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SHALL IT BE PUBLISHED MORE FREQUENTLY?

The question is often asked, why not publish the EVANGELIST twice a month, or once a week? It can be, and will be, if a sufficient number of its present subscribers want it to be.

THE WORD "CHURCH."

Is it proper to call the people known as Disciples of Christ "The Church of Christ"? This is a question which is receiving a good deal of attention from our papers on the other side.

What does the word "church" literally mean? What did it originally mean? To what was it first applied by Christians? Dr. Trench in his work "On the Study of Words" says:—

"How much history lies in the word 'church'. I need no sufficient reason to dissent from those who derive it from the Greek *kyriake*, 'that which pertains to the Lord' or 'the house which is the Lord's.'"

Dr. Trench is high authority; and according to the derivation he accepts, the primary meaning of the word "church" is "the Lord's house". His language however, implies that some do not accept that derivation. The question then arises, if the word is not derived from the Greek, from what is it derived? "Alden's Manifold Cyclopaedia" has this note:—

"The derivation of church from the Greek is open to question notwithstanding the high authorities in its favor. The word is found in the Teutonic and Celtic languages with the primary signification 'a circle of stones,' thus indicating the sites of the old heathen worship on or near which Christian crosses and churches were erected in the earliest times."

If this be the preferable account of the origin of the word, then we would say that the word "church" primarily meant "a circle of stones;" secondly "a site of the old heathen worship."

There appears to be no other account of the origin of the word proposed; and so whichever derivation be adopted, we are led to this conclusion that in the language of Christians the word "church" was first applied to a place or house of worship, and therefore it is entirely proper to call our meeting houses "churches." Upon consulting "Worcester's dictionary" we find that he gives as the first meaning of the word "church;—

"A building consecrated to christian worship and ordinations."

And we observe, too, that he favors the derivation as given by Dr. Trench. One's feelings are on the side of the Greek origin. "The Lord's

house" seems such an appropriate designation for the building in which "the Lord's people" meet to worship.

We notice that one brother, who writes a good deal in one of our papers, is very anxious that the brethren should style their meeting houses "chapels" rather than "churches." But the brethren will not to any large extent, and we predict that the use of the word "church" in the sense of a meeting house will increase rather than diminish among us.

It is, of course, well known that the word "church" occurs quite frequently in the New Testament, but never means a house of worship. Its New Testament usage will be considered next month.

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH.

WHAT SOME WHO HAVE SUBSCRIBED TO IT ARE SAYING ABOUT IT.

[While an article with the above heading was in course of preparation, the Christian Oracle for Nov. 21st came to hand, containing the subjoined article. It answers our purpose so well that we take the liberty of having it re-printed here. We know our readers will enjoy reading it. The discussion now going on among the Presbyterians in the United States is exceedingly interesting and we shall endeavor to keep our readers as well posted on the question as our space will admit.—EDITOR.]

A reporter took the pains to interview all the Presbyterian ministers of Indianapolis, on the question of the revision of the Confession of Faith, and the answers make some very fine reading. As these men are representatives of all phases of Presbyterianism their opinions are worthy to be quoted.

J. A. Rondthaler, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, one of the most popular in the city, said:

Of course I am in favor of the revision, and the more the better. We are living in the nineteenth century, and not in the seventeenth. Truth is unchangeable, but it needs to be adapted to different times and circumstances. We need statements that meet present issues. Working with a confession that is 250 years old is like plowing a field with an ox hit head to a wooden plow. Our whole system is not so old, that we need fear Uzzah's fate if we put up our hands to touch it. Uzzah's fate is a warning, but our present standards give only the harsh and severe side of the truth. There is nothing in them, the gentle, winning, tender spirit of the New Testament. The sledge-hammer style of preaching belongs to the past. We want a confession that will not make men shudder at the thought of God, but will impress every one who reads it that "God is love." The confession is a warning, but helps no one to look up and say "Our Father." We want a confession that so clear and plain as to be read by the ordinary man, and that will not see a whole library of books to explain it. People generally can afford neither time nor money to be theological seminarians.

A revision might be destructive to some old sermons, but then they might be put up in glass cases, together with the venerable old document, and stored in some museum of ecclesiastical antiquities. I have known instances of earnest, spiritual, devoted men who have positively refused to serve as elders in the church because they could not accept the repulsive way the confession stated some truth. There is a way of telling truth that will make men swear, and there is a way of expressing it that will make them pray. It will probably be 10 or 20 years before a revision is reached. The conservative element is very strong in the church, but there is no doubt that the spirit of progress and common sense will prevail. I do not believe in accepting everything just because it is new, but as little do I believe in smothering ourselves under our grandfather's old feather beds. Evolution is not such a terrible word.

This is rather a refreshing statement and a candid confession that the horrible doctrines of the Confession can never be reconciled with the Lord's prayer. In 1843, when Alexander Campbell discussed the creed question with N. L. Rice, if a Presbyterian preacher had made an utterance like the above he would have been excluded from every Presbyterian pulpit in the land. If Campbell were on earth to-day he could see the fruits of some of the hard thrusts made at dogmatic creeds of his time. Dr. Rondthaler needs only one step more, when "the venerable old document is put into a glass case in some fire-proof museum of ecclesiastical antiquities," and that is to open the New Testament and "hold fast the form of sound words," the words of inspiration, and the contrast will be so marked that he will wonder how any body as intelligent as the Presbyterians ever subscribed to the dogmatism of the Westminster creed-makers.

Dr. M. L. Haines, pastor of the first Presbyterian Church, the one in which President Harrison, holds his membership, said:

For one I am in hearty favor of such a revision or re-statement, and I believe it will come. The tone and spirit of the discussion of this whole question by our ministers and laymen is, to me, a striking evidence of the

vitality and spirit of progress that now characterize our Presbyterian churches. I am not wise enough to predict just what method of revision will be adopted. Probably first there will come striking out of certain objectionable phrases which have so often been misconstrued, and the addition of some passages making more prominent the great central truth, the Gospel of God's love, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Dr. Haines is one of the best and most liberal Presbyterians in his practice we have ever met; in fact is so much better than the old confession of faith that it is plain to be seen that he is more influenced in his life by the teachings of the New Testament than by the dogmas of Calvin.

S. S. Mitchell, pastor of the Sixth Church, said:

I am in favor of a change in the confession of faith. The old days of the General Assembly are gone. They were too narrow and limited; too conservative. The intense radicalism of the men and doctrines of those days has gone. The tendency is to better things; eliminate everything that is intolerant; leave every essential gospel principle untouched. My creed is Christ and him crucified. The Gospel I preach is salvation to any who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ; elevation of the standard of life and duty. The church of to-day wants no less of God but more of Christ.

Dr. R. V. Hunter, pastor of the Seventh Church, said:

If we can do no better, let us have a "declaratory statement," as another branch of the Presbyterian Church already has. A half-loaf is better than no loaf. The "confession" is an admirable system of theology, but, as another has said, "Adam has been overloaded." When one comes seeking admission to the Presbyterian Church, and asks for the confession, in the majority of cases experience has proven it best not to be able to find the book. It will disturb the average mind on a first reading. I have ordained elders and deacons who could not truthfully answer the questions of the book. I was compelled to frame the questions in a less objectionable form. The old-fashioned sledge and stage-coach were good enough in their day. The self-binder and express train are better now. Our new confession must be more biblical, not less so. However, the important thing is not so much what we believe as what we are.

Dr. Hunter is a very practical, large-hearted man, entirely too large for the old confession. The naive way in which he says that in case a man wanted to unite with the church, "experience has proven it best not to be able to find the book" is one of the expressions that show that there is something so inherently horrible in the doctrine of the decrees that no man in his sober senses can read it without a shock to his sense of right and justice. Let the discussion go on. We could fill a volume with like sentiments, but publish these because they are by men we know to be good men and leaders of Presbyterianism in Indiana.

AN IMPORTANT MATTER.

While we are interesting ourselves in the good work of carrying the good news of salvation to our fellow-men, both at home and abroad, and while we are cheered by the knowledge that the Scriptures are more and more taking the place of human creeds and confessions of faith, let us not forget the importance of giving heed to that fine exhortation of the Apostle Peter, to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and that of the Apostle Paul, "Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"; let us keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me."

DO YOU KNOW THIS?

What? Why, that the Disciples in the United States have lost 230,000 members and 67 preachers since 1881. At least so it has been asserted in this part of the world. This will seem rather strange to those who saw reported in the Christian Standard in one week's issue last winter, 2,111 additions, and in another week's, 1,712. We had been entertaining the idea that, perhaps, no religious people was multiplying more rapidly than the Disciples in the States. Will the Christian Standard and the Christian-Evangelist tell us what they think of the statement quoted above?

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

THAT \$1,000.00.

Elsewhere in this number will be found a report of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. It will be seen that the \$100,000 proposed to be raised was not reached, the total contributions for the year being \$57,289.15. Nevertheless the friends of the Society have no reason to feel discouraged; on the other hand there are various reasons for encouragement

as indicated by the report we publish. There are many grounds for believing that the contributions of the Disciples to Foreign Missions during the current year will far exceed those of any previous year.

In comparison with the whole amount raised, the sum contributed by Disciples in Ontario is quite creditable. Not that there is any ground for boasting. But if the increase in the States had been as great as in Ontario, the whole sum raised would have been upward of \$70,000.00. The EVANGELIST was urging the Disciples in this province to contribute at least \$1,000.00 during the last year; and our readers will be glad to know that though that amount was not reached, about \$950.00 was contributed, being an increase of some \$200.00 over the previous year. This is unquestionable evidence that we are a missionary people. Let us make it a good round \$1,000.00 this year, if not more.

BAPTISTS AND DISCIPLES.

It was our purpose to lay before our readers some thoughts on the subject of union between Baptists and Disciples; but certain facts we are in search of did not reach us in time. In our next number we shall try to deal with the matter as its importance merits. Two observations may be made here:

1 The church in Lobo in the resolution published last month was not seeking admittance into the Baptist denomination. The impression seems to have become current in some quarters that the Disciples were preparing to give up their distinctive plea and work and become Baptists. Those who expect that, expect the impossible.

2 There is no reasonable ground for hoping for an early union between the Baptists and the Disciples. Those who are tolerably well acquainted with both bodies in Canada know that there must be a far better understanding of one another's views before a union is either possible or desirable.

GOOD READING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

We have heretofore directed the attention of our readers to the Young People's Standard, a weekly four page paper published by the Standard Publishing Company. Having made arrangements with the publishers to club it with the EVANGELIST, we make special mention of it here: We have now examined it with some care for some months, and we have no hesitation in recommending it to parents who want good reading for their boys and girls. We would like to know that it was making weekly visits to every family in our brotherhood in Ontario. The regular price is 75 cents per year—five or more copies to one address, each, 60 cents. We are able to send the Young People's Standard and THE ONTARIO EVANGELIST both for one year for one dollar. Sample copies sent by us on application.

"THE CRITIC'S CORNER."

We are pleased to announce that in the January number Bro. E. Sheppard will open a new department called "The Critic's Corner. Its purpose will be obvious. In advance of Bro. Sheppard's own announcement we take the liberty of inviting our readers "to prove him with hard questions." All queries and other matters pertaining to "The Critic's Corner" should be addressed to

E. SHEPPARD, WALKERTON, ONT.

NOTES.

We are still patiently waiting for the Christian Leader to give us "chapter and verse" for its Scriptural methods of spreading the Gospel.

Please change my address from Rosedene, Ont., to Butler, De Kalb Co., Indiana. I enter upon the work here with good spirits and much hope. S. Moor.

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:— Mission Band, Aurora.....\$12.00 Church, Everton.....27.00 " Lobo.....11.00

The Report of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society has been printed and mailed to contributors. Any who have been overlooked may have copies on application. A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec. Box 750. Cincinnati, O.

In looking over our list we find that quite a large number of our subscribers are in arrears more or less. With most perhaps it is forgetful-

ness, or the inconvenience of sending fifty cents in a letter. In the latter case one way out of the difficulty would be to get a friend to subscribe, and then the even dollar can be very easily sent; another way is to send postage stamps or "shin-plasters" if they can be had. Will our friends please remember that we have to pay the printer every month, and keep us supplied with funds for that purpose?

One of the best papers published by the Disciples in the States is the *Christian Evangelist*, of St. Louis, Mo. J. H. Garrison and B. W. Johnson are the editors, and J. J. Haley is the office editor. Its price is \$1.75 per year. Any one sending us \$2.00 can have the *Christian Evangelist* and the *ONTARIO EVANGELIST* both for one year. Any of our brethren not now taking one of the weeklies published by our people in the States, and desiring to keep posted regarding what the Disciples are doing on the other side, will find the *Christian Evangelist* a very satisfactory paper. Those interested can no doubt get sample copies by writing to 1522 Lucas Place, St. Louis, Mo.

The receipts for the Minnedosa building fund indicate that some are thinking still about it. Say, gentle reader, do you happen to have a yellow envelope about the house addressed to Miss Jennie Fleming, Kilsyth, Ont.? If you have, wouldn't it be a good idea to put something in it for Minnedosa and send it off? The brethren up there can't build before spring: our appeal for them should have been made two months earlier. But they will build in the spring if sufficient help is promised them. Those who mean to help them should do so as soon as possible, that they may be making preparation for beginning the work at the earliest possible date.

That is a very gratifying report from Denison Avenue Church, Toronto, which appears in this issue. Our readers will join with us in rejoicing at the good news. We trust the day is not far distant when upon the lot already purchased on Cecil Street there will be erected a house adequate to the requirements of the church, and also of a Bible School as Bro. Gaff suggests. We shall be glad to be able to report soon that arrangements are being made to begin the work of building in the early spring. The Disciples in Ontario should keep their minds fixed upon this point, that it is their duty to see that a self-supporting church, occupying its own house, is established in the city of Toronto.

We would not like our readers to judge from our having got out Supplements for the last two months, that it is because the *EVANGELIST*'s treasury is so full we do not know what to do with the money—for, of course they will understand that we have to pay extra for a Supplement. The fact is that the finances of the paper scarcely justify the additional expense. But it really "is a weariness to the flesh" to have important matters lying unpublished for weeks; and, perhaps, some good work being hindered in consequence. If the friends who have stood by the *EVANGELIST* so far, will put forth a little extra effort in the way of securing renewals and getting new subscribers, the paper will keep its head above water, financially, and be able to issue a Supplement too, when the occasion requires.

**O. C. W. B. M.**

**A GENEROUS OFFER.**

Our Sisters will remember that when it was proposed to open a Mission in the North-west, Bro. Whitehead of Walkerton offered to give two of his lots in Winnipeg for building purposes, provided that we should decide upon that city as a mission field. He now generously renews his offer, and places the lots in Winnipeg at our disposal to be used, if possible, in aid of the church building in Minnedosa, and further adds that if we cannot now handle the lots to advantage, they will always be kept for the purpose, or if he sells them, he will give us the proceeds for the work in the North-west. Bro. Whitehead also sends \$5.00 for the Minnedosa house. Such liberality is cheering. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." All who put this saying to the proof will find it true.

S.M.A.

**O.C.W.B.M. DAY.**

DEAR SISTER,—You will remember that the first Lord's day in January is our O.C.W.B.M. day, and that many of you received envelopes last year, who may not have used them. Now is the time, have them distributed the last Lord's

Day in December, and on the first Lord's Day in the New Year let us have a liberal collection for the O.C.W.B.M. Those who have no envelopes can have them by sending me a card giving the number required. We tried this in Lobo last year and it was quite a success. There may be churches where there is no auxiliary that would be glad of an opportunity to help in this way, for we find our brethren quite willing to help; give them a chance. Our Pastors can do a great deal to assist in this work. Will they be kind enough to do so? The work is the Lord's given into our hands to do. We ought to be diligent. The sister's understand this and are doing nobly. Three new auxiliaries reported their organization during the first quarter, and we have already heard from one of them for the second quarter. We want to hear from you all just as promptly. We receive many encouraging reports, and yet a few forget to report. We are always glad to give any information we can regarding the work. Send along and get a supply of envelopes to be prepared for the first Lord's Day in January.

MRS. E. McCLURG,

Ivan, Nov. 23, 1889. Cor.-Sec.

**MINNEDOSA.**

The following sums have been received for the erection of a Meeting House at Minnedosa, Man., since last report:

RECEIPTS.	
Church at Cotswold . . . .	\$9 00
" Owen Sound . . . .	6 25
" Wainfleet . . . .	3 00
" Gainsboro . . . .	1 02
Thos. Whitehead, Sr., Walkerton . . . .	5 00
Arch. Thomson, Sr., Hillsburg . . . .	3 00
Levi Thomson, Ellsboro . . . .	2 00
William Burt, Brisbane . . . .	1 00
Malcolm McKinnon, Hillsburg . . . .	1 00
David Stewart, Everton . . . .	1 00
Wm. Tovell, Barnett . . . .	1 00
Chas. McKinlay, Georgetown . . . .	1 00
Miss Sara McCloy, Ottawa . . . .	1 00
A Friend . . . .	1 00

JENNIE FLEMING,

Kilsyth, Dec. 3, 1889. Treas. O.C.W.B.M.

**ADDRESS.**

To Mrs. T. L. Fowler, Everton, Ontario;

DEAR SISTER,—It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and sorrow that we meet with you this afternoon—pleasure to meet you as we have so often met in our Mission Band, but sorrow when we think of the removal of our beloved president, and that this is the last time that our band will meet with unbroken numbers. We will greatly miss you in our meetings, in the church, and your loss will be felt by the entire community. When you came to Everton six years ago, you came a stranger to us all. During your sojourn amongst us you have endeared yourself to our hearts by your efforts to do good; and we now feel that we are parting with a true friend and sister in the Lord. We cherish the hope of meeting again in the vineyard of the Lord, but the uncertainty of time beclouds the future. We pray that the Giver of all our blessings may keep in His tender care and richly bless and comfort you through life's journey.

Before we part, dear sister, we ask you to accept this dressing case and brooch as a slight token of our affectionate regard for you.

Signed on behalf of the Everton Mission Band,  
MRS. PARKINSON,  
MRS. EVERETT, SR.,  
MRS. JOHN BLACK,  
MRS. D. STEWART.

Everton, Sep. 5, 1889.

**GOING TO COLLEGE.**

A letter in the November *EVANGELIST* written by Bro. G. O. Black on the eve of his departure in company with other young brethren for Bethany College, W. Va., stirs up a few ideas both new and old. For instance, is it necessary to leave our own country, Ontario, to be educated, even for the work of preaching the gospel? Is any one prepared to say, that, Toronto University, for example, is inferior to any college in America in the matter of a thorough "broad, liberal education," moral surroundings, economy and healthy location?

The students and graduates of our Canadian colleges and schools have demonstrated repeatedly that they are able to compete successfully in trade and profession with the educated of foreign colleges. It appears to me that the tendency of education in a public or state-aided College is to make the man become more tolerant, independent, liberal and broader in his knowledge, ideas and views of men and things

in general. Because he comes in contact with men of diverse minds and faiths. For example, in religious matters the students converse, enquire, compare, read and discuss these matters and when they find that points of difference cannot be sustained by Scripture or other infallible standard, the tendency is (if not to abandon such ideas) at least to moderation and tolerance, with and of one another, in brief "the corners are rubbed off." Any young man, of fair understanding, who has completed a course of study at one of our Universities in Ontario, and has taken his degree of B.A. or M.A., and whose purpose is to preach, ought to be able to open his Bible and prepare and preach a common sense discourse before any audience in the land, and if not, why not?

Again, the denominational or party college has a tendency to narrowness in thought and culture. The students, as a rule, come in contact with one class of men, one school of thought, one set of ideas, and the teaching is of necessity in line with that particular denomination or party. It is also a great hindrance to that oneness in religious life and practice which we hope and pray for, and which is delayed rather than promoted by those rival fortifications, located throughout the land and known as "Theological Colleges," "Separate Schools," &c. The theological school may have its uses, but its use for the future might or ought to be what the Normal School is to the public school teacher, a place to give the intending preacher a brief course of instruction on pastoral work and preaching.

Hillsburg, Nov. 27, '89. R. McMILLAN.

**NOTICE.**

Any one desiring copies of the latest edition of the New Christian Hymn and Tune Book—containing parts 1, 2 and 3, should write to J. W. KILGOUR, GUELPH, ONT. We expect to have a proper advertisement next month.

Many of our readers would, no doubt, frequently send to the United States for books were it not for the fifteen per cent duty and the consequent trouble of getting the books through the customs. Brethren wishing any of the publications of the Standard Publishing Co., can be saved the bother and part of the expense by ordering through DONALD MUNRO, 42 YONGE STREET ARCADE, TORONTO, ONT.

**LITERARY NOTES.**

"GREAT SENATORS OF THE UNITED STATES FORTY YEARS AGO," by OLIVER DYER, is a work of unusual interest and value. MR. DYER was a reporter in the United States Senate when CALHOUN, BENTON, CLAY, WEBSTER, GENERAL HOUSTON, JEFFERSON DAVIS and other distinguished statesmen of that period were members of the Senate. MR. DYER studied the characters and careers of these great men with prolonged assiduity, and has given many interesting facts about them which have never been published before. His sketches are so full, minute and vivid that they bring those celebrated men before the reader in living forms, and as one reads MR. DYER'S delineations of THURLOW WELLS, WILLIAM H. SEWARD, MARTIN VAN BUREN, CALHOUN, BENTON, CLAY, WEBSTER, GENERAL HOUSTON, JEFFERSON DAVIS, and other conspicuous men of the past, he feels as though he had known them personally, and heard them speak. "Great Senators," etc., is published by Robert Bonner's Sons, New York, and handsomely bound in cloth. Any one who sends them one dollar will receive the book by mail, postage paid.

GRIP'S COMIC ALMANAC.—There are few people in Canada who do not see this entertaining annual. It has just made its appearance for the eleventh year; and in many respects the new book is ahead of any predecessor. The illustrations are abundant; and all of the contents are of a very amusing character. A new feature is the calendar of "Remarkable Events," which runs through the year, and which, alone, is worth far more than the price. In this department it is certainly entertaining and helpful to be told the day and year when pancakes were invented, when the half holiday agitation was started, or washing-day instituted, or stolen sermons first used, or Frank Smith was ruined by the street railway (Jan. 15, 2096), or mother-in-law joke invented, or Chicago morally reformed (A.D. 5969), or boot-jacks first used as a cat cure, or the streets of Toronto finally fixed, or Friday discovered to be an unlucky day,—information on all of which, as illustrations, may be found in the January calendar. And the other months are quite as communicative. This book contains 32 pages, and sells at all bookstores at the old price, 10 cents; or, send to publishers, Toronto, and receive the book, post-paid, by return mail.

THE CANADIAN QUEEN.—This new and elegant magazine is sure to please every Canadian woman. It is devoted to Fashion, Art, Fancy Work, Flowers, Toilet, Home Decoration, and Household Matters. It is handsomely illustrated, and is equal to any of the high-priced English and American publications. It should be in every cultivated home. To introduce it the publishers offer to send it three months on trial for only 25c. Address THE CANADIAN QUEEN, Toronto, Ont.

"The Responsibility of Infidelity" an address by J. B. Briney, published in tract form by the Standard Publishing Co. 22 East Ninth St. Cincinnati, Ohio: prices 5 cents per copy; 20 cents per dozen; \$1.40 per hundred. The title of the address will be understood by reading these two sentences taken from it:—"It should be borne

in mind that infidelity cannot discharge its obligations to society merely by playing the part of an iconoclast. If it could overthrow Christianity, it would thus bring itself only to the threshold of its responsibility to mankind; for upon the ruins of the institutions, and the standards of truth and justice that have grown up out of sentiment created and fostered by what purports to be revealed religion, it would have to build other institutions and establish other standards for the conservation of the welfare of society and the interests of individuals." This is a very useful tract—very timely. Young Christians, or older ones, who find themselves disturbed by infidel objections to the religion of the New Testament, will find in Bro. Briney's able address, a splendid tonic.

ALDEN'S MANIFOLD CYCLOPEDIA.—Volume XV, of Alden's Manifold Cyclopaedia includes the titles from Fluctuate to Galvanism. Following the same general line as its predecessors it is, in some respects, a marked advance upon them in solid worth. We notice with pleasure the large number of practical topics which are treated, and the thoroughness and accuracy with which they have been handled. There is also the same thorough treatment of scientific matters and of the more abstruse subjects which naturally belong to such a work. Other publishers have demonstrated the possibility of making costly and elaborate cyclopedias which are invaluable for professional men, but far above the range of ordinary life. Alden has shown, in the Manifold, how to make for a low price a cyclopaedia which shall serve the needs of the great majority of scholars and also be especially suited to meet the everyday wants of the masses of reading people. The merchant, mechanic, farmer, gardener, and laborer, as well as the student and the college graduate, can here find a vast amount of valuable information. Among the thousands of topics treated in this volume we notice that Food and Drink has 9 pages; Force, 12 pages; Forest Laws, 2 pages; Forms of Address, 1 page; Fruit, 13 pages; Fuel, 6 pages; Fungi, 5 pages; Galvanism, 35 pages. There are also biographies of Rear Admiral Foote; Archibald Forbes; Benjamin Franklin; General John C. Fremont; James A. Froude; Robert Fulton; Galen; Galileo; and many other prominent men. The pronunciation of the words is another prominent and useful feature—especially in the case of proper names. This important work will be sent prepaid for only 60 cents a volume in cloth or 85 cents in half Morocco binding, or the entire 15 volumes now ready, if ordered at once, are offered prepaid, in cloth binding for \$7.00, or in half-morocco, for \$10.00. The price is advancing slightly with the issue of each volume. A sample volume may be ordered and returned if not satisfactory. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, New York, Chicago, and Atlanta.

THE LORD'S SUPPER.—The price of this excellent book is not \$2.00 as stated in these notes last month, but \$1.60.

STANDARD ECLECTIC COMMENTARY on the International Sunday School Lessons for 1890, prepared by A. N. Gilbert, with Geographical Notes by Prof. J. W. McGarvey, also The "Zollars Question System," by Prof. E. V. Zollars, of Hiram College; Maps; Illustrations; Journeys of Jesus; Harmony of the Gospels, etc., by A. N. Gilbert, edited by J. H. Hardin. We have not had time to give this work a careful examination. We therefore simply notify our readers that it is out. Those who have been using it in previous years will not hesitate to purchase the Standard Eclectic Commentary for 1890. The prices are the same as for 1889,—in neat cloth binding, prepaid \$1.00, per dozen (not prepaid) \$3.00; in boards, per copy, prepaid 75 cents, per dozen (not prepaid) \$7.30; the Standard Publishing Co. 22 East Ninth St. Cincinnati.

**OBITUARY.**

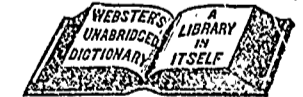
MOORE.—On the 20th inst., Bro. John Moore of the Wainfleet congregation died. So soon to join his wife on the other shore! How sad too for the bereaved ones to have to bear almost at once the double loss of father and mother. May they look to Him who can give grace and comfort with such heavy affliction.  
J. B. L.

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Children's Work.

Mrs. J. S. ...  
To whom ...

It was with much pleasure that I received communications from three more churches, stating that they have organized a Children's Mission Band. ...

Next month I shall have the pleasure of giving to the readers of this Column, a letter from Dr. Macklin, China, written especially to the children. It is very interesting. J. E. L.

This is the first quarterly report of the Lobo Mission Band of "Cheerful Givers." It is somewhat late, but we wanted to include the result of our Concert which was held on Monday night, Oct. 21st. ...

Selections.

THE LOUISVILLE CONVENTION.

THE FOREIGN SOCIETY.

At nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, the fourteenth annual convention of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society was called to order by President C. L. Loos, in the audience room of the First Christian Church. ...

Mr. W. S. Dickinson read his financial report which, on the whole, was encouraging and satisfactory. A summary of this report shows the receipts from all sources, during the past year, to be \$91,356.28, and the disbursements \$60,408.87. ...

This statement was followed by a resolution that the convention appoint a committee to confer with a similar committee from the G. C. M. C. with a view to recommending a better system of collection for the work of these societies. ...

At 7.30 o'clock on Wednesday evening H. O. Breedon, of Des Moines, Iowa, delivered the annual address of the Foreign Society. It was an able and admirable handling of the subject of Christian missions. ...

The three noteworthy events of Thursday, all of which was occupied by the Foreign Society, were the addresses of President Loos, W. T. Moore and J. S. Lamar. These three together made up "a feast of reason and flow of soul" rarely enjoyed. ...

The closing service was a touching expression of sympathy with Russell Errett in the fearful calamity that has befallen him, conveyed by telegram.—*Christian Evangelist.*

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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE ONTARIO EVANGELIST.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday-School work is anxious to have as full a report as possible of the standing of the Sunday Schools in the province; and not being able to write to all, we take this means of urging upon the superintendent of each school to interest himself in the matter, and see that all the information within his reach is collected and prepared in due time for reporting. Each school will be furnished with a blank form conveniently arranged for transmitting all information of interest connected with its work, which forms when filled out will be returned to the address of C. A. Fleming, of Owen Sound: The Sunday School department will form one of the important features of our next Annual Meeting. We therefore hope that every school in the province will contribute such information as it possesses which will tend to forward this indispensable feature of church work.

Collingwood, Oct. 15, 1889. C. S.

## CO-OPERATION NOTES.

All contributions for Home Mission Work and for the Hamilton Building Fund should be sent to Gen. Munro, Cor. Sec., Erin, Ont., Any one not receiving credit for money sent should notify the Cor. Sec. promptly.

Further returns from Children's Day for Home Missions—

S.S. Owen Sound .....	\$1 00
" Toronto (Denison Avenue) .....	2 77
" Bowmanville .....	5 30
" Everton .....	4 64
" Kilsyth .....	1 25

Receipts from the November collection up to date:—

Church, Erin Centre .....	\$11 31
" St. Thomas .....	10 00
" Erin Village .....	5 65
" Galt .....	2 00
" Selkirk .....	1 50
" Hamilton .....	3 50
" West Toronto Junction .....	3 17
" Toronto (Denison Avenue) .....	13 68
" Guelph .....	13 30
" Acton .....	6 11

Contributions for Home Mission work not elsewhere reported:—

Church, Mosa .....	\$6 00
" Everton, on subscriptions .....	18 70
Mrs E. H. Anderson, L. M. paid up .....	20 00
Mrs. Geo. Munro, L. M. ....	5 00
J. W. Kilgour, L. M. ....	5 00
M. McKinnon, L. M. ....	5 00
S. S. Guelph, L. M. ....	5 00
Collection, Muskoka, per A. Harris .....	5 70
Mrs. Alex. Thomson .....	2 00
D. H. Thomson .....	1 00
Mrs. P. Thomson .....	1 00
Robert Thomson .....	1 00
I. Thomson .....	2 00
Angus Thomson .....	1 00
S. B. Thom on .....	2 00
Mrs. D. Thomson .....	1 00
Mrs. A. McMillan .....	1 00
Mrs. A. McKinnon .....	1 00
Hugh McMillan, Sr. ....	2 00
Mrs. W. Thomson .....	1 00
Church, Rodney .....	25 21
John McKille, .....	1 00

We are beginning to hear from those appointed to can-

vass the churches. If all who were asked to do that work would cheerfully do it the amount of money raised would astonish us all. Our brethren have a good deal of money which ought to be devoted to the Lord's work.

Payments to Hamilton Building Fund not reported before:

Subscribed at St. Thomas:	
Mrs. J. W. Kilgour .....	\$ 4 00
Mrs. John McKinnon .....	10 00
E. E. Phillips .....	5 00
Mrs. W. T. House .....	1 00

Subscribed recently:—

Arch. Thomson, sr. ....	5 00
Church, Toronto, (Denison Avenue) .....	5 00

It is proper to remind our brethren that the church in Hamilton needs considerably more help than that already promised. Only about one third of the amount subscribed at St. Thomas has been paid.

The Cor. Sec. recently paid a visit to the Niagara district and called upon the churches at Wainfleet, Gainsboro, Smithville and Beamsville and laid before them the present pressing need of the church in Welland to be assisted in raising \$200 to pay the back taxes on their meeting house. The appeal was favorably entertained at all those points named, and money has been subscribed at all of them. These sums are to be sent directly to Welland by the Treasurers of the respective churches.

The Board at a meeting held at Ebert on Nov. 21st, consider the appeal from Welland, and decided to grant \$100 towards the required \$200. It is hoped that the other \$100 will be collected in the Niagara District. Upwards of \$50 00 has already been subscribed there.

The writer was the recipient of many kindnesses during the aforesaid trip, of which there is not space to make particular mention here.

At the meeting referred to above the Board also discussed the advisability of taking action to assist the young brethren now attending College to obtain work during the next summer vacation. This matter has been pressed upon the attention of the Board for some time and by a number of brethren. The feeling of the members of the Board seemed to be in favor of doing all that lies in their power to aid young men preparing for the ministry in the way indicated and the Cor. Sec. was instructed to correspond with churches and students on the subject.

It will save considerable trouble if any church desiring the services of a young man during next summer, or any young man wishing the aid of the Board in obtaining work, will communicate with the Cor. Sec. at an early date.

The receipts for the last month it will be observed amount to a very respectable sum. The brethren should remember that in order that the Board may meet the obligations laid upon it by the Annual Meeting, a similar sum should be reported every month. Let our co-operation, brethren, be a real co-operation, continuing throughout the year.

Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.

## CHURCH NEWS.

EVERTON AND MIMOSA.—Bro. E. Sheppard, is spending a month with these churches.

ERIN CENTRE.—A brother who had been previously associated with the Baptist people took membership with this church recently. We have been trying to hold special services at Hillsburg for two weeks; but "the elements" have so far had the upper hand. We have the use of a fine hall in Hillsburg; but in order to accomplish all that we ought to in that community, a meeting house of our own is a necessity. The prospect is that the Disciples in Ontario will build more houses of worship next year than in any recent year. It would be a good thing if one of them should be in Hillsburg.

RIDGETOWN AND BLENHEIM.—We are sorry to hear that these churches have not yet secured a successor to Bro. Sheppard. We trust they will have a good man laboring with them soon.

BEAMSVILLE AND SMITHVILLE.—Bro. S. Keffler preaches for these churches, speaking at Beamsville every Lord's Day, morning and evening, and at Smithville every Lord's Day afternoon, all of which makes a hard day's work. We understand there have been about twenty additions to the church at Smithville during the past year.

COLLINGWOOD.—The Church in Collingwood wishes to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt of \$10 from the "Children's Mission Band," Ridgeway, towards liquidating the debt on their house of worship.

A. M. FRAME,  
Treas.

Nov. 28, 1889.

TORONTO.—We have just closed a meeting with twenty our additions—twenty by confession of faith and baptism. The Church was in a good condition for a meeting, and the meeting has deepened and enriched its spiritual life. The meeting continued three weeks, Bro. Ledard came down and helped us four evenings in a most acceptable manner. Our work here is free from anything sensuous or sensational. Christ and Him crucified is our aim. Our audiences on Lord's Days and nights have been continually increasing, and a deep interest is developing in our work. A new house with larger and better conveniences, both as to church work and the beginning of a bible school work, is becoming essential. We hope soon to have these things.

Nov. 28, 1889.

J. R. GAFF.

St. THOMAS.—In the first Lord's Day in this month (Nov.), two persons—Bro. and Sister Rowe—were immersed into Jesus Christ. One week ago last Lord's Day evening, I immersed a lady who is a member of Gace Methodist Church. She was dissatisfied with infant sprinkling. Ever hear of any person being dissatisfied with immersion? No weak argument in favor of immersion this. Dr. Aylesworth, her pastor, was willing that this lady should be immersed, but could not do it himself without danger of incurring censure possibly, I was glad to render this service in favor of New Testament baptism. Bro. H. Z. Leonard, U. S. Consul at London, is an earnest Christian and a good speaker. He gave us a good discourse last Lord's Day evening.

Nov. 27, 1889.

T. B. K.

## OWEN SOUND.

The Church at Owen Sound desires to return thanks for the following amounts received in aid of the Building Fund since June last.

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Miss S. McGregor, Duntroon .....	1 00
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Agnes Stephens, Glencairn .....	5 00
H. Brown, Warton .....	1 00
Church at Denison Ave., Toronto .....	19 00
" Everton .....	14 00
" Erin Village .....	7 00
" Walkerton .....	6 00
" Erin Centre .....	7 00
" Wainfleet Church .....	2 96
" Lobo .....	17 03
" Kilsyth, per A. Kinchen .....	1 00
" " " C. Fleming .....	5 00
" " " J. Fleming .....	10 00

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