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SPECIAL NOTICE.

We will send the EVANGELIST to new subscribers from now until January, 1888, for 50 cents. We ask all our friends now taking the paper to make this known to those who do not, and also to urge such to subscribe for it.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

We have given our readers from the pens of others several articles bearing in some way or another upon the Lord's Supper. Holding to, and practising weekly communion, it is very important that we should give careful attention to the ordinance from every standpoint. We therefore take the opportunity of adding a few words on several points.

Where possible there ought to be a separate table for the emblems. If they are placed on the stand used for a pulpit, there is danger of their being disturbed.

The table-cloths should be white, clean, and well-ironed. Colored, soiled, or crumpled cloths are very unseemly. The writer has seen one small red and white table-napkin the sole article used to cover the bread and wine. The effect upon outsiders need not be described.

It would be a good idea if the table could be set before the audience begins to assemble.

There is a difference in practice among the brethren in regard to the place which the ordinance should have on the programme, some attending to it before the sermon, others after. The writer prefers the latter order, as it gives the more honorable place to the breaking of bread: Then, too, towards the close of the service the minds and hearts of the majority of the congregation would in all probability be more in harmony with the ordinance than at the opening.

In regard to the common habit of the presiding elder calling upon others to give thanks, it may be observed that the Saviour Himself gave thanks both for the loaf and for the cup.

It would seem to be improper for those giving thanks to make a general prayer, or to offer general thanksgivings. The Lord Jesus took bread and blessed it. The thanks should be specific not general.

The demeanor of the participants should be devout. Anything approaching to levity should be sedulously shunned. Young people sometimes err in this respect.

It does not look well for the deacons to partake standing up before the audience.

The remarks made at the table should be such as are calculated to direct the mind to the Saviour, and fill the heart with love to Him. It is not necessary to defend the frequent observance of the ordinance on every occasion.

A hymn should be sung immediately after the cup has been returned to the table. It has been found to be a good plan to announce the number of the hymn beforehand, and for the congregation to remain seated while it is being sung. The practice followed in some places of taking up the contribution before singing the hymn is open to serious objections. For instance, those who are first helped are apt to be fumbling in their pockets for change, while others are being served. Any one who has observed the two actions going on at the same time, will have felt how exceedingly incongruous they are. Let them be separated by an appropriate hymn, and one danger will be avoided.

Careful attention given to these points will add much to our individual profit, and comfort, and at the same time will greatly help to commend weekly communion to others. Let it be seen that the frequent observance in no wise detracts from its solemnity, and what is perhaps the greatest objection to weekly communion will vanish.

We presume no one will deny that there is a liability of our being less thoughtful and less reverent, than we should be, in connection with the breaking of bread, growing out of our doing it every first day of the week. But the Lord's

Supper is not peculiar in this respect, as has often been pointed out. In reading the Scriptures, in singing, in prayer, there is the same danger, and the same need to be on our guard. Yet no one tells us to read God's word the less, to praise Him the less, to pray to Him the less. It is often said in these days that the prayer-meeting is the pulse of the church, and it may be so. But we would suggest to the brother seeking for a measure of his loyalty to the Master to observe whether the weekly breaking of bread in memory of the Lord is to him a great and increasing joy.

G. M.

NOTES.

We are glad to say that a considerable number of those who were notified that their time was out have renewed. We hope that the rest will do likewise. A number have sent a dollar bill to pay for two years in advance. We take these as evidences that brethren approve of the EVANGELIST, and expect it to live.

We are very much gratified, and at the same time very much encouraged, by receiving many expressions of approval from brethren and sisters living in all parts of the Province. We take this means of returning to all our hearty thanks, and beg to assure them that it is our steadfast purpose, by God's blessing, still further to merit their approbation.

We have often heard the question raised as to the relation of Presbyterian Ministers to the Confession of Faith. We give the *Globe's* report of Dr. Kellogg's induction to let our brethren see just how the matter stands.

From Bro. Hertzog, who attended the Annual Missionary Conventions at Kansas City, we learn that they were exceedingly enthusiastic. More money had been raised and expended during the past year than ever before in one year. Large sums were subscribed at the Convention for the coming missionary year. Lack of space prevents us from giving particulars this month. We may do so later.

On the first page will be found a recipe for making communion wine. It may be too late to do any good this season; we meant to have inserted it last month. Those interested will do well to preserve it. Every congregation should be careful to secure "the fruit of the vine."

In Bro. Sheppard's report of his meeting at Owen Sound in our last issue, he was made to say, "the unction still blows through my heart," instead of "flows through my heart." We make this correction for fear some might think our brother had a breezy time in the north.

In a few recent numbers of the *Canada Citizen* we find reported ninety-six cases of conviction under the Scott Act in various parts of the country. The action of the Dominion Government in directing that all fines collected under that Act within any City or County which has adopted the Act, be paid to the Treasurer of the City or County as the case may be, for the purposes of the Act, together with the instructions issued by the Ontario Government to its various officers in reference to their duty of seeing that the Scott Act is enforced, will, no doubt, result in a more effective carrying out of the law than heretofore.

Some good people dislike to see advertisements in a religious paper. And it is no wonder if they do object to a certain class which has found its way even into religious papers. They are no doubt aware that nearly all religious periodicals, even those claiming to be superlatively orthodox, have advertisements in their columns. And we think there can be no harm if the notices are of a proper character. We mean to reject all obnoxious ones; and indeed do not propose to have many of any kind: we want to give as much good reading matter as possible in our monthly.

It is not necessary to call attention to the advertisement on the last page: it is big enough to speak for itself. We are often asked in regard to such things as are there advertised. We refer all seeking information about such matters to the advertisement. There are many valuable works being published by our brethren in the States, and it would be a good thing if they were largely circulated among, and read by, our people in Ontario. It will only cost a Post Card to get circulars fully describing the books we refer to.

We have just heard that there was a grand meeting at the West End Sunday night, and that four were baptized there last week.

CHURCH NEWS.

WELLAND.—Bro. Gunn will begin a meeting at Welland November 2nd. Bro. Moot has resigned at Welland, the resignation to take effect December 1st.

RAINHAM.—The writer is holding a series of meetings at Sweet's Corners, Township of Rainham, under very encouraging circumstances. More anon.

SELKIRK, OCT. 15th 1886. R. AINSWORTH.

ST. THOMAS.—Bro. C. Sinclair has been seriously indisposed. Bro. Arch. Sinclair was sent for to fill his pulpit on Lord's Day 17th inst. His work is arduous in that field and the testimony of the brethren there is, that he does not spare himself.

RIDGETOWN.—Bro. Sheppard informs that he has entered upon his work at Ridgetown, and that he had fine meetings both at Ridgetown and at Blenheim last Lord's Day. His correspondents will please take notice that his address now is, Box 106, Ridgetown, Ontario.

RODNEY.—Bro. Kaffer, we are informed, begins work in Alborough with the Rodney church the 1st of November.

The brethren there were unfortunate in losing Bro. Campbell but are to be congratulated upon their good fortune in securing the services of Bro. Kaffer.

RIDGETOWN.—Lord's Day morning 10th inst. was spent with the church in Ridgetown. I spoke in Blenheim in the evening of the same day. The audience at R. was larger than it was at any former visit. Bro. Sheppard is engaged to labor with them for six months at least. The brethren there are hopeful.

F.

STRATFORD.—I visited the little church in Stratford on Sunday 17th. Although the day was rainy the audiences were very good. The interest of the work there has been interrupted by too frequently changing the plan of worship. They have now secured the most desirable private hall in the city and may expect larger audiences hereafter. A conditional promise was made to visit them again in the near future. May God bless their efforts for good.

F.

BEAMSVILLE.—We have just closed a two weeks meeting at this place. Eleven honest souls, "hearing, believed and were baptized" and one from the Baptists. At our regular meeting yesterday two more confessed and obeyed the Lord. This makes in all seventeen additions to the church since the first of August, of which fourteen are heads of families. The Lord be praised for the triumphs of His Gospel.

OCT. 25th, 1886. W. D. CAMPBELL.

DEANVILLE, MICH.—We had a good time at the meeting in Laper Co. Mich.; it was held at Deanville. Brethren were there from Brockway Centre, Speaker, Oniard, Grant, North Branch, Marlett, and other places. A brother and sister drove about 60 miles to the meeting. Your brother E. S. is getting stronger and stronger. He preached nine times in the seven days. We had two additions by baptism and a time of sweet refreshment that is pleasant to remember.

LOBO.—In to the annual October gathering in Lobo. One of your readers feels luke-warm let him go to a Lobo "big" meeting, and he will get warmed up unless he is a moral iceberg, and then he will get melted.

The brethren sent Bro. Gunn to Ridgetown and kept your humble servant over another Lord's Day. The great blow of Thursday made a bad break in our large attendance. We were pleased to see two persons put on Christ in Lobo. Ridgetown, Oct. 21st, 1886. E. S.

ERIN CENTRE.—The Stone Church was re-opened on Lord's Day, October 24th. We judge it looks better now than when it was first opened. We regret that the pressure on our space prevents us from giving an extended account of the improvements, as well as of the services on the occasion of the re-opening. We shall endeavor to give a fuller description next month. Bro. O. G. Hertzog was present, and spoke morning and evening to large audiences. He delivered two interesting, able and timely sermons. He also spoke on Monday evening in the same place. Bro. H. was on his way home from Kansas City; he was full of, yea overflowing with, the Convention. It was almost like being there to hear him talk about it.

MUSKOKA MATTERS.

I remained two weeks at Scotia and Cypress. Had good meetings when the weather was at all favorable. Seven confessed faith in the Christ, but three of them, for certain reasons, were not baptized at the time. The latter place is only thirty miles from this, and I trust I shall be able to visit the friends there again shortly. I returned to Baysville Sept. 24th after an absence of five weeks. Can look back and count up over twenty additions; sixteen by primitive obedience, and I trust good seed was sown and brethren, made stronger.

Following is a list of places visited, with the present number of members, viz.: Carteret, 13; Ceccebe, 16; Scotia, 10; Maganettawan, 4. Total 43.

At all these places promises have been given that they will do something for the cause, although no sums have been stated. The following churches have through their delegates at our co-operation meeting, pledged the respective sums set opposite their names, viz.: Baysville \$40.00, Ridout \$30.00, Brunel \$16.00.

Brethren Wm. Palmer, Joseph Allan, A. Harp and H. Harp took my appointments during my absence.

Since my return I had the pleasure of baptizing two, in Ridout a man and his wife, who came fully twenty miles to have the opportunity of thus publicly honoring the authority of Christ; may many more do likewise. Things are generally in a better shape now than formerly, but we need another laborer to fill calls that I cannot attend to. Times are likely to be dull here this winter, as much of the grain was still out when the wet weather set in, and is consequently injured to a greater or less extent.

Baysville, Oct., 1886. W. M. C.

WELLAND.—Please acknowledge through the EVANGELIST the receipt of the following sums for assistance in the payment of the interest on the mortgage on the Welland church building, and for repairing the same.

Sister Wilson,	Wainfleet..	\$2.00
" Wm. Beamer,	"	1.00
" Stayzer	"	50
" H. E. Bradshaw,	"	50
" Geo. Thompson,	"	1.00
" Wm. Angle	"	50
Bro. Elgin Thompson,	"	25
" J. Bradshaw,	"	2.00
" Geo. Thompson,	"	2.00
" W. H. Swayze.	"	5.00
" John Swayze	"	2.00
" D. J. Swayze,	"	5.00
" P. Smith,	"	1.00
A. Friend,	"	50
A. Friend,	"	25
Sister Mills,	Fork's Road..	2.50
Bro. J. W. Moote,	Gainsboro..	2.00
" Geo. Coon,	"	1.00
" J. W. Laws,	Jordan..	1.00
" D. Felker,	Smithville...	5.00
" I. Wardell,	"	2.00
" O. Tallman,	"	2.00
" G. Coon,	"	2.00
Total.....		\$41.00

Also the following sums for the mortgage:

Bro. Geo. Moote, Gainsboro, ..	\$25.00	
" Shrum, " ..	1.00	
" Dr. Birdsall, " ..	2.00	
Sister Shrum, " ..	2.00	
" P. Pysher, " ..	10.00	
" J. Robinson, Thorold... ..	5.00	
" P. Stewart, " ..	50	
Total.....		\$45.50

I should take much pleasure in announcing the receipt of \$560 more,—the sum that remains of the mortgage. S. M.

TORONTO.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENISON AVENUE.

Since our "report" in the September "EVANGELIST" we have been aided in our work by receiving the following gifts:

Bro. Edward Trout, Toronto..	\$50 00	
" Hugh Black, Rockwood..	5 00	
" John Black, " ..	5 00	
" John McKinnon, Everton.	5 00	
A Sister (no name given) ..	1 00	
Total.....		\$66 00

We fully appreciate the goodness of these brethren in thus assisting us, and trust that God may make all grace abound towards them. But for the aid our kind friends have rendered us, I fear we should have failed in our undertaking. Others have promised help, and we hope they have not forgotten us. Our work is going steadily along. Some go from us, and others come. A few weeks since a daughter of our late esteemed