding the flock in this place and holding forth the Word of Life to the perishing part of the community. He is doing a noble work, both in sustaining the cause and gradually extending the interests of the Saviour's kingdom. The brethren in this place have treated me with the greatest of kindness. Since the meetings closed they have presented me with a nice little purse of \$20.00. Although weak financially they are very liberal and kind when they receive any encouragement. I would hereby heartily recommend the little cause in Cotswold to the special consideration, sympathy and timely cultivation of the Co-operation Board. I believe if Bro. Lediard could pay a visit this fall or winter to the church in this place and spend a few weeks among them, blessed results would follow. The field seems to be ripe for the harvest for several reasons. The faithful presentation of the Truth by Bro. Darroch for so many years is having its desired and expected effect. Many who were formerly filled with prejudice are now paying attention and respect to the teaching of the Word. Trusting that Bro. Lediard or some other good evangelist can pay a visit to this place soon, and that the Lord's rich blessing may rest upon the cause in Cotswold. A. R. BEST.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN.—One addition by letter and two to be baptized next Lord's Day. 'Tis like getting a "letter from home" to receive your large monthly budget of church news, some cheering, some saddening—joy and sorrow—sunshine and showers, all along life's journey. You cheer us by reporting 100 additions to the Lord's host—45 in Texas, 12 in Dakota, and 43 in this "Canada of ours." How cheering to both sower and reaper that the golden grain is being safely garnered. "Storm the fort" seems to be the battle cry all along the line—the soldiers of Christ are obeying their marching orders, "Go ye, &c." You cheer us, too, by telling of the improving health and consequent increased usefulness of our pioneer veterans, Crewson and Stephens. While our hearts are subdued with a sweet sadness on learning that the angel reapers while harvesting the sheaves ripened for eternity have borne our dear aged sister Abbott "from her home below to her home above." It reminds us
"We, too, shall come to the river's side,
Gathering one by one;
Nearer its waters each eretide,
Gathering one by one.
O, Jesus, our fainting strength uphold;
The waves of that river are dark and cold;
Gathering homeward from every land,
Gathering one by one."
July, 27th, 1887. A. H. FINCH.

WALKERTON.—An unexpected pleasure was enjoyed by the writer and congregation here this morning as we assembled for worship. Just before commencing, our old and highly esteemed father in Israel, Bro. Anderson, of Hamilton, came walking up the aisle. He is paying a short visit to his children here, sister and brother Hamilton, and his son in Brant. To our delight he improved the opportunity by speaking from John 12: 42 and 43. "Many of the chief rulers believed on Him, but did not confess Him: they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God," and with well chosen words did he teach, exhort and edify. We pray God through Christ that the glorious truth taught may find a lodging-place in many hearts, and like seed sown in good soil bring forth fruit that shall redound to their good and God's glory. We all wish Bro. Anderson a pleasant visit and safe return. Since writing the above, Bro. Anderson has been with us Wednesday evening and Sunday, August 1st, and preached with much acceptance and profit to all. Our Bros. McNevis and Curries, of Chesley, have been doing some quiet preaching at home, and God has blessed their labors. Yesterday, August 1st, one came with them here and made the good confession, and was immersed in the beautiful waters of the Saugeen, and went home rejoicing as did the cunuch of old. We hope to hear more from those brothers at Chesley soon. T. WHITEHEAD.
July 23rd, 1887.

OBITUARIES.

BLACK.
Georgina Amelia Pomeroy was born in Cobourg in the year 1844, and was baptized by C. J. Lister in the thirteenth year of her age. She was united in marriage to Bro. Wm. C. Black on the 17th day of October, 1872.

On the 2nd ult. her spirit took its flight, after three and one-half years of intense suffering, which she bore with patience and Christian resignation.

It is hard to part from loved ones, but in view of her sufferings, "To depart and be with Christ is far better." The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Gunn, of Bowmanville. Bro. Black has our sympathies in his sore bereavement. F.

BOND.

On the 2nd of May our beloved and devoted sister, Martha Jane Bond, of Blenheim, Ont., passed away in the full assurance of hope in Christ. Seldom have we seen any one more calm and peaceful in the prospect of death. She was in the 30th year of her age, and had been a disciple of Christ about ten years. She leaves a husband and one little boy to mourn her loss from earth. E. S.

MENZIES.

At 163 Simcoe Street, Toronto, on May 30th, the beloved companion of our esteemed Bro. James Menzies passed away into rest, being in her 75th year. The body was laid away in the cemetery at Norval, Ont., near by the "old homestead." Brother and Sister Menzies had journeyed together over fifty-two years of their earthly pilgrimage, and had also spent over forty-eight years of this time in the Master's service. After toil comes rest. She leaned trustingly upon her Saviour during a severe illness, and realized the preciousness of His promises. Her sufferings, which were borne without a murmur, were at times very great. 'Twas but the struggle before victory, the storm before an eternal calm. She is "with Christ, which is far better." Cheer up and be comforted bereaved husband and children, your loss is her gain. Ere long there will be a happy re-union, on the morning of an eternal day, when sorrow, tears and death shall never be known.

"Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,
So free from all sorrow and pain;
With crowns on our brows and harps in our hands,
To meet one another again."
G. J. B.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THE SEPTEMBER COLLECTION FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The response to the call for a collection on the first Lord's Day in September ought to be more generous than ever before. There are more missionaries in the field now than at any previous time. E. T. Williams and F. E. Meigs and their families are arranging to start to China the last of this month. They expect to sail from San Francisco September 10th, on the Belgic. To support the men already at work, and to send out these reinforcements properly equipped, will necessarily make the outlay this year much larger than ever before.

It goes without saying that we are able to do ten times as much for the redemption of the world as we are doing. Two thousand churches are doing nothing at all. There are hundreds of thousands of Christian people that have no fellowship with Christ in this great work. This ought not to be so. The Great Commission requires every Christian to do all in his power for the evangelization of the world. To all who have been redeemed with His precious blood, our risen Lord says: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go you, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The Disciples of Christ ought to be as loyal to the first part of the Commission as they are to the last. We ought to be preeminently a missionary people.

The drouth this year may lead many to feel that they can not do so much as usual for the cause of missions. We are not doing so much that we can afford to do less. If there must be economy, let it be in other things. If times are hard, let there be more self-sacrifice. "You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich." We ought to have the same mind in us that was also in him. If we have, this collection will realize not less than \$20,000. This is a paltry sum for a great people to raise for the conversion of the world to Christ.

A. C. McLEAN, Cor. Sec'y.

Contributions to Foreign Missions from Ontario since last report:—John Matheson, Corningsby, \$5.00.