

NAE LANGER WELLS BE FRIENDS, JOHN.

Farwreld thee, and Barley corn Nae langer we'll be friends— Ye've gien the muckle cause tao morn Since I was in my teens. Ye've coupit me among the glaur A hoo'er times an' mair, An' left me mony an' ugly scour Wi' 'foolish' at the fair. My face is redder than the rose, I'm heart about the een, An' folk keep crying sic a nose In mairrow's seldom seen. I'm hoo'd an' frail before my time, I'm shky thro' an' thro', An' I had yet been in my prime It hadna been for you For thee I lost my darling Kate, My nether's heart I broke, My father on me ragged an' fite An' sae did Uncle Jack. But wha't were angry words tao Sae hearts or darlings lost Compared tae matchin' stonps o' these Brocht by a lauchin' host! For thee I spent the lee-lang night In loon's o' kittle fame, An' passed the mairno in braid daylight N'er think' ony shame. For thee I broke mist' a' the laws With moral an' divine, An' ha'e got whuppi' wi' the lawse O' conscience an' mankin'. Some folk may think I'm telling lies In singing this o' you; But they may think jist what they please As lang's I ken it's true. Sae fare ye weel for evermair For noo we mair be foes; An' I will use my little lear In singing o' thy woes. THOMAS MUNN.

STAYNER MEETING.

The meeting at Stayner, of which mention was made in the last WORKER, continued for three weeks. The interest manifested by the people of the village during the meeting, bids us hope for a good harvest from the seed that has been sown. We had the use of the baptist meeting house during our stay, and were treated with uniform kindness by the amount of seven hundred dollars, bearing seven per cent interest. This money can be carried for an indefinite length of time, but we want to pay off a part of it this year, and ought to do it. Then there is about \$100 due to Bro. J. M. Hill, that he advanced while the building was going up. He needs his money, and ought to have it at once. In addition to this they have to raise \$175.00 to support Bro. Hammond for one-half of his time as a laborer in our "master's vineyard." The interest (\$24 per annum) must be met. Now brethren you see how the little church at Collingwood is situated, and remember that there are only about thirty members, none of whom are rich in this world. Several congregations that I am acquainted with, have one brother that has more wealth than all the Collingwood church combined, yet you would be filled with admiration to know how much they have sacrificed for the cause there, and they do not ask for help to do what they can do for themselves, but only to enable them to do the work of the Lord, which they are not able to do now. We beg of you, brethren, do not lay this aside until you have done something for Collingwood, bring the matter before the church—make a special contribution for "the poor saints at Collingwood." Send all money to the above address, either of the men or perfectly reliable, and all money sent to them will be appropriated to the use of the church. We have some complaints from our subscribers that they do not receive the paper regularly. All we can say is, the papers are properly mailed out, and that we will send another copy if you will drop a postal card to us.

people with whom he has lived for 30 years. He is a man well to do in this world, and as humble a Christian as I have met for years. His whole heart seems to be set on knowing and doing the truth. We hope the brethren every where will receive him as a "brother beloved." The last night of our meeting, the house was crowded to its utmost capacity and many were turned away unable to get inside of the vestibule, even to stand. Bro. Gard was with the writer most of the time and assisted much with his prayers. Bro. A. Hill enthusiastically supported the meeting in every way that he possibly could. The coolness manifested by some of the "saints" that live within gunshot of the meetings is not very creditable. Some refuse to do anything if the work is not theirs. But Christians will do all they can to support the Lord's work under all circumstances.

COLLINGWOOD.

DEAR BRO. SHERMAN, At a business meeting held last night the Elders and Deacons decided to make an appeal to the churches of Christ, especially to those in Canada, for pecuniary aid, and requested me to ask you to solicit such aid through the WORKER. You are so well acquainted with the state of affairs in this church that you are highly competent to represent fully to the other churches of Christ, the great necessity there exists for assisting this congregation. Please state that remittances sent to F. J. M. Hill or to me will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged. Yours fraternally, M. R. HAMMOND.

The above letter explains itself. The brethren generally understand the state of affairs at Collingwood, as we have written so much on the work at that point. We will state now that there is a mortgage on the meeting house to the amount of seven hundred dollars, bearing seven per cent interest. This mortgage can be carried for an indefinite length of time, but we want to pay off a part of it this year, and ought to do it. Then there is about \$100 due to Bro. J. M. Hill, that he advanced while the building was going up. He needs his money, and ought to have it at once. In addition to this they have to raise \$175.00 to support Bro. Hammond for one-half of his time as a laborer in our "master's vineyard." The interest (\$24 per annum) must be met. Now brethren you see how the little church at Collingwood is situated, and remember that there are only about thirty members, none of whom are rich in this world. Several congregations that I am acquainted with, have one brother that has more wealth than all the Collingwood church combined, yet you would be filled with admiration to know how much they have sacrificed for the cause there, and they do not ask for help to do what they can do for themselves, but only to enable them to do the work of the Lord, which they are not able to do now. We beg of you, brethren, do not lay this aside until you have done something for Collingwood, bring the matter before the church—make a special contribution for "the poor saints at Collingwood." Send all money to the above address, either of the men or perfectly reliable, and all money sent to them will be appropriated to the use of the church. We have some complaints from our subscribers that they do not receive the paper regularly. All we can say is, the papers are properly mailed out, and that we will send another copy if you will drop a postal card to us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

[For the WORKER.] STAYNER LETTER.

BRO. SHERMAN.—As we must now bid adieu to our friends that we have learned to love during our past year's work, we will not forget you and the WORKER. For the past ten days we have been engaged with the brethren at Stayner, in our closing meeting with them. This was the third protracted series of meetings we have held during the year with this congregation, and we are happy to say it was the best. One young lady of excellent character, came forward and was "baptized into Christ." On Lord's day, the 6th inst., a. m., the audience was large, but p. m. it was "overflowing." Our work with these dear people has been pleasant. They have been very kind to us, and many are the faces who will never forget. We have no doubt enjoyed our last "communion" together on this earth. May God bless them. During the year we have held two protracted meetings at Priceville. There are many faithful ones there; also one protracted meeting at Collingwood. A portion of our time has regularly been given to this congregation. The brethren of Meaford, Aurora, Glencairn and Toronto are very deeply stamped upon our heart for the kindness they have shown us while we have been with them. Our highest aim has been to preach "Christ and him crucified"—strengthen the weak, encourage the strong, and lead souls to a purer and better life. May they, who have obeyed Him ever be faithful to their calling, until "life shall be crowned with victory." W. M. GARD. Stayner, May 7th, 1883.

GUELPH, May 4th, '83.

H. E. SHERMAN, DEAR BROTHER,—Your favor of the 27th ult. duly received and contents noted. I thank you and the brethren in Meaford for the cordial invitation to attend the June meeting commencing on the 17th of said month. At present I am unable to say whether it will be in my power to attend or not. It would afford me great pleasure to visit the friends in St. Vincent once more. It is now more than 32 years since I first made the attempt to preach the gospel in the regions around the Georgian Bay. What changes since then have taken place. I may send you a post card before long. Your brother, JAS. KILGOUR.

OWEN SOUND, May 2, '83.

DEAR BRO. SHERMAN,—In reply to your kind invitation to attend the June meeting at Meaford, on the 17th, I shall go with pleasure, nothing occurring to prevent it, and I trust that we shall have a very pleasant and profitable season; that the brethren may be edified and comforted, and that sinners may be converted and added to the congregation. With kindest regards to Sister Sherman, yours in the hope that markets not unshamed, W. A. STREPHENS.

BOOK NOTICE.

We have received a book containing 79 pages of the publishers of the Bible Index, Toronto, entitled "Paying the Pastor, unscriptural and Papistical." This is a favorite theme of the author of the book, and no doubt he has said about all that can be said on the anti-side of the question. We have read it, but not so carefully as we desire before saying much on the merits of the discussion. We will venture to say this much now, that if a sectarian was to bring forward as many old testament quotations to prove infant baptism, as the author of this book has to prove his proposition, there he would

soon tell his sectarian friend that, "you have never learned to rightly divide the word of truth." We do not think he has made his case out, as clearly as we would expect from one that has spent years on the theme. However we will give a slight review of the book in our next issue. The author's tract of 23 pages on "the Scriptural plan of Spreading the Gospel" is bound with the above book. As there is no price marked on the book, we are unable to tell our readers, at what price it can be had. Address, Bible Index, Box 213, Toronto.

The Christian Herald published at Monmouth, in far off Oregon, comes regularly to our table, and we class it among our best exchanges. Bro. J. F. Floyd, the editor and proprietor is certainly making a paper that deserves well of our brethren on the Pacific slope. Here bro. Floyd is our editor and may God bless you in your labor of love and keep you true to the "old land marks."

We are sorry to note that the publisher of the Disciple has passed recent to his trust, and has absconded leaving many creditors to mourn their loss. We learn through a card published in the Standard (which we would reprint but it is mislaid) by bro. Illenus (editor) that the Disciple will not be revived. So far as we know bro. Illenus is wholly innocent of any unjust action in the matter. We are sorry to lose the Disciple from our exchange list. We also have seen a report that bro. Illenus is going to the States. He seems to be starved out. This is too bad and some body is to blame.

MISSION WORK.

"Your gold will canker and your silver corrode, and you will lament when it is too late to do the work that you are so slow in taking hold of. Mighty men of valor are pushing forward the work in other fields. Do you pray for God to bless his work in this field! Then you may not expect him to answer your prayer. For he has given you the means to bless this field, and you may rest assured that God will do your work for you. Why this apathy! Will not God judge us."

OBITUARY.

It is my painful task to inform the readers of the WORKER that John Conner, of this town, died on Lord's day April 16th, at his residence.

The deceased was 49 years of age, lacking a few days. He was baptized by bro. E. Sheppard in the township of Althoro a little over 18 years ago. He came to Manitoba in the year 1867, resided at Healding two years, then came to Portage la Prairie where he has since resided. A part of the farm which he took in possession at the time of his coming to Portage la Prairie is now within the corporation of the said town. In temporal affairs therefore, he may be regarded as fortunate.

For a period of seven years he served as sheriff's bailiff and chief constable of the County of Marquette West. I may here state that during this service he was subjected to exposures—unavailable in a new country, as this at that time was, such as the crossing of streams without bridges, etc.—which laid the foundation of the disease that has robbed him of his life. When the town of Portage la Prairie was incorporated he was chosen as a councillor for the westward by acclamation, and at the expiration of his first term of office, was again chosen for the same position in the same manner. His fast failing health, however, did not prevent

him to complete the second term. He resigned and went to California and British Columbia in quest of health, but alas! it was of no use. The disease had taken too firm a hold on his once robust frame. He remained only a few months. He reached home on the 7th of November, 1882, with approaching death distinctly pictured on his entire physique. He was a man of few words, and of true piety. He delighted in the prosperity of God's cause.

His faculty of memory failed very much during his illness. He could converse how ever to within a few hours of his death. He said he was reconciled to the will of God, and spoke much concerning the mansion Christ has gone to prepare, and requested the different members of his family and others of his acquaintances who came to see him to meet him in that mansion. He leaves a wife and five children as well as a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. A. SOOY. Portage la Prairie, Man., April 18, 1883.

Christian Union.—The title of Mr. Ingersoll's article in the North American Review is a complete misnomer. He has not the faintest conception of what the "Christian religion" is. He knows no more about it than an Esquimaux knows about a tropical summer; or a surgeon's scalpel about the emotions of love, joy, sorrow, pity, thanksgiving. He knows no more about it than a boy would of a chestnut from pricking his fingers with its burr. "Christianity," he gravely tells us, "is the ordinary moral code, plus the miraculous religion of Jesus Christ, his crucifixion, his resurrection, his ascension, the inspiration of the Bible, the doctrine of the atonement, and the necessity of belief." This is as if a mouse, having nibbled a while in a library, should declare, Literature is paste and paper, plus binders' boards and printers' ink.

Olive Branch.—It is said that a man who looked down his neighbor's chimney to see what he was cooking for supper, not only did not find out, but was nearly blinded by smoke. When you hear men say, "I have watched those who profess so much religion, and I don't see that they are any better than those who do not make such a high profession," depend upon it they have got some smoke in their eyes, and those whose eyes are full of smoke can not see very clearly. Denominational smoke is about the most blinding smoke we know of, and prevents the gospel from taking hold of the masses more than any other agency. Were we sit down by our neighbor's fire occasionally instead of looking down his chimney, we should see many good points in his character that smoke will surely obscure.

Those who are sometimes troubled to know how to pronounce the termination "ough"—so troublesome to foreigners—may see how simple and easy the following makes the task: Wife, make me some dumplings of dough, They're better than that meat for my cough; Pray let them be boiled till hot through, But not till they are heavy and tough. Now I must be off to my plough, And the boys (when they've had enough) Must keep the flies off with a lough. While the old mare drinks at the trough.

The brethren at Aurora have purchased a lot and are erecting a meeting house.

A Congress of experts has assembled at St. Petersburg to inquire into the evils caused by excessive drinking in Russia. By an overwhelming majority they have advised a diminution in the number of public houses, while they also passed a resolution in favor of vesting in the communal authorities the right of opening liquor shops under regulations to be determined by a sub-committee appointed for this purpose.

It is common for self-sacrificing men to think that every one who differs from them, is foolish or cowardly.

The employment of some poor mortals is to cultivate a bad temper.

MEAFORD, ONTARIO.

Those wishing to know some thing of the advantages of Meaford and surrounding country the following will be interesting:

Meaford is beautifully situated on the south shore of the Georgian Bay, which abounds with trout and white fish, of the best quality and which are shipped in large quantities. There is an excellent harbour at the mouth of the river which runs through the town, at which the largest lake steamers call regularly.—Along the river are mills and factories driven by water power. Meaford is also the terminus of the Northern Railway, and has a population of over 2000, law abiding, intelligent citizens.—There are about 200 Disciples of Christ who meet regularly for worship in town. Preachers of some renown who have visited this church, consider it true to Apostolic order, there is also a church 7 miles to the North-West and another 8 miles South. Owen Sound lies 18 miles Westward and Collingwood 22 miles to the S. East.

The soil in the district is principally a rich clay loam, the surface of the country is gently rolling and well supplied with the purest spring water. The climate is bracing and healthy, free of ague and malarial fevers. Grain of every kind is grown successfully. Apples and Plums are shipped by rail and boat in great quantities. Grapes, Peaches and Cherries are also grown with profit, and all kinds of vegetables abound. Meaford, Trout & Jay Land Agents, have over 200 improved and 50 bush farms for sale, in the townships near Meaford, say within a radius of 20 miles. Lists of which will be furnished on application. Address—TROUT & JAY, Meaford, Ontario.

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