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Special Offer.

The EVANGELIST will be sent to all new subscribers from now until January, 1894, for the price of one year's subscription, one dollar. Will agents and friends please take notice of this and lend a hand towards increasing our list?

On the Way to Japan.

The readers of the EVANGELIST will be anxious to be kept informed regarding the movements of Sister Mary Riach. She left Hamilton, Tuesday morning, October 4, and reached Cincinnati the following morning. The evening of the same day there was a reception tendered to her and the four other missionaries who accompany her. Bro. Gaff was at that meeting, and in a letter to Bro. Lediard he says: "It was a grand meeting; about twelve hundred present. Miss Riach's address pleased everybody. It was a meeting never to be forgotten."

Thursday, October 6, the party proceeded to Lexington, Ky. They visited Kentucky University and Hamilton Female College, and also attended a meeting in the Broadway Church. At all of these places Sister Riach was required to speak. On Saturday, the 8th, the party passed through St. Louis, and on Sunday they were in southern Kansas. To-day they expect to sail from San Francisco. May the Lord guide the good ship on which they embark to cross the broad Pacific.

Our Georgetown correspondent has sent us the Georgetown Herald's report of the opening services of our brethren's house there, with the suggestion to use it as seemeth best to ourselves. Having such permission we give it entire. We are also requested to say "that the thanks of the church are due to Bro. John Munro and Bro. Amos Tovell, who rendered valuable assistance; as well as to Bro. James Black of Everton, and his wife, and Bro. J. W. McKee, of Erin, who assisted in the singing." We trust that the Georgetown church, now comfortably housed, may have a very prosperous and useful career.

The Pan-Presbyterian Council recently held in Toronto was a notable gathering of distinguished men. The Presbyterians have many able men among them—in the British Islands, in the United States, in Australia and in Canada. When a few hundred of the pick of these are together, there is a company which for learning and ability will hold its own with any other selection of men in the world. We cannot get over wondering how such men can believe and teach that "By the decree of God, for the manifestation of His glory, some men and angels are predestinated unto everlasting life, and others foreordained to everlasting death," and that "without any foresight of faith or good works, or perseverance in either of them."

We think our readers will thank us

for giving to them the racy, witty article of "Knoxonian," which appears on another page of this issue. "Knoxonian" is apparently determined that his brethren shall not think more highly of themselves than they ought to think. Others than Presbyterians may profitably reflect on his words of warning to those who expect big demonstrations to renovate the world.

Our Omnibus.

Do not fail to read the Georgetown Herald's article, and our remarks thereon.

Do you want a carpet sweeper? Read J. M. Warner's advertisement on last page. Bro. Warner can supply different styles, wholesale or retail.

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This completes our pledge to the Hospital fund, as Sister Lediard on behalf of the Children's Mission Bands very kindly offers to make up whatever balance is otherwise unsubscribed at this date. We may have something to say in next issue about this little undertaking of ours.

Church News.

ACTON, Oct. 10.—Bro. A. C. Gray preached here yesterday. He will visit Acton regularly for some time.

TORONTO JUNCTION, Oct. 10.—Yesterday Bro. Amos Tovell preached at the Junction. Bro. Tovell's address is now No. 1 Major St., Toronto.

WEST LAKE, Oct. 3.—Bro. A. C. Gray came back to West Lake and held a special meeting, which we all enjoyed. The result was nine additions by baptism. MRS. C. McDONALD.

MIMOSA.—Bro. George Fowler is assisting in meetings at Mimosa. Good interest to date. P. BAKER.
Everton, Oct. 5th.

HAMILTON, Oct. 11.—An Auxiliary to the O. C. W. B. M. was organized here to-day by the sisters of the church. They had a pleasant meeting and have good prospects.

EVERTON, Oct. 11.—Bro. P. Baker has been re-engaged for 1893. That speaks well for Bro. Baker, and for the Everton Church.

BLENHHEIM.—The church in Blenheim has not yet secured a preacher. Bro. T. R. Butchart and Bro. J. D. Stephens have each spent a Lord's day there recently.

WIARTON.—Wiarion is still anxiously seeking for a successor to Bro. Tovell. The meagre and modest reports sent the EVANGELIST by Bro. Tovell give a very inadequate idea of the work he did, the influence he acquired, and the good he accomplished in Wiarion.

GEORGETOWN, Oct. 11.—Bro. John Munro, of Toronto University, preached for us last Lord's day morning and evening, his discourses being highly appreciated by the brethren. We expect Dr. Leonard, of London, to be with us next Lord's day. We are sorely in need of a speaker who will remain with us and devote his whole time to the work here. There is plenty of work for any one who will undertake it. K.

Co-operation Notes

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The first Lord's day in November is the day on which the churches are asked to take up a special collection for home missions.

The Cor. Sec. does not deem it necessary to enlarge upon that topic on this occasion, as the President has a stirring appeal in this department, and the letters from a number of the mission points are well calculated to excite the liberality of the churches. In next paper we hope to have letters from other points.

Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec

THE NOVEMBER COLLECTION.

The time is drawing near for the churches to take up the November collection, as requested by the Annual Meeting. We hope for a liberal offering. There is need that this offering be large. The Board, as directed by the Annual Meeting, have continued to assist the several mission points of last year; and also, have reached a helping hand to Winnipeg, and Toronto Junction.

Larger offerings are needed this year, the work will go on by your support; without your support the Board is helpless to give assistance. There is every reason to be encouraged by the success that has crowned our efforts during past years. Now the work is very encouraging and hopeful; a warm hearted interest has grown in the past six years: hope, confidence in the ultimate triumph of the cause of New Testament Christianity, has taken the place of discouragement and doubt—we thank God. Let us persevere in laboring to further the Gospel of Christ.

I trust each brother and each sister will give as God has prospered. The joy that is given to all who are co-laborers in the Lord's work will greatly increase the pleasures of your Christian life. The mission points need your support now. Our brethren and sisters in Ontario have done nobly in the past; the liabilities of each year have been met by your liberality. In the same confidence we go forward. May our Father in Heaven enable us to continually joy and rejoice in His service. HUGH BLACK.

CECIL STREET, TORONTO.

On the 15th of August last, Bro. A. W. Conner, who for ten months worked with us as our pastor, left us on account of his feeble health, and with his family returned to their former home at Irvington, Indiana. We were sorry to part with Bro. Conner and his family, and trust that he may soon be restored to health and strength and be enabled to again take up his work for the Master. Since Brother Conner's leaving we have been without a regular preacher, but have had the pleasure of listening to some of our preaching brethren from various parts of the Province, and although, being

without a regular preacher and having no one to attend to the many duties that form a great part of a pastor's work, our attendance has fallen off a little, still we are keeping up all of the various departments of church work, and gradually but surely making headway and getting ourselves into a better position spiritually and financially. All our members are deeply interested in the welfare of the church; one sister told me not long since, that she felt as much interest in the Cecil St. Church as she did in her own home, and I think that a large number of our members could truthfully say the same thing.

Of course, just now, the matter of securing a suitable man as pastor causes us a good deal of anxiety. We cannot pay a large salary, and yet we want an able and earnest man who will be a great help to us in putting our plea before the people of this city, and building up a strong church in Toronto, a church that will be a tower of strength in every way to the Disciples of Christ throughout this province, and we hope that before long we will secure such a man.

Since the date of the last financial report (May 1892), we have reduced our floating debt by about \$450, paid a half year's interest on our bonded debt \$430, paid Bro. Conner's salary in full, some little debt in connection with our running expenses, and also paid the expenses between \$400.00 and \$500.00, of the Hall and Hutto special meetings, so that although we are one of the churches helped by the Co-operation, we are doing all in our power to help on the work here. And we do not feel that this is our work alone, we think that every Disciple of Christ in Ontario should feel as much interested in the work here as we do, for a strong church in Toronto means the success of the cause in the Province. We gained about 40 new members during the Hall and Hutto meetings, many of them are meeting with us regularly, some are not. When we get an able and earnest man to lead us, we will by the blessing of God go on to greater things, and we think that before very long the Cecil Street Church, instead of needing help, will be known as a church that is ever able and willing to give help to other churches that need it. J. D. HIGGINS, Clerk.

Toronto, Oct. 10th, 1892.

COLLINGWOOD.

DEAR EVANGELIST—Having returned from a visit to the west through some of my former fields of labor, I drop you a few lines.

Passing over several incidents of interests—among them a brief stay in Hamilton—I come to the "Annual Meeting" of the brethren in Aldboro, which I was requested to attend; and where I addressed two fairly large audiences on the first day of the week, upon the theme of Eternal Life. Time has brought with it its marked changes at this point. The boys and girls of my former acquaintance are the men and women of to-day. Those then in the prime of life, give strong indications of being on its setting side; and some of those who were then old have gone home to rest, and the very few of them who still remain are patiently waiting the call to come up higher. Having stopped off at "West Lorne," we much regretted to find Bro. Archd. McKillop in failing health, not able to attend the meeting on Lord's day. He has been a most active and successful business man, constantly dealing with the public for over thirty years, and I would venture to say that no man in public life for the same time has left fewer enemies. He was thoughtful, just, and righteous in all his dealings, and in the midst of all the turmoil of a

business life he never forgot his obligations to the Lord, but was ever foremost in every good work. He is indeed one of God's true and noble men, and when he goes home to rest, will leave an un-tarnished Christian life as an heritage to his children.

The next Lord's day I spent with the church in Ridgetown, where I was greeted with one of the largest audiences—except upon some special occasion—that I have addressed at this place, and spent a most delightful day. Having brought back to me some of the most pleasing memories of my life. From this old home I could write much of interest, but here I must drop my pencil; for if I let it run my article will be too lengthy, and you doubtless will wish me to say something about the work in Collingwood, it being one of the mission points.

I have nothing special to write since my last report. As usual the holidays left our attendance somewhat smaller; but now as these are past, and the people have gathered home again we have never had better audiences than for the last few Lord's days. The influence of our plea is being visibly felt among the people of the town. Several known to me—belonging to other churches—admit that we occupy the true scriptural ground, who I regret to say do not come out and stand upon it. I hope and pray that such may become so dissatisfied with all else that they will throw off every yoke of bondage, and honor the Saviour of the world, by accepting the truth in all its simplicity and blessedness.

Every department of our church work is moving forward in perfect harmony. Our weekly prayer-meeting has never flagged in interest, the attendance runs from thirty to forty. The young people's weekly meeting—lately established—is like a child trying to walk, and purposes doing so by the grace of God. We feel keenly the loss by removals, especially of male members. Our Ladies' Mission Band is an established fact, and hopes to press forward its work with great vigor in the future. The Sunday school is thrifty and promising, and at times I feel as if it were indeed the hope of the church. The brethren here fully realize their obligations to the Co-operation, and deeply sympathize with the Board in its anxiety and responsibility, as well as work and pray to have its burdens lightened. Thanking God for all His rich gifts, we work in hope.

C. SINCLAIR,

Collingwood, Oct., 1892.

THE WORK IN OWEN SOUND.

Almost two years ago I came to Owen Sound to engage in the work of the Lord with the church here. A new church house had been built, and a good proportion of its cost met. There was an earnest and self-sacrificing church, all anxiously desirous to advance the interests of the kingdom, and all looking hopefully to the future. Such was the condition of things, generally stated. So far everything looked favorable.

There were, however, three things which were not favorable to a very rapid growth—the smallness of the membership; the lack of money, or of wage-earners, in the congregation; and the past record of the church. It was considered by the people generally as "exceedingly exclusive."

The first mentioned difficulty, a smallness of membership, still remains, for though there have been frequent additions, there have been very frequent removals, and in this respect we have had a trying time, for the commercial depression of the past year has taken from us not only in numbers, but many of our young people, who were becoming very useful to us. I see, by a reference to the church record, that