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Our Departed

It is only a few years since I first met Sister Sarah Fisher, but to know her was to love her. I am sure I have never met anyone of a more kindly disposition. She loved the Lord. She loved the people of God.

She has been in failing health ever since I made her acquaintance at Collingwood some five years ago. I visited her several times when confined to her room at Hamilton. She was a living example of the teaching "Content with such things as ye have."

She obeyed the gospel when a girl of fourteen years. She had the privilege of seeing most of her family become Christians. She was born in 1868 and lived most of her life in the Collingwood district, but the last few years were spent with some of her family in Hamilton.

Her faith was such that as her body grew weaker she longed for the day of her release here that she might enter into her reward prepared by the Saviour whom she had served so well. On Oct. 29, 1945, her gentle spirit left its habitation here. Sister Fisher is at rest.

There was a funeral service in Hamilton of which Brother Cox was in charge, assisted by Bro. L. J. Keffer. The body was then removed to Collingwood where another service was held. Brother Cox was in charge there also.

May her family follow her, even as she followed the Lord.

J.C.B.

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Sister Fisher

Monday at about 3 p.m., Oct. 29, 1945, the gentle spirit of Sister Sarah Fisher of Hamilton, Ont., formerly of Collingwood, peacefully and silently slipped away into the Beautiful Beyond. Truly a mother in Israel has finished her activities on earth and has gone to be with the Lord, which is much better. The Apostle Paul has the credit of saying, "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:6)

Almost 78 years ago Sister Fisher first opened her eyes to behold the material things of earth. At the age of 14 she experienced another birth, this time it was a birth of "water and of the Spirit" (Jno. 3:5), which made her a child of our Heavenly Father. Our Sister loved the church of which she was a long and faithful member, "Contending earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). I assure you she has painted her own picture. She is in the hands of a just God. She loved her home, family, loved ones, neighbors, and all who loved the Lord and served Him faithfully. She was of a cheerful disposition, hopeful under any circumstance, trusting in the Lord's guidance, and gifted with the art of radiating to others the reality of true Christianity. Kindly and meekly she would correct those whom she thought were slipping. She was really at home in the presence of faithful preachers of the gospel. Indeed, she was a true friend of preachers, seemingly perfectly composed when in conversation with them, especially with those best known to her, and her conversations were always filled with constructive advice. For the last few years of her stay on earth, being confined to the house, she used every opportunity to teach the gospel to friends and with persuasive terms tried hard to make Christians out of them. I'm confident the burden of her heart was to win precious souls for Christ. The greatest inspiration of her life, it seemed, was to hear and join in singing spiritual hymns and songs. This grand old lady has been taken away from us but we are happy to say her consecrated life will continue to speak to those who knew her. Like Stephen of old and all consecrated Christians, she departed this life peacefully and in triumphs of a living hope and a never dying faith.

Sister Fisher leaves behind to mourn her loss, five sons, three daughters, 21 grandchildren, one great grandchild, six brothers and three sisters.

On Wednesday at 3 p.m., service was conducted in the chapel of Cotterell Funeral Home, 393 King St. W., Hamilton, at which place a goodly number of her friends and acquaintances assembled to pay their last respects to a very dear mother, sister and friend. The writer had charge of the service, Bro. L. J. Keffer leading the opening prayer. To add to the solemnity of the service a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Lloyd Snure and daughter Eileen, sang two songs, "Good Night Here, But Good Morning Up There: and "In the Land of Fadeless Day."

On Thursday morning the body was shipped by train to Collingwood, where another service was conducted by the writer in the chapel of the Chatterson Funeral Home. Here a very large concourse of friends met to show their regret of the passing of a dear old friend whom they had loved before leaving to reside in Hamilton.

The beautiful floral display spoke louder than words at both places, Hamilton and Collingwood, in behalf of the esteem in which Sister Fisher was held in the communities in which she lived. The writer delivered words of hope and comfort to the bereaved family and warning to those who were not in the Lord.

"Now our friends go down the valley one by one,  
We shall join them, when life's little day is done,  
We are lonely since dear Mother and Sister Fisher went away;  
But we'll meet her in the 'Land of Fadeless Day.'"

W. F. Cox

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#### W. F. COX REPORTS

The work of the church at 77 Sanford Ave., S. Hamilton, is moving along nicely. The small mortgage on the church property is paid and mortgage destroyed. The contributions on Lord's days have increased considerably. The interest and attendance at all services much improved. Two weeks ago one young married lady was reclaimed. Last Sunday there were three confessions and baptisms, two young married men and a young lady. I'm booked for a wedding in May of two young people, non-members of the church, but are attending our services occasionally.

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Fenwick, R. R. 4,  
April 16/46

Dear Bro. Bailey:

Bro. W. F. Cox, of Hamilton, has just finished a two weeks meeting and over the third Lord's Day with five baptized. Two more are to be baptized this Sunday at Hamilton. Many non-members attended these meetings.

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#### SPECIAL SONG SERVICE

A letter from Brother Cox tells us of a special song service conducted by the church at Sanford Ave. in Hamilton. There were visitors from Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Toronto, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Fenwick and Tintern. There were three hundred people who attended this song feast. There were a number that were not members of the church.

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#### W. F. COX REPORTS

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The Hamilton brethren have made definite arrangements to have the Fall Meeting of the Churches of Christ of Ontario in Hamilton Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. C. D. Plum, 2503 Liberty St., Parkersburg, W. Va., will be the guest speaker. Bro. Plum will remain for two weeks conducting Evangelistic services at 77 Sanford Ave., South.

The work of the church at 77 Sanford Ave. in Hamilton is moving along quite nicely. The young men of the congregation are offering their services willingly and effectively. I believe, with some encouragement, we have young men who will develop into loyal and faithful preachers of the gospel. We are giving them every opportunity to develop their talents and ability.

I'm kept busily engaged trying to keep the brethren, who will be used, interested in the work as well as myself. The last Lord's Day in each month we have service at The Gyro Home for the Blind. This service is conducted after our regular Sunday evening meeting at the church house. The meeting opens with singing one or more songs, then Scripture reading, prayer, short gospel address and the remainder of the time spent in singing spiritual songs. The brethren have been warmly received by these unfortunate creatures. As a result of our efforts there a few have attended our regular services and freely expressed their appreciation of what has been done for them which has made their life a little bit better.

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On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May the Sunday school opened at the East end of the City of Hamilton. This work is under the management of Bro. Alex Fisher, assisted by other brethren of the church. Up to date 48 students have been enrolled. The prospect of establishing a permanent work is favorable. The City is growing very rapidly to the East. Now is the time to get firmly established before we are hampered with Sectarianism. Brethren, pray for the success of such an endeavor as this appears to be at present.

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#### W. F. COX REPORTS

Since last report we have had another confession and baptism at 77 Sanford Ave., Hamilton. This new born babe will live, serve and worship with the brethren in Meaford. I hope the brethren there will give this new member due consideration.

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#### BRO. DOUGLAS LACOURSE REPORTS

Since arriving home from Harding College, I have preached in Sarnia, Hamilton, Port Huron, Fenwick and Beamsville. While at Fenwick one lady made the good confession and was taken to Beamsville for baptism. In a short service there, another lady came forward and desired to be immersed. ...

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#### BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

The brethren who characterize the congregation worshipping at 77 Sanford Ave., Hamilton, are busily engaged preparing for the Fall Meeting, followed with two weeks of special evangelistic services. We are all looking forward to a spiritual feast. We have been able to secure Evangelist C. D. Plum as guest speaker.

Last night, September 8, 1946, those concerned began a series of evangelistic services at the New Mission on Ivon Ave., this city. The new place of activities was comfortably filled. For the first gospel meeting this was beyond our expectation. The writer has been chosen to do the speaking.

In this same building a Sunday school has been in progress since the 17<sup>th</sup> of last May. At this writing the enrolment has gone up to 70 pupils. It would do you good to see these young students at work in their classes. May God bless the worthy endeavor is my earnest prayer.

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#### BROTHER W. F. COX REPORTS FROM HAMILTON

On Lord's day, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of preaching morning and evening for the church of Christ at Beamsville. I enjoyed the fellowship of these brethren. They are expecting Bro. Charles R. Elerick to locate with them about the beginning of the new year.

The church of Christ worshipping at 77 Sanford Ave. S., is moving along quite nicely. On November the 10<sup>th</sup> our two-week effort of special services closed with increased interest and attendance. Bro. C. D. Plum, West Va., was the special speaker. I assure you he did his work well. All those who met him fell in love with him and his fine manner of presenting the truth. I grant you he is a fine fellow with whom to work. There were no visible results, but I'm confident that great good was accomplished and we will not soon forget the impressions made on our minds. May God abundantly bless you, Bro. Plum, is our earnest prayer.

The New Mission at Ivon Ave., East Hamilton, is slowly gaining ground. The Sunday school enrolment has gone up to 93 pupils. We are badly in need of teachers. In addition to the Sunday school at 3 p.m., we are conducting gospel services immediately after our regular Sunday evening service. Those who are in charge of this worthy endeavor are beginning to realize that their efforts have not been in vain. Recently they have been encouraged by the presence of some of the parents of the children. By all appearance a permanent congregation is in its making. Please mention this work to the Lord in your prayers.

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#### BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, I preached for the brethren at Fenwick, Ontario. As requested by these brethren, the Hamilton brethren, with whom I am working, have granted me the privilege of speaking there every first Lord's Day of each month.

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#### W. F. COX REPORTS

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, at the close of our mid-week service at 77 Sanford Ave. church of Christ, two very fine young men, one married, the other anticipating marriage, came forward to confess Christ and were

baptized the same hour of the night. We are grateful to Him from Whom all blessings come.

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#### A Worthy Work

On May 26, 1946, in the city of Hamilton, Ontario, Bro. Alex Fischer started a missionary work nearly single-handed. Bro. Fischer, being a barber, talked the work of the Lord up in his shop and got the Ivon Avenue mission under way. There were fourteen children present the first day for Bible school. God was with Bro. Fischer in the effort and now he has ninety enrolled with the average attendance of forty-five. Also a mid-week class of Bible study is carried on for the children.

By September the interest was so high that an evangelistic meeting was held for two weeks by Bro. W. F. Cox, who was so encouraged by the prospects that he has continued gospel meetings each Sunday night since without one cent of remuneration. He is deeply interested in this work. At present around twenty attend these Sunday night services with about half of them being non-members of the church, parents of the children who attend the Bible school. Here is a grand opportunity to help a worthy work! The present building is inadequate to the needs of the work. A lot nearby suitable for the erection of a building is being considered. This work is certainly deserving of your help and earnest prayers. Send a donation to Bro. Alex Fischer, 1187 Cannon Street East, Hamilton, Ont., today. It will be greatly appreciated.

This was submitted by me unsolicited. I am interested in this work too. ALLEN KILLOM

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The Raymond St. church has undertaken a great and commendable task – that of sponsoring the support of Bro. W. F. Cox at the Ivon Ave. mission in Hamilton for a year. Of course other congregations will "pitch in" and help.

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#### THE HAMILTON CAMPAIGN

To my mind this effort in Hamilton is one of the most significant things that has happened in the church work in Canada in a generation. I trust that those most interested will throw themselves wholeheartedly into this effort and then follow it up with such efforts in other major cities.

I am persuaded that the people of Canada are not so sin hardened that they will not accept the gospel. We just have not given them a proper opportunity to obey it. Follow up this kind of work and we shall wonder where we can get preachers. It will not be a matter of putting those we have to work.

If we take a little heed to the New Testament pattern we shall find that almost invariably they put a company to work to establish the church in a city. The recognition of this fact has brought fine results in many places in the U.S. and will bring results in Canada.

It is well to have as capable a man as Brother Cox to carry on after the campaign is over.

Brethren let us see that this is only the beginning of great things. Business houses make their plans for five years and even fifty years in advance. Where do we go from Hamilton?

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#### BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

Having the promise of a substantial donation from Bro. George Benson, one of the elders of the church where he holds his membership, matched by the Ontario churches, the brethren characterizing the new congregation worshipping at Ivon Ave., East Hamilton, with the help and co-operation of other brethren are planning on a great "campaign" for the entire month of June. Our present building not being sufficiently large enough to take care of the crowds that will attend, we are pitching a tent on the lot which the brethren have purchased on which to build a house of worship. Arrangements are being made to secure Bro. Andy Ritchie, of Abilene, Texas, to do the speaking and train a number of Christian workers who have already volunteered their services. Most of these workers are young Canadian boys preparing themselves to preach the gospel. A house-to-house canvass will be made of that district, soliciting their presence and delivering tracts.

My resignation as Evangelist of the church of Christ at 77 Sanford Ave., Hamilton, takes effect the first of May. After that date I will take up my work with the church of Christ worshipping at Ivon Ave., East Hamilton.

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#### NEWS FROM EAST HAMILTON, by W. F. Cox

The "Evangelistic Campaign" being conducted in a large tent at the corner of Ivon Ave. at

Roxborough, East Hamilton, sponsored by the church of Christ is progressing very well. Fine crowds are attending. Goodly number of non-members present at each service apparently becoming deeply interested in New Testament Christianity so ably presented by Bro. Andy T. Ritchie.

Bro. Ritchie, the guest speaker, and his group of Christian workers are doing an excellent job. It has been clearly demonstrated that they came to work, and so far they have been rewarded for their labours. For they have the credit of inducing many non-members to attend the services which otherwise would not have attended. Favorable reports have reached us of their visits in homes in the district in which they have gone. That, indeed, speaks well for their approach and conduct. We have with us now in the field and activity 20 workers. May God bless these very fine Christian young men and women.

Far be it from me to overlook the fine co-operation of our sister congregations in this new field of endeavor. Our financial objective of the special evangelistic campaign has been met and gone over the top. Nevertheless expenses of the same will exceed our anticipation. Not much, if any, will be left to apply to our building fund. But we look to HIM who is in possession of heaven and earth to supply our needs, if faithful, through means best known to HIM.

I avail myself of this opportunity to express our appreciation to all brethren who have had a part in this worthy cause for financial help and services rendered in any way connected with the establishment of the cause of Christ in this new field of activity. I consider this effort will put us on the map. Pray for our success.

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FURTHER NEWS FROM THE EAST by W. F. Cox

We have entered upon the third week of the "Evangelistic Campaign" at Ivon Ave. We are happy to report that Evangelist Andy T. Ritchie and his group of Christian workers are doing a wonderful job. They are as busy as bees; not gathering honey from flowers but taking the gospel to starving souls of men and women. Already they have proven themselves to be deeply concerned about lost souls. It is their business to lead the lost to Christ.

The meetings, regardless of the cold and wet weather, have been well attended. Not once have we had what one might call a small meeting. A goodly number of non-members at every service. Best of all they are repeating their visits. It is clearly evident that many of them are showing deep concern of being instructed in the Scriptures more perfectly.

Up-to-date three adults, all heads of families, have been baptized into Christ. We believe that these persons who have had no connection with the church of our Lord will have a great influence over those who are fleshly related. We are hoping that through them the gospel may spread like leaven. This new material brought into the church will no doubt give inspiration and a great determination to carry on in His service.

We solicit your co-operation and prayers in behalf of the effort to establish the church of our Lord in a new and worthy field.

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HAMILTON CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS by W. F. Cox

The Hamilton "Evangelistic Campaign" is now a matter of history. This special effort to establish the truth in a new and promising field is considered by many brethren to be one of the most successful events of modern times in the history of the church of Christ in Ontario, Canada.

It is granted that everything humanly possible was done to make this new experience a complete success. It certainly provoked thought of what can be done for our Master. Even now, two weeks later, people are still talking about these tent meetings. Without a doubt the church of Christ has been put on the map in the city of Hamilton. With confidence I declare it was a clear demonstration of what can be done through the united efforts of the brethren.

Owing to the fact that a promising evangelistic effort had already been started at Ivon Ave., brethren who knew about this work offered their co-operation. In a special meeting in Toronto it was unanimously decided that Ivon Ave. had made such a wonderful beginning it was worthy of their support and encouragement. Bro. George Benson of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., U.S.A., being present, presented the following proposition: The church of Christ at Searcy, of which he was an elder, would give the sum of \$1,000, if the Canadian churches would match that amount. I am happy to state that our Canadian brethren accepted the challenge and the movement was soon on foot. Letters were sent out to inform the brethren of the project before us. Action was forthcoming and in a very short time the money was raised. The few brethren at Ivon Ave. with the help of others, began making arrangements for the campaign.

The first in order was to secure a religious census of the district in which the campaign was to be held. This task involved much time and patience even to the breaking point. Nevertheless, we found out later our work was not in vain. Through experience our Christian workers realized that this information was a great

help to them. Being conscious of the fact our present place of worship being inadequate to accommodate the crowds expected, a large tent was secured at a moderate price and pitched on a vacant lot, which had been previously purchased on which to build a suitable house of worship. Next the advertising was taken care of. Notices were printed of the campaign in our daily papers; large cards were printed carrying a photograph of the preacher and group of Christian workers, approximately 20 in number; blotters announcing the time of services were distributed; radio sound truck passed through the district twice weekly announcing big doings at the spiritual work shop, tent; 18 spot announcements were sent out over the air from station CKOC, Hamilton; pictures of Bro. Andy T. Ritchie and the group appeared in the daily papers and last of all, Bro. Ritchie with his group of workers including a few of the members of the church of Christ at Ivon Ave. were given a warm welcome at the City Hall by Mayor Sam Lawrence where Bro. Ritchie signed the guest register. This was considered a grand means of publicity. The services began the first Sunday in June and continued uninterrupted through the 29<sup>th</sup>. The first two weeks we encountered wet and cold weather but regardless of weather the meetings were well-attended. A goodly number of non-members being present at every service. Large crowds attended most of the time, attendance and interest grew from the beginning to the close, but last service being the largest. Members of the various congregations in reach of these services gave us their support and encouragement. I'm happy to report ten precious souls, all heads of families, were won for Christ as the visible result of this special effort and we have reason to believe that many others with but little persuasion will in the near future step over on the Lord's side. Since the meetings closed Bro. Norman Starling, one of the faithful Christian workers, remained for two weeks to assist the writer to follow up contacts already made. Bro. Norman is an excellent young man of 19 summers. He is very well qualified to teach the truth and makes his approach with tact and sincerity. Being deeply concerned in the salvation of souls his earnestness is clearly manifested in the tone of his voice. He has a natural ability of reaching and winning the hearts of the people. With his help we have created a few new contacts.

I can truthfully say that Bro. Andy T. Ritchie and his Christian workers including both Americans and Canadians have done a wonderful job. Bro. Ritchie presented the truth in a clear, kind, forceful and convincing manner. His approach manifested a deep concern of his responsibility in bringing the truth to lost souls. His first appearance on the platform on each occasion was characterized by a few seconds of silence then with a smile which seemed to express his gratitude and heartfelt appreciation of the occasion of bringing the wonderful message of salvation to so many he began. His serious consideration for the lost and his sympathetic manner of teaching won the hearts of those who heard him. The good impressions left upon those whom he met will not soon be forgotten.

In all, the campaign was a complete success. Both preacher and Christian workers worked faithfully and sincerely canvassing from house-to-house, distributing suitable tracts as they went. It is my personal impression that untold good has been done and that a similar campaign should be repeated once or twice a year, better still, if it could be continuous through the year, right here in Ontario. Since the campaign of which I am writing has been a complete success there should be no doubt in the minds of our brethren of what can be done. With the talents which we possess and the means at our disposal there is no reason why we cannot perpetuate these campaigns. I make the challenge, who will accept it?

While we firmly believe that Ivon Ave. is one of the most promising fields in which to establish the truth yet we are badly handicapped not having a suitable house of worship. I wish it were possible for you to see us in one small room "20x30", trying to conduct Sunday school characterized by six classes of children and one class of adults. In this one privately owned room all of our services are held. A lot on which to build has been purchased but we lack the financial means to go ahead with it. If any brother or brethren have any money to give to a worthy cause as this, or if you would loan us some, even though it be a small amount, it would be deeply appreciated. We are sincerely trusting in the Lord and our good brethren to do something for us to relieve the present inconvenience of our work. A basement would add much to our equipment in discharging our duty and the responsibility that rests upon us as a result of the "Evangelistic Campaign". Visit our small busy spiritual work shop and be convinced of our handicap. Thank you.

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#### WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

It is with a sense of profound gratitude that we read the record of the special meetings at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton. Brother Cox challenges the church to try such work again. Where shall it be?

Brethren, we cannot afford to neglect our serious obligation toward lost and ruined humanity. Where shall the Ivon Ave. effort be repeated? We can afford to drop our inferiority complex toward the work. We can succeed in the work of evangelizing.

Then look at the financial report. The few brethren ask for one thousand dollars (Ivon Ave.) and the brethren sent thirteen hundred dollars and more. This is a challenge to leadership. Brethren will respond to

something definite to do when properly presented.

Slowly we are rising from years of lethargy but we are rising. Under God's grace we shall see great progress in the work of the Lord in this country and we shall be able to reach out to regions beyond.

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#### W. F. COX REPORTS

Last Lord's day morning service, being a record attendance, was a clear demonstration of the great necessity of a more suitable building in which to worship God and conduct our religious activities. A few members were away on vacation and others were absent due to sickness. If all had been present I doubt whether or not we could have accommodated them. Owing to the fact that the Good Lord has been with us and blessed us abundantly from the beginning of this new field of labour (Ivon Ave., East Hamilton), I am confident He will provide a way that our wishes and ambitions may materialize in the near future of offering to the public a more convenient and suitable place in which to labour and serve our Master. Nevertheless, we will continue sincerely and faithfully teaching and preaching the gospel which is the power of God to those who believe it.

While the congregation was singing the invitation song at the close of our morning service last Sunday, a young woman came forward and confessed her faith in her Lord with the intention of being baptized the following Monday evening. But due to unfortunate strong opposition in her home she thought it wise on her part to postpone baptism indefinitely. This unpleasant circumstance caused many sad hearts because she is a lovable character, one who is held in high esteem by those who know her. In the presence of the opposition I pleaded for her salvation, impressing the fact that Christianity is an individual matter, stressing the seriousness of opposing and hindering one who is responsible in doing her duty in obedience to her Lord, but to no avail. May the Lord give this young lady the courage and determination to go forward with her heart's desire to obey her Master is my earnest prayer.

Nine of our senior Sunday school students attended the Omagh Bible school – five young men and four young ladies. Some took the advantage of the four weeks while others only part time. Three of the young men were baptized while in Bible school. Already these young men are taking an active part in the services of the church. Last Monday evening a young woman made the confession and was baptized the same hour of the night. Since the 15<sup>th</sup> of June last, 14 have been added by baptism to the one Body worshipping at Ivon Ave., East Hamilton. I'm confident there are others deeply interested in our teaching and with a little more persuasion will offer themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord. So the Cause at Ivon Ave. is very encouraging and the prospects of an ingathering of precious souls possible. Brethren, pray for us and the extension of the Kingdom in this new field. Sincerely, W. F. Cox

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#### GET BEHIND THAT HAMILTON WORK

In this issue we carry an appeal from the brethren at Ivon Ave. for further funds for the building there. I hope we never have to carry another appeal for this work. This work has proven most fruitful and if we will invest a few dollars there now it will soon be helping other places.

Certainly Hamilton, Ivon Ave., is a wise investment. If we are not building work in new places we are dying.—J.C.B.

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#### A WORTHY APPEAL Ivon Ave., Hamilton, E.

Our Dear Brethren in Christ:

Almost ten months ago a small group of consecrated Christians began to worship at 150 Ivon Ave., East, Hamilton, Ont. Some months before this a wonderful Sunday School had been established with an enrolment of almost 90. We still have a very interesting and encouraging group of children and young people.

Being unable to secure a suitable building in the locality of which we desired to establish the church of Christ, a service garage 20x30 feet was remodelled providing a makeshift building until better quarters could be secured.

Our membership at present, with the removal of one member to the United States, stands at twenty-nine. Attending the services are a goodly number of very fine prospects for a spiritual birth into the One Body. But brethren we have outgrown our present quarters. We must have a larger and more convenient place to carry on the work of the Lord.

By close saving and sacrifice by all concerned, with the help of other brethren and the churches of Christ along with the help of the Lord, we have succeeded in partially erecting a suitable basement 30x50 feet on a corner lot less than half a block from the present place of worship. Having been blessed with beautiful



weather and being able to secure help the new building is now ready for the roof, brick work and plumbing. Unfortunately with the advance prices of building materials we have gone as far as possible, financially. We have come to the point where we are badly in need of help. We have completely exhausted our financial ability. The completion of the much desired building will depend upon our good brethren to make us a donation or give us a loan. Our small group will continue to give toward the building until it hurts. I'm happy to report that our collections on Lord's days have been very gratifying. We are confident that those who are acquainted with this wonderful field in which to establish the truth, will endeavour to help us to carry our burden at this time. We are looking to our brethren in the Lord to make possible this much-needed building. We assure you our ambition is not to be like the churches around about us, but that we might win precious souls for Christ.

A close estimate of the cost to complete the basement of this new building is \$4,500. The money raised to date from a balance in June, after the tent meeting, along with donations from the different churches and brethren, including our own church collections, totals \$2,300. This amount has been spent on the building, leaving a balance to complete the basement of approximately \$2,200.

Brethren, if you can, please help us, and do it now. We are sure the Lord will abundantly bless you. You know to leave the new building without a roof during the winter months would likely cause much damage. Send your contributions, small or large, to Alex. Fisher (treasurer), 1187 Cannon St., East Hamilton, Ont. All contributions will be promptly acknowledged, and regular reports made on the progress of the work, through the Gospel Herald. Signed by,

Evangelist W. F. Cox  
 Claude Cox, Secretary  
 Alex. Fisher, Treasurer

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DONATIONS TO THE IVON AVE. CHURCH BUILDING FUND

We wish to acknowledge the following donations from October, 1947, to the present time:

Mrs. E. C. Lyon, Shawnigan Lake, B.C.	\$ 50.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fisher and daughter, Doreen, Hamilton, Ont.	20.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robins, Niagara Falls, Ont.	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sherrington, Windsor, Ont.	15.00	
Thessalon church of Christ		25.00
Niagara and Manning St. church, St. Catharines, Ont.	25.00	
Windsor church	100.00	
Beamsville church		200.00
Sister L. Harding, Hamilton, Ont.	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cannon, Toronto, Ont.	10.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, Toronto, Ont.	5.00	
Mrs. and Mrs. Burwell Ostrosser, Fenwick, Ont.	2.00	
John Cook, Fenwick, Ont.	5.00	
Ed. Cook and Geo. Hipwell, Fenwick, Ont.	10.00	
Fenwick church	20.00	
Westdale church, Hamilton, Ont.	50.00	
Mrs. Edna Watterworth, Meaford, Ont.	15.00	
Wesley Cook, Fonthill, Ont.		5.00
Ice Lake church	50.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Peckham, Port Credit, Ont.	100.00	
Mrs. Mary Peck	2.00	
Smithville church	15.00	
Sanford Ave. church, Hamilton, Ont.		143.45
A friend, Toronto, Ont.	<u>50.00</u>	
Total		\$927.45

Evangelist W. F. Cox,  
 Alex. Fisher,  
 Claude Cox

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IVON AVE., HAMILTON, ONT.

The activities of the church of Christ at Ivon Ave., East Hamilton, Ont. are moving along quite smoothly. On the 9<sup>th</sup>, of this month, February, was the first anniversary of Ivon Ave., church of Christ. One year ago we began the new congregation with 8 members present and today, after the removal of 2 members to other places and 3 members now worshipping at Sanford Ave. our membership stands at 26. The Lord's day after our anniversary we enjoyed two very fine services. Our present place of worship was comfortably filled at the morning service and the best with 7 or 8 members present. In fact, we have interesting non-members present at every service. We are planning on great things for the Master this year, especially, when we get into our new building.

Following the official opening of the new building, probably about the first of June, we would like to conduct a series of special evangelistic meetings for three weeks or better still a month. But due to our financial inability to meet the expenses connecting with the same we feel that we will have to forego the possibility of such unless one or more of our able congregations would see fit to loan us their preacher for this endeavor. We might be able to arrange an exchange of preachers. A new voice would undoubtedly, add much to the interest of these series of meetings. We would like to hear from our brethren concerning the possibility of securing a preacher for these special services.

We are deeply interested in the future possibility of an outstanding Sunday school at Ivon Ave. Already 4 of our senior students have given themselves to the Lord. Three of these being young men who are taking an active part in the services of the church. With a larger spiritual work shop in our new building we are planning on a larger student body and added efficient Bible teachers. We are, indeed, fortunate in having an efficient song leader in the person of Bro. Claude Pugh, one of our new converts. With a little more training we believe our congregational singing will compare favorably with any small group. Any how, a little self praise will not do us any harm. What do you think? To test our ability to sing come and attend one or more of our services. Not only will you be attracted by our singing but you will enjoy the old-fashioned hand shake and spiritual radiation.

Most members are thoughtful in extending a warm welcome to all and especially to strangers. It is apparent that all have a mind to be used in the Master's Vineyard. Our sole ambition is to radiate the spirit and disposition of our Master. We want to be living epistles not ashamed to have others imitate us.

I'm conscious of the fact that Christians are the only Bible that the people of the world read. Only in this Bible do they see the purity, holiness and the saving power of the Christ. A consecrated life in the service of the Master is the strongest influence in the world to convince the unsaved of the reality of established Christianity. It has been wisely said, "I would rather see a sermon any day than hear one". Oh! How true is that statement. Brother, Sister, is your life a channel of blessing? Is the love of God flowing through you? Are you telling the lost of the Saviour? Are you ready His service to do? Are you burdened for those who are lost? Have you urged upon those who are straying, the Savior who died on the cross? If our lives are not free from sin; we will barriers be and a hindrance to those we are trying to win. By W. F. Cox

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#### HELP NEEDED NOW

Since the last report the following donations have been received for the Ivon Ave. church building:

Mrs. Sarah Johnson, B. C.	\$ 10.00	
Mrs. Thomas Hargrave, Toronto	25.00	
John Wallace, Little Long Lac	10.00	
Wilfred Bailey, Alberta	10.00	
Raymond and Beecher Sts. church of Christ, St. Catharines	86.88	
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ellis, Fort Erie	20.00	
Sister Mae Johnson, Welland		50.00
Sister Jessie Johnson, Welland	50.00	
Selkirk, church of Christ	50.00	
A friend, Winnipeg		5.00
A Sister, Alberta	1.00	
Iron Bridge, church of Christ		25.00
Mrs. Mamie Scammel, Toronto	20.00	

For the above donations we are, indeed, very grateful and appreciate the interest the donators are taking in our project. Only through your prayers and financial co-operation the church building, so badly needed, at Ivon Ave. will be made possible. As soon as weather conditions permit we shall proceed with the

building. It is our ambition to move in as soon as possible. Sorry to say, before the completion of the basement, we will require more financial help from our brethren in Christ. May our Heavenly Father abundantly bless you all is our earnest prayer.

Sincerely,  
Evangelist W. F. Cox,  
Secretary Claude Cox,  
Treasurer Alex. Fisher.

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NEWS FROM THE NIAGARA DISTRICT

...  
The work at Raymond Street is making noticeable progress. This congregation alone contributes nearly half of the support of Bro. Cox at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton besides carrying on other work here at home.  
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NEWS REPORT, W. F. Cox

The first of July being a holiday, the three congregations, Westdale, Sanford Ave. and Ivon Ave. took advantage of the occasion for their annual picnic. Joining forces this year proved to be a success. The day was ideal and the place, Dundas Park, with its beautiful century-old maple trees, provided plenty of shade. Ivon Ave. chartered a bus, which was crowded with both young and old. Ninety from Ivon Ave. congregation including quite a large number of non-members, sat together at the tables to partake of the good things provided by the ladies. After indulging in a few innocent games, all concerned were ready to return to their homes.

Definite arrangements have been completed to conduct our first vocational Bible school at Ivon Avenue, beginning Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. The brethren are working day and night, including some from Sanford Ave., to have our new building ready for the occasion. It will not be finished by that time but we will be able to use the basement. We are expecting a large attendance. We have a wonderful field here at Ivon Ave. There are so many young people. The parents of these young people seem to be in sympathy with our teaching. We are looking for good results in the near future.

Next Saturday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, I leave for Schenectady, N.Y., to teach in a Bible school known as "Camp Hunt." I expect to return in time for our vocational Bible school beginning Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>. I believe that these Bible schools are doing much for our young people. From Ivon Ave. district there are eleven young people attending Omagh Bible School at present. Don't you think that is a fine representation from our small congregation? More than half of these are non-members. When our new building is fully completed it is our ambition to make it a spiritual workshop for the Lord. We will be able to care and teach more children in the Sunday school. Please pray for the success of this endeavour. Sincerely, W. F. Cox

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NEWS REPORT BY W. F. COX

...  
Well, the new church basement at Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont., is nearing completion. Definite arrangements have been made to conduct a vacation Bible school from Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Bro. Andy T. Ritchie's group who will be engaged in a campaign at Westdale, this city, will assist us in this endeavour. We are anticipating a very successful Bible School. An invitation is heartily extended to all who can attend.

The work at Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont., is moving along nicely. Too, a young man and a young woman, have been added to the One Body recently and more are expected. Eleven of our young people from Ivon Ave. attended Omagh Bible School this year. We are, indeed, proud of our young people at Ivon Ave. All seem to be deeply interested and active in the growth of the congregation. Most of them are taking an active part in the services of the church. We expect to have our official opening of the new basement about the third Lord's day in September. On that date we are planning on having an all-day meeting, followed by two or three weeks special gospel services. Our heavenly Father has blessed us abundantly in helping us to establish the truth in such an outstanding evangelistic field. I'm confident our influence is spreading throughout the vicinity. We hear of good reports of our progress being heralded to one another by our neighbours. Our success as a congregation depends largely upon keeping our garments "unspotted from the world." May we solicit your sincere and continued prayers in our work here.

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#### WORK AT IVON AVE., HAMILTON PROGRESSING

The first week of Ivon Ave. congregation, Hamilton vacation Bible school, is now history. This has been our first vacation Bible school at Ivon Ave. So far it has been a complete success. The daily attendance reached as high as 85 students. We expect this week to reach the 100 mark or more.

Our new basement is not yet finished but we are having our vacation Bible school in it. The former building being much too small to take care of the students. Our church services during the last two Lord's days have been held there too. At the close of our service last night (22<sup>nd</sup>) a very fine lady came forward, confessed her faith in Christ and as soon as arrangements were made, was buried with her Lord in baptism. More are expected to do likewise.

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#### NEWS FROM SANFORD AVENUE, HAMILTON, ONT.

The church at Sanford Avenue has profited greatly. For three Lord's Days Bro. Fred Smart of Toronto has been with us. In a series of talks Bro. Smart took as his subject "Prayer." The manner in which he treated this was greatly appreciated by everybody. He is easy to understand. At the present time when the nations of the world are in such an uncertain state and the man in the street without much hope, this is indeed an important matter.

I understand that Prayer has been eliminated from the opening ceremony of the U.N. As I sat listening I thought how greatly they too could be helped in this respect, and how much man loses without this contact with God. Bro. Smart is a business man and could talk their language.-- N. J. Bunt.

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#### NEWS REPORT

Since last report at Ivon Avenue, Hamilton, Ont., another precious soul has been baptised into Christ for the remission of sins. To God we give all the glory. Other interested non-members are attending the services of the church. The Lord has been exceedingly good to us. The growth of this young congregation has measured up to our expectation. Your prayers in behalf of the work here are solicited.-- W. F. Cox, Evangelist

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#### IVON AVENUE OPENS NEW BUILDING

Ivon Avenue congregation, Hamilton, Ont., had their official opening of the new basement, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. On this occasion, Lord's Day evening, at 8 p.m., a large crowd had gathered almost filling the auditorium. Our special meetings began on September 5<sup>th</sup>, with Bro. Andy T. Ritchie of Harding College, Searcy, Ark., U.S.A., who was then conducting a campaign for our brethren at Westdale, Hamilton. He preached for us Lord's day afternoon then back to Westdale for evening service at which time he closed special services and came back to us Monday evening, staying until Wednesday evening. A few of his workers remained with him and as a result of their combined efforts, for they worked very hard, five precious souls were won for Christ by being immersed into the one body and one made confession of sins. Bro. Ritchie and his workers were warmly received by both members and non-members. In his usual pleasant manner his sermons were delivered, filled with spiritual food well worthy of our consideration. We, Ivon Ave. brethren, are greatly indebted to Bro. Ritchie and his workers for what they have done to build up Ivon Ave. congregation.

Bro. William D. Medearis upon our request and invitation, being loaned to us by the goodness and Christian act of the elders of the church at Royal Oak, Mich., was here to continue the special services where Bro. Ritchie left off. Bro. Medearis in his usual definite and positive manner addressed very interesting audiences the last night being no exception. He is a man after our own heart, that is, he spends much time in the preparation of his sermons and then delivers them with full confidence that they are based upon the truth. I do not like to hear a preacher say when he is before an intelligent audience: "I think it is that way" or "that is the way I see it." Why not say, "That is what the Bible says." Listen, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 4:11. Bro. Medearis' visit with us was very profitable, helpful and inspiring. Brethren were urged to greater activity in the service of the Master, sinners were warned to repent of their sins and to make their calling and election sure before it was eternally too late. Two precious souls, a father and son, made confessions of sins and were buried with their Lord in baptism and the special meetings closed September 17<sup>th</sup>, with a few others under deep conviction of sin, whom we hope will surrender in the near future, God willing. How happy we are that during this short meeting seven precious souls obeyed the gospel and one made confession of sin. We give God all the glory.-- W. F. Cox

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NEWS FROM IVON AVENUE By W. F. Cox  
17 Archibald Street, Hamilton, Ont.

The Ivon Avenue special evangelistic services are now history. These services began April 17<sup>th</sup>, and closed May 1<sup>st</sup>. This special effort to establish the truth was made possible by the Co-operation and fellowship of the elders of the East End church of Christ in Detroit, Mich., loaning us their preacher, Stanley J. A. McNery. The services throughout the meeting were very well attended. I believe there were non-members present at every service. Even though there were no additions I'm confident that the special effort has done untold good. The very fine lessons so faithfully and forcefully presented by Bro. Stanley were favorably received. I grant you some heard the simple gospel of Christ for the first time. The seed of the kingdom, the word of God, must be sown before there can be a harvest of precious souls. We shall wait with patience for the harvest.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the close of our Sunday evening service, a fine lady came forward confessing her faith in Christ and was buried with her Lord the next day to rise to walk in newness of life. On the same day another woman confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized into the One Body. Slowly and steadily the Ivon Avenue work is growing. Our Sunday School is very interesting and encouraging, new students being added almost weekly. I have reason to think that the teachers in charge are taking a greater interest in the work and are becoming very much attached to the children. If we can succeed in holding the interest of these children, in a few years a large percentage will be won for Christ; and through them we may reach the parents with the gospel. We give God all the glory.

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BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS  
17 Archibald St., Hamilton, Ont.

Duty calls us to the Manitoulin Island. Having succeeded in securing faithful preachers to substitute for me at Ivon Ave., I'm leaving this week for the Manitoulin Island on a preaching tour, returning about the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. ...

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NEWS FROM IVON AVENUE HAMILTON, ONT.

As a result of the liberality and co-operation of our faithful brethren in St. Catharines, Ontario, Raymond and Beecher Streets, Ivon Avenue congregation, Hamilton, is planning on having a Fall meeting. As yet, definite arrangements have not been made with the guest speaker.

The Ivon Avenue congregation, Hamilton, is moving along as usual. During the holiday season our Sunday school dropped in numbers but at present is coming up again. Since last report another lady made the good confession and was baptized into Christ the same hour of the night.

W. F. COX

P.S.—In answer to an urgent call from Salonica, Greece, the Ivon Ave. congregation has sent a bundle of used clothing to cover the naked bodies who are suffering as a result of World War II. We are happy to be able to share with them our material blessings of which God is the Giver. By doing so we may practice in a small way the spirit of the Good Samaritan.

Vol. 15, No. 12, January 1950, p. 14  
BROTHER COX REPORTS

Since last report a young married man has obeyed the gospel, being added to the One Body by Scriptural baptism. This makes another member to the Ivon Ave. congregation, Hamilton, Ont.

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BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

The series of "Special Services" being conducted by the Ivon Ave. church of Christ will soon be history. As far as we know now these services will close Friday, Feb. 3, 1950. Every service has been well attended. The attendance and interest have grown right from the beginning. Some good prospects for membership but they have not, as yet, made their final decision. The two remaining services may materialize in some visible results. Bro. Wm. Bryson of Toronto, the guest speaker, has given us some very fine teaching which we believe will inspire the congregation to greater activity.

Definite arrangements have been made with Tom W. Butterfield of Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A., to conduct a series of gospel services at Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont., beginning June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1950. We would like for the churches in our district to book this announcement so there might not be any interference. Thank you. --

W. F. COX

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BRO. W. F. COX REPORTS

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, our special services concluded at Ivon Ave., Hamilton. The attendance reached beyond our anticipation. During the week of the meetings the weather was unfavorable, nevertheless there wasn't a discouraging service. A goodly number of visiting brethren at every meeting and some non-members always present. While there were no visible results "The Seed of the Kingdom" was faithfully planted by the preacher, Wm. W. Bryson of Toronto, Ont. We assure you he did his part well. The members were urged to go on to greater endeavour in the Master's Vineyard.

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, at the close of the Sunday evening services one came forward to make confession of sins and another to confess her faith in Christ. By telephone that same evening another lady expressed her desire to be baptized. Arrangements were then made to attend to both baptisms on Monday. Both are heads of families. One had been baptized by a denominational preacher but wasn't satisfied with her baptism. No one should be, I wouldn't be, would you? How can a man expect the Lord to hear him when he denies that water baptism is essential to the forgiveness of past sins. No denominational preacher is qualified to baptize by the authority of Christ when he doesn't believe the truth, Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mk. 16:16) Peter, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38). If your baptism hasn't been performed by a man of God and by the authority of Christ you had better do something about it.

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ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!!

The young people of the Sanford Ave. congregation, Hamilton, plan a weekend of fellowship and teaching from May 26 to May 28. Meetings and activities of special interest to young people will be held, and lodgings provided for any wishing to stay over. We believe much good may be done in this effort, so join us won't you?

Vol. 16, No. 5, June 1950, p. 14

NEWS AND NOTES:

Bro. W. F. Cox, 17 Archibald St., Hamilton, Ont., reports – Beginning June 11, and continuing for two weeks, Bro. Tom Butterfield of Columbus, Ohio, will conduct special evangelistic services for the church of Christ, Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont. We solicit your presence and co-operation.

Last Sunday evening, May 21, two precious souls made the Good Confession and the same evening another lady, a mother, decided for Christ, after arrangements were made all three were baptized into Christ, the One Body. We think there are others almost ready for membership. We give God all the glory.

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NEWS REPORT

June 11<sup>th</sup>, we had the pleasure of receiving into the fellowship of the church of Christ one who had been previously baptized into the Body of Christ for the remission of sins. We are growing steadily.

The special evangelistic services are going well at Ivon Ave. Bro. T. W. Butterfield, of Columbus, Ohio, is giving us teaching worthy of serious consideration. The lessons so far have been simple but very logical and true to the "Old Book". All the meetings thus far (first week) have been well attended. Overflow crowd Sunday evening last. Up to date three confessions and baptisms. I'm confident there are more good prospects for membership. We have one more week to go in these series of evangelistic effort. Please pray for us and the ingathering of precious souls for Christ. --W. F. Cox

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NEWS FROM IVON AVE., HAMILTON

Since our last report a very fine young lady who has been attending our Bible study Sunday mornings has surrendered humble obedience to the authority of Christ and was baptized into the body of Christ while attending Omagh Bible School. We give God all the praise. During the last few weeks we have enjoyed the presence of a goodly number of visitors.

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PREACHER WANTED

The Church of Christ, 77 Sanford Ave., S. Hamilton, Ont. will require the services of an experienced evangelist beginning on or about Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1951.

Any brethren desirous of carrying on the Lords work in this field are asked to write to: J. F. Yager, 121 Edgemont Avenue, S. Hamilton, Ontario.

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IVON AVE., HAMILTON ONT. W. F. COX

Since the first of the New Year our attendance and interest at Ivon Avenue have been very encouraging and inspiring to those who are in charge of the work. Sufficient church activities have been arranged to keep the young people together. We have promised the young people of Ivon congregation a sleigh ride if we get enough snow. It is snowing now. If it continues for a few hours I think the sleigh ride will materialize.

We are happy to report eleven baptisms during 1950. There was one added by membership. On January 23 of this year, a man, past middle age, was baptized into the One Body. This gives us the start on what we trust will be an abundant harvest of souls in 1951. We solicit your prayers and cooperation.

I think I can arrange with the brethren here to conduct one or two special meetings during the summer months. If you are planning work of this nature, and you believe I have the ability I would be glad of a call. I am happy to report that the Lord has graciously blessed me with my usual health and strength. I certainly enjoy my work and it is a pleasure to preach the glad tidings of salvation; "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things: (Rom. 10:15) To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever."

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Hamilton starting fourth congregation

The brethren which meet at Sanford Ave. S. Hamilton, begin, the Lord willing, a new work at Fennell Ave. and East 27<sup>th</sup> St., Mt. Hamilton early in September. A new building is being erected and the brethren have contributed liberally to this work but we are as yet short about \$1500.00. Anyone wishing to contribute to this effort of spreading the gospel please send your contribution to: Bro. John Gladwell 151 Province St. N.

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ONTARIO NEWS – IVON AVE., HAMILTON PLANS SPECIAL MEETINGS

Definite arrangements have been made by the brethren at Ivon Ave., to conduct special evangelistic services beginning November 19. Bro. K. Thompson of Jordan Ontario being guest speaker. We are anticipating a spiritual uplift and an ingathering of precious souls for the Master.

W. F. Cox

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IVON AVENUE HAMILTON ONTARIO

Dear Bro. Bailey:

On account of one of your associate editors having been laid aside through sickness, I am reporting from Ivon Avenue, Hamilton.

I speak of Brother W. F. Cox, who suddenly became ill and was rushed to the hospital March 5 and was operated on March 11, remaining in the hospital over two weeks. He is now home and convalescing nicely, while not back in active service, he is able to attend the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of the brethren.

We at Ivon Avenue are enjoying the activity of a gospel meeting with Brother G. M. Johnson who is giving us splendid teaching, using some very suitable charts. The meeting started April 14 and continues through to April 27. The attendance has been encouraging and increasing. We hope and pray that much good will be accomplished.

The work here progresses favorably, especially with the Bible School. Attendance yesterday a.m. April 20 was 79.

The Gospel Herald is always a welcome visitor with us, and we are planning to secure some new subscribers here at Ivon Avenue in the near future. Faithfully yours in Christ, Alex Fisher

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HAMILTON, ONT.

Brother Roy D. Merritt writes: We have recently had two baptisms in Hamilton. Young brother Denis Weston was baptized at Omagh and will worship with the group at Fennell Avenue.

## HISTORY OF SANFORD AVE. CONGREGATION

Since the congregation meeting on Sanford Avenue is the oldest congregation in Hamilton, it might be well to trace the history of the church in the city generally along with its history. The account will be very sketchy due to the gaps in source of material.

It is recorded by Reuben Butchart in his book. "History of the Disciples of Christ in Canada since 1830", that there were about 25 members in Dundas in the year 1849. This group met in the home of F. H. Mallory for about 15 years.

On January 17, 1869, F. H. Mallory is said to have "set in order" a scriptural church of seven members. Fourteen years later, the Christian Worker of September 1883, reported a group of 38 meeting in a hall at 22 King Street East in Hamilton.

Sister Arthur Hines has supplied the information that some time around 1890 there was a loyal congregation at the corner of Cathcart and Wilson streets. Brother W. D. Campbell, who was a well-known and loyal preacher was the evangelist there at that time.

After a time a vote was taken in regard to obtaining an organ for worship and with a majority of just one vote this innovation was brought in. It is difficult to set the exact time for this departure but in the Gospel Messenger of September 30, 1895 the editor remarks as follows, "We are sorry to say that since that writing that congregation has digressed from the 'old path' and is now running according to style. Of course in a city like Hamilton the plain gospel alone is not enough to draw. What a plight the church must be in when the unadulterated gospel is not enough to 'draw' and convert sinners to Christ, without human experiences."

Previous to his departure Bro. Campbell had stated his intention of withdrawing from them if an organ was introduced in the worship. True to his word he left the group rather than compromise the truth. About 1889 a few other members who were loyal to the Word, decided that they would withdraw and worship without any innovations. Among these were Ora Tallman, Albert Culp, Brother Lightheart, Sister Standish and her daughter Amy (later Mrs. Harry McArdle).

For a time these met in the home of Sister Standish and Brother Culp. Then a hall was rented on King Street near Mary and a protracted meeting was held. Brother S. M. Jones who had just come to Ontario from Tennessee, was engaged to hold the meeting. The hall was crowded every night and as a result of the meeting fifteen were baptized into Christ. Some of these were Bro. Harry McArdle, Bro. Arthur Hines, Bro. Geo. Culp and Sister Ellen Stremble.

This little group met together for some time and grew slowly. It received strength from the visits of Brother Jones, Bro. H. M. Evans, Bro. S. Keffer, (father of Lemuel), Bro. S. Petch and many others. In 1908 an article appeared in the Bible Student which is very significant as it describes a condition which has been all too prevalent in many of the churches throughout Ontario, although it was written in regard to the work in Hamilton. A. E. Hudson reports "The Brethren in Hamilton invited me about Christmas to labour amongst them for at least a month. We have held meetings every night except Saturdays proclaiming the Gospel for the most part to those who have already confessed Christ. Daily house to house visitation has revealed a spirit of discontent in the members who earnestly long for a deeper spirituality among themselves and a more aggressive movement to win souls.

The failure arises seemingly through want of a pastoral oversight. There are no overseers, or deacons. There is no church secretary; no system; no plan of work; no visitation of absentees; no co-operation; no Sunday school; no mission work; the rank and file of the church isn't consulted in church business; disciples keep dropping off, wander away from the fold for want of being tended and fed, and thence there can be no conversions to God as long as such disorderly, unscriptural, happy-go-lucky conditions exist in the constitution of any Church. Every man is a law to himself. Discipline there is none, and no one to exercise that discipline which is so needful in every family especially the church of the living God." Bro. Hudson goes on to describe the need and qualifications for elders and the method of choosing them. His article reveals at least one key to the weakness of the Lord's church in Ontario after so many years of existence.

The Bible Student of December 1911 in its directory of loyal churches lists this congregation as meeting in a hall at the corner of Walnut and Jackson Streets. In the meantime the digressive congregation at Cathcart and Wilson came to an end. The building was bought by a factory to be used for an office. For a number of years before the furniture of the building was dismantled, the building was rented to the church. When the factory people finally decided to clear the furniture out of the building, it was given to the church which now had its temporary home on James Street. This equipment such as the pulpit stand, chairs and pews, is now at the Sanford meeting house.

The Sanford Avenue property was purchased about 1920 from the Anglicans. At its opening Brother C. G. McPhee held a two weeks meeting. It is interesting to note, that at that time, Brother McPhee met the girl who was to become his wife.



From this group at Sanford has gone forth the nucleuses of two other congregations. Westdale at the western end of the city and Ivon Avenue at the eastern end are both related to this congregation. At the present time the congregation is working to establish the cause on Hamilton Mountain at the corner of Fennell Avenue and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Here the work is progressing very favorably with a Bible School of about eighty and a fine nucleus for an independent congregation. Six baptisms have taken place from this work in the last four months.

Many well-known evangelists have either visited the Sanford congregation for meetings or else have labored with it for a longer period of time. Among the latter C. G. McPhee, Lemuel Keffer, W. F. Cox, Warder Novak and Norman Starling are known to the writer who is presently laboring here. Several members of the congregation and with other of the district.

The work in Hamilton district has seen its share of trials, mistakes and heartaches in days gone by. At the present time it is for the most part free from errors and hobbies. If the workers here can profit from the experience of others and can work with zeal and foresight, there is no limit to the good that God can achieve through us. --Bruce Merritt

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#### WESTDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Stirling at North Oval

In the summer of 1942 several families who had met with the Sanford Avenue congregation purchased the property at Stirling and North Oval Streets in Westdale. The building was in a state of disrepair and necessitated considerable cleaning, painting, etc. After numerous "work bees" the building was opened on November 2, 1942 with a protracted meeting conducted by Brethren C. G. McPhee and R. K. Akers.

Since that time special evangelistic efforts have been held by Bro. Andy T. Ritchie and a group of young folks of Searcy, Ark., Bro. Warder Novak of Witchita, Kan. and Bro. Charles Draper of Montgomery, Alabama.

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#### BROTHER W. F. COX – CITY OF INDUSTRIES

The city of Hamilton is one of the most progressive cities in Canada. Her population is nearing, if not over, the 250,000 mark. 23,000 of this number are established on the Mountain, from which, on a clear day they have a beautiful view of Lake Ontario. Over looking the lake one can see some of the larger buildings of the city of Toronto. To the east one may have a birds eye view of the city of St. Catharines. Lying between are busy towns of Stoney Creek, Grimsby, Beamsville and Jordan.

The greater portion of the city of Hamilton is nestled between the mountain and Lake Ontario. A very narrow strip of land running east and west, beginning at Hamilton Beach and stretching to Burlington Beach, being thickly settled, having the educational institutions, and church buildings. This narrow strip of land separates Hamilton Bay from Lake Ontario. Entrance to the bay and city has been provided by means of a canal, over which there are two bridges, highway and railroad, through which large freight boats pass to the city. In addition to this service Hamilton is served by two railroads, T. H. & B. and the C. N. R.

Hamilton is known as a city of industries. She has the Steel Co. of Canada, The Steel Car Works of Hamilton and many others, while there are others in the state of erection. If you are looking for work here would be a fine place to come. If you do not like work you had better stay away. The people of Hamilton do not encourage idleness.

Unfortunately there are only four congregations of the church of Christ in this beautiful city of Hamilton. Three of these have been established during the last ten years. One at Westdale, Stirling and North Oval, one at east end, Ivon Ave., one on the Mountain, at Fennell Ave. and Central Sanford Ave. There is room in this fast growing city for twenty-five or thirty congregations. But we thank the Lord that these four congregations are at peace one with another; working agreeably together. During protracted special services we are assured of mutual co-operation of all four.

At present we are in a vision, seeing brighter days ahead and our travailing cry is to come over and help us. We are badly in need of helpers. The harvest is here but the labourers are few.

W. F. Cox

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#### HISTORY OF IVON AVENUE CONGREGATION

On May 26, 1946 work started at Ivon Ave., in Hamilton Ontario, as a Sunday School Mission in a small building 20 x 30 feet. It was started by a few members of the Sanford Avenue congregation living in the east end of the city. The first class of students was at 3 p.m. with 14 children and 4 adults present. These classes continued increasing until 90 were enrolled by the end of the year.

In September of the same year a protracted meeting was held, with Brother W. F. Cox as speaker. One sister of Ivon Ave. district identified herself with the brethren, through the preaching of the Gospel. This meeting was followed by a gospel service each Lord's Day evening at 8 P.M. by Brother Cox, following the evening service at Sanford Ave.

These services continued until Feb. 9, 1947 at which time a group of ten brethren namely: Bro. & Sis. Claude Cox, Bro. & Sis. Charles Duncan, Sis. Pugh, Sis. Harding, Sis. Knight, Bro. & Sis. Alex Fisher and their daughter Audrey, assembled at 11 a.m. for Breaking of Bread, for the first time in the new field. Bible School 3 p.m. Gospel service at 8 p.m. Bro. Cox being the speaker for the evening services.

Services continued as above each Lord's Day until May 1947, at which time Brother Cox was engaged as evangelist for full time work.

In June 1947 the church at Ivon Ave. was privileged to have help from Harding College, Searcy, Ark. Arrangements were made to send about twenty young Christian workers along with Bro. Andy T. Ritchie as leader and speaker, whom with his wife and family accompanied the group. A large tent was used for the meeting, which continued through the month of June.

The workers went from house to house, visiting and teaching, as opportunity afforded. Much good was the result of this effort in advertising the work, in teaching and preaching the gospel, that resulted in ten precious souls being baptized into Christ.

In October, 1947 activities started toward building a basement meeting house on the lot purchased some months previous. (The lot on which the tent was erected for the June campaign.) Much of the work was done by the brethren, work continuing until completion, August 1948. At which time a vacation Bible School was held, followed by a gospel meeting conducted by Bro. Andy T. Ritchie and Bro. W. Medearis in the new building.

The next protracted meeting was in April 1949 by Bro. S. McInery. Another one in Jan. 1950 with W. Bryson. In June 1950 with Bro. T. W. Butterfield. In November 1951 with Bro. K. Thompson. In April 1952 with Bro. G. M. Johnson.

From the beginning of Ivon Ave. work 41 have obeyed the gospel, in addition to these, some brethren have located with us from other places. On the other hand we have lost some members who have moved to other districts, and some have left their first love and forsaken their Lord, but we still have a nice congregation.

Mention should be made here, that the Ivon Ave. brethren received a liberal amount of financial help from congregations and individual members, which was used to help finance the building costs, as well as the spiritual activities of the congregation.

Referring again to the Bible School activities nine of the scholars have obeyed the gospel since the Ivon Ave. work started. Of these, three of the young brethren are availing themselves of special training for more effective work. Bro. Blake Van Horne has attended Radville Christian College for two full terms, Bro. Bob Priestnall and Brother David Fraser are at present attending Great Lakes Christian College, Beamsville. The Bible School at Ivon Ave. has been averaging approximately 80 in attendance lately, with 104 enrolled.

Since the Ivon Ave. work was started, three of its members have departed this life. Sis. Cox wife of Bro. W. F. Cox, who was active in the work along with Bro. Cox, continually, until her health failed her, and finally was called away Feb. 14 1949.

Bro. S. A. Boland who with his wife obeyed the gospel during the campaign in June 1947. Bro. Boland did not enjoy good health for many months previous to his departure which came March 21, 1950.

Sister Ostrosser, widow of Brother Beamer Ostrosser, formerly of Fenwick Ontario, who chose Ivon Ave. as her home congregation after coming to Hamilton, she was faithful to her Lord also, but owing to ill health was detained much from the activities of the church, death coming as a relief from her suffering on October, 30, 1951.

Looking back over the few years the Ivon Ave. congregation has been in existence, and recalling how the Lord has blessed the feeble efforts of His servants. We take courage and press on to greater things in the days before us.

At the time of writing the work here continues favorable, although we have two of our members in hospital, Bros. C. Pugh and T. Ritchie. We pray that they soon may be restored again. Bro. Cox having regained his former strength is back in service again at full time work as an evangelist of the congregation which he has been since May 1947. Brother Cox has served with untiring zeal and faithfulness through these years, his services are appreciated by the brethren.

Secretary, Alex Fisher

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HAMILTON, ONT.

At the present time we are having a protracted meeting at Sanford Avenue with Brother Keith

Thompson preaching. Attendance has been fair and the lessons have been excellent. Brother Thompson has convinced most of the people in this district that it is unnecessary to send elsewhere to get a preacher for meetings. Some of the "home grown" ones can do just as good a job.

Brother Eugene Perry will start a meeting at Fennell Avenue building in November. He will preach for the week-night services and I will preach in the Lord's Day services from the 9 to the 23.

There have been four baptized from the Fennell work recently. A man from the Greek Orthodox faith and his wife has been a Roman Catholic. They obeyed the gospel within three days of one another. A short time later a mother and a daughter were baptized at the mid-week service. We look forward with confidence to further manifestations of the power of the gospel. --Roy D. Merritt

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BROTHER W. F. COX REPORTS FROM IVON AVE., HAMILTON

I am, indeed, very happy to report that our Sunday morning services are very encouraging. It seems to me that we are having the best attendance of any time since the work started at the East end. I must not forget our contributions. They too are going up, almost each Lord's day. Several non-members are attending services and are manifesting interest in the teaching of the Book Divine, Bible. For all that we have accomplished we give God the glory.

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BROTHER EUGENE PERRY REPORTS

The meeting at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton, Nov. 9-23 with Brother Roy Merritt and myself preaching was very well supported by the brethren, especially those in Hamilton. The little building was almost filled most evenings. In spite of the rainy, foggy weather some of the people from the neighbourhood were there to hear lessons from God's Word.

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W. F. COX REPORTS

Ivon Avenue congregation, Hamilton, is growing. The attendance Sunday morning has never been better. All male members taking an active part in the services. Two of our young men are attending Great Lakes Christian College at Beamsville. The Sunday school enrolment has reached 110. Last Sunday, the weather being damp, 82 were present.

With the increase of church collections and a little outside help, we may be able to complete the second story of our meeting place in the near future.

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NEWS & NOTES: Ontario

It was recently my privilege to preach in a meeting with the Fennell Ave. church in Hamilton, Ontario. There were four baptisms and one restoration during the meeting. This congregation is less than two years old but has made rapid progress. They have a small building but are thinking of moving it and building a larger one. Brother Roy Merritt, the local evangelist, is doing a good work there. ...

Sincerely, Keith T. Thompson, Jordan, Ontario

The work is going along in a fine way at Fennell Avenue in Hamilton. Bro. Keith Thompson held us an excellent meeting from the 26<sup>th</sup> of April to May 10<sup>th</sup>. The preaching was both sound and forceful at all times. Four were baptized into Christ and another confessed unfaithfulness after absence from the Lord's Table for years.

Bro. Thompson is the third of our young Ontario preachers to be used in meetings at Fennell. In each instance splendid preaching has resulted. Other Ontario congregations might well use Bro. Thompson to advantage in meetings.

Plans are under way to expand the work in the Fennell Avenue locality. At present we are hampered by a lack of room both in our Bible school and in our adult services. The meeting house that was completed about a year and a half ago is now too small. The new district on Hamilton Mountain is now a city of about 30,000 in itself and there are to be about a thousand new homes built in proximity to our location. If we can build in time, there is a great door of opportunity in reaching our new neighbours.

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Fraternally, Roy D. Merritt

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## W. COX REPORTS

The small mortgage on the property of Ivon Avenue church of Christ, Hamilton came due July 1. For eleven weeks prior to the first of July, the congregation doubled her contribution in a special effort to wipe off the mortgage. Our present endeavour is to clear off our indebtedness by January 1954. With some financial help from outside we expect to go ahead with the completion of our building.

This year we were able to furnish the Omagh Bible School with 12 students. With the exception of two, all of these were non-members of the church. Out of this group we expect in the near future to reap a harvest of precious souls.

Arrangements are being made to conduct a series of Gospel meetings beginning January 15. Brother Allen Killom of Springfield, Tenn. has been secured to be the speaker. According to our past experience we have found that the winter months have been a good time to conduct meetings as any.

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Meetings: Fennell Avenue

Bro. Roy Akers of Niagara Falls, N.Y., held a two weeks meeting at the Fennell Avenue congregation, Hamilton. There were no additions through the meeting, but the interest and attendance were excellent.

Bro. Akers presented the truth very forcefully yet kindly. We feel that much good was done.

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Ivon Ave., Hamilton

We are encouraged with the progress of the Church of Christ, Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont. Since last report two excellent characters have confessed Christ with the mouth and been baptized into the One Body.

Three of our faithful members are attending The Great Lakes College at Beamsville, Ont. We certainly miss their activities in our services. Occasionally they make the church a visit. I believe two of these young men are preparing themselves to be active in the church of our Lord. We commend them for this wonderful endeavour. We pray God's blessing upon them.—W.F. Cox.

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Fennell Ave., Hamilton

On November 1, another fine woman, mother of four children, was baptized as a result of the work of the Fennell Avenue congregation in Hamilton, Ontario. This marked the 18<sup>th</sup> baptism since the Sanford Avenue congregation began the work in a new housing district two years ago. In that time also, two have been restored to service.

On November 1, we also set a new attendance record with 66 present for the morning worship. We have visitors from the community at just about every service, and there are several whom we expect will be baptized soon. Yesterday (November 15), we had 59 children from the community present for Sunday school. We have outgrown our building which was erected two years ago and plan to start another in the spring.

Yesterday we were also happy to welcome to our services Brother Matteo Spezzano, who arrived in Hamilton the day before from Messina, Sicily. Brother Spezzano is one of a group of brethren in Messina who read themselves into the truth with no direction or help except from their Bibles. Would there were more like him!—Roy D. Merritt.

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Here and There: A meeting at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton began January 17 with George M. Johnson of Beamsville speaking and will continue for two weeks with Allen Killom of Springfield, Tenn., speaking from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

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SANFORD AVE., HAMILTON

The Sanford Avenue congregation, Hamilton, Ontario, was made to rejoice December 20 when Mrs. Joseph Munn, formerly of Prince Edward Island, confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized for the remission of sins. Sister Munn is a welcome addition to the fellowship of this congregation and we pray that she will have many years of service to her Master in His church.

The work has proceeded harmoniously and steadily at Sanford during the past year. We have visions of growth in size and spiritual strength for this year.—Roy D. Merritt

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## EXPANSION AT FENNEL AVENUE CHURCH MAKES LARGER BUILDING NECESSARY

The Fennell Avenue congregation in Hamilton, Ontario, have drawn up plans for a larger building to replace the one they have outgrown, and are presently planning to begin construction in the spring.

The church at Fennell Avenue and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Hamilton, Ontario, was begun in October, 1951, when a nucleus from the Sanford Avenue congregation began meeting in a neat, new brick building erected by the older group in a new housing district on Hamilton Mountain.

At that time the meeting house was the only church building of any kind for many blocks. We immediately enrolled more children in Sunday school than we could take care of—and we still have them! (We conduct 10 separate classes in the 20 by 30 foot auditorium, with an average total attendance of 60 or 65, and if you have ever wondered about the real meaning of the word "hubbub," drop in some Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock!)

Despite the unavoidable confusion brought about by such over-crowded conditions, our students have stayed with us from the beginning, and we could easily enrol many more. However, we simply cannot take care of them, and we feel the lack of space is causing us to give the ones we have poorer teaching than they deserve.

In the beginning, attendance at the worship service averaged about 20; now we average 60, and that is all the building will hold. Every Sunday sees the meeting house so full that it is almost impossible to conduct services decently and in order.

Nineteen have been baptized and two who had been unfaithful have been restored to service. There are non-members present at almost every service.

We have just about reached the saturation point—at a time when the community around us is expanding as rapidly as any area in Canada. Fennell Avenue, on which the building is located, was the city limit at the time the property was purchased. However, the city has just annexed several hundred acres immediately to the south of us, and 1,000 new homes are now being constructed in the area. Another 3,500 to 5,000 have been contracted for and will be built immediately. The estimated population of the mountain area is 35,000, and you would have to see it to believe the rate at which it is growing. Except for a few very small shopping areas, it is entirely a residential district.

We have drawn up plans for a larger building which we hope to begin constructing as soon as weather permits. Our present building will be retained for classrooms. We cannot hope to grow any more until we have room to take care of the growth. We will have to have financial help. The Sanford Avenue congregation will help all they can, but they, like the Fennell Avenue group, are just average working men and women who sacrificed all they could to erect the building which was outgrown in two years. (No one is sorry the building has proved too small, but the task of building another so soon after completing the first one is a big task for low-salaried workers who have families to support).

We believe the Lord will provide for His own, and are going ahead with our plans. We will appreciate any help that any one can give whether outright donations, or a loan.

If you would like more information, you can write to us, or to any congregation of the Lord's people on the Niagara Peninsula.—Roy D. Merritt

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### IVON AVENUE HAMILTON

During recent weeks we have had cause to rejoice over having some non-members attending the church services. Apparently a few are good prospects for membership. The gospel still has power to save from sin.

I'm happy to report our Sunday school attendance is very encouraging. Last Sunday morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 84 were in attendance, the Sunday before 82. If our study was in the afternoon we believe we would have many more. With our teaching staff we have about all we can handle.

We are praying fervently that we might be able to complete our church building during 1954. We realize, though, to carry this project to completion we would have to have help from our good brethren. They stood by us before and we believe they will do it again. Shortly, you can look for an invitation to do your best on our behalf. Thank you.—W. F. Cox

It was a real pleasure to be with the church on Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ontario, in a meeting during the last of January. The brethren, along with Brother W. F. Cox, are doing a fine work there.

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Truly, --Allen Killom

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### HAMILTON, ONTARIO

On March 28, Sister W. R. McKay made the good confession and was baptized into Christ. She will worship with the Sanford Avenue congregation.

The construction of a new building at Fennell Avenue has been postponed indefinitely due to a lack of finances at this time. Work has been commenced on the addition of twenty feet to our present auditorium. Brother George Snure will hold a ten-day protracted meeting for the Fennell Avenue congregation beginning June 13.—Roy D. Merritt

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FENNELL AVE., HAMILTON

On the tenth of June Mrs. Christopher Williams of Fennell Avenue, Hamilton, was united with her Lord in baptism. Sister Williams has been a searcher after truth for many years and has been a member of the Anglican, Baptist and Mormon denominations at one time, having left them all because she saw the error of their teaching. In the past few months she has been brought to an understanding of the Lord's church through cottage meetings in the home of Sister Bob Marshall, held weekly by the writer. Such meetings are a practical and efficient method of converting souls in any community.—Roy D. Merritt

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Here and There: George Snure of Beamsville, Ont., began a ten day meeting with the Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton on June 13. The Beamsville church plans to begin their vacation Bible School on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

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IVON AVE., HAMILTON REPORT

"Since last report two have been restored to fellowship, husband and wife of a small family, at Ivon Ave."

Our two young men, who have been attending Beamsville Bible School are making good. Already they have shown some talent in public speaking. Both of them have spoken for the Ivon congregation. May our Heavenly Father bless them and keep them in their endeavour to win souls for Christ, is my earnest prayer.—W. F. Cox

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Here and There: Roy Merritt of Hamilton reports three baptisms, one at Fennell Avenue and two at Sanford.

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FENNELL AVE., HAMILTON

On Sunday, September 19, the Westdale congregation in Hamilton, Ontario, merged with the Fennell Avenue congregation, and from this date the two groups will meet as one at Fennell Avenue and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Mount Hamilton.

The move was decided upon to facilitate the work of both congregations. The small group which had worked faithfully for several years in the Westdale section of the city had been unable to make much progress in the surrounding community. On the other hand, the Fennell Avenue church, not yet three years old, is located in one of the fastest growing residential areas in Canada and is making fine progress in teaching the Bible to those around it.

There are approximately 56 members working there; they have just completed an addition to their auditorium to accommodate the Lord's Day worshippers, and feel that there is a great future in their work. With the addition of the Westdale brethren to their working forces, which includes some fine preachers, teachers, and song leaders, they look forward, with the Lord's help, to a great work in His name.

On Sunday, October 17, a protracted meeting will begin at Fennell Avenue, with Brother George Snure of Beamsville speaking each evening except Saturday at 8 p.m. The meeting will continue through October 27.

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Here and There: Bro. Jack McElroy is now in a meeting at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines. George Snure of Beamsville, is preaching at Fennell Avenue in Hamilton this week (Oct. 20).

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FENNELL AVE., HAMILTON

Bro. George Snure held a good meeting for this congregation from October 17 to 27. There was a

large number of visitors from the community and good crowds each night. Bro. Snure presented some excellent lessons.—Roy Merritt

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Here and There: One baptism is reported by R. Merritt of Fennell Ave., Hamilton.

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Mortgage Cleared

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.—During the month of December, 1954, the Ivon Ave. congregation in Hamilton, Ont. met the last payment of the mortgage against the church property. Now the church is in a position to create a building fund to take care of the top storey. More room is badly needed to house the Sunday school. At present there are 8 classes, 1 of which should be divided. Where shall we put them?

On December 10, we had the closing exercises of the Sunday school for the year's work. The teachers were well pleased with the progress of the students. Prizes and diplomas were given as rewards to encourage continued effort to increase their knowledge of the truth.

These assemblies clearly demonstrate the interest of the people of the community in our Sunday school work. A goodly number of the children's parents were present to support and encourage their children. The majority of these were non-members. Since then, a few have been attending the regular services of the church. By the interest being manifested the last few Lord's days, we are expecting a very happy and prosperous 1955. We give to God all the glory.—W.F. Cox.

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Here and There: The congregation at Strathmore Blvd. in Toronto is using Brother Baxter's new book "Speaking for the Master" in a men's training course. Interest is increasing. Bro. Roy Merritt of Fennell Ave. in Hamilton reports similar plans by the congregation there. ...

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Here and There: While W.F. Cox is in the South, March 27 to April 24, Geoffrey Ellis of Beamsville will preach for the church worshipping at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton, Ont.

Here and There: Tommy Shaver of the Sixth and Arlington congregation in Lawton, Okla., will be the speaker in a meeting at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton, Ont., in mid-September. This will probably begin September 11 but has not yet been confirmed.

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Here and There: The Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton is making plans for a new and larger building soon. Glen Kramer of Welland expressed optimism concerning a building project in Welland. Both of these efforts could use help in the way of gifts from those interested.

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V.B.S. Planned in Hamilton

If our plans materialize, Ivon Ave. congregation will conduct a "Vacation Bible School" in August. Two of our preachers have kindly offered their services and with the help of others I believe we will be well equipped to carry on. During the two weeks of the school there will be special services each night, except Saturday, at 8 p.m. We believe this special effort will prove a great encouragement and inspiration to all concerned. Let us continue in prayer for there is power and action in prayer. One has been restored to fellowship and one baptized during the month of May.—W.F. Cox.

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Here and There: Plans have finally been approved for the new meeting house to be erected by the congregation at Fennell Avenue in Hamilton, Ont. Excavation was started July 18. We omitted to record the all day meeting at Sanford Ave. in Hamilton at the time of the completion of redecorating the building. C. G. McPhee spoke and pointed out that the meeting house had been opened 34 years ago, that many members and much influence had gone out to other places and that two more congregations had been established and continued to exist in the city.

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News of Ivon Ave.

Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> was a great day for Ivon Ave church of Christ in Hamilton. It was an event for which we have been waiting, the opening of the Vacation Bible School. To our surprise we began with eighty students. Our aim as set now is one hundred. We are in need of more efficient Bible teachers.

During the month of July another fine young man was baptized into the one body by immersion. We give God all the praise.

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Meeting Scheduled at Ivon Ave.

The church which meets at Ivon and Roxborough Avenues in Hamilton, Ontario, has announced plans for a fall meeting October 20 to October 30. Brother Leslie Grant of Mentone, Indiana, a former Hamilton boy, will do the speaking.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sundays and at 8 p.m. on weekdays.

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Fennell Ave., Hamilton

On the first Sunday of this month (September), the Fennell Avenue congregation in Hamilton, Ontario, will conduct their Bible school and morning worship services in the auditorium of the Franklin Road School. This change will be in effect until the completion of the new church building, now under construction.

The Franklin Road School is at the south end of East 27<sup>th</sup> Street, a short distance off Fennell Ave.

Evening services will be in conjunction with evening services of the Sanford Avenue congregation.—  
Roy D. Merritt

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Here and There: Good progress is being made on the new building at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton. Members are donating labor in a fine way. Roy Merritt of this church began Sept. 18 a 10 day effort in Owen Sound.

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Ivon Ave. V.B.S. Report, by W. F. Cox

The vacation Bible School conducted by the church of Christ is now a matter of history. The school opened with 80 pupils. The highest day attendance was 87. The total attendance reached 116 and the daily average 72.

Ivon Ave. congregation is largely made up of young couples. Most of their children are not old enough to be good gospel subjects. Therefore, the VBS was almost completely made up of children of non-members. Only nine were children of church members, three of whom are members of the church. About 30 never missed a day during the two weeks study and received certificates for their faithful attendance. The staff of teachers who offered their services did a wonderful job. With patience and kindness they succeeded in subduing and controlling the pupils in their care. With the exception of brother and sister Geoffrey Ellis, all were Sunday school teachers. It would have been very difficult to have carried on without the faithful work of brother and sister Ellis. Their interest and help in the school was much appreciated by all concerned.

Once again, we call your attention to our special fall meeting beginning October 20 continuing to October 30. Brother Leslie Grant, of Mentone, Indiana, will be the speaker.

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Here and There: Leslie Grant of Mentone, Ind. is in a meeting in Hamilton, Ont. at Ivon Ave., his home congregation, Oct. 20-30. One baptism is reported at Mentone last month. Wayne Porter conducted a meeting here Oct. 3-16.

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Ivon Ave., Hamilton

The Ivon Ave. Hamilton fall meeting is now history. The meeting was very short—ten days duration. The speaker, Bro. Leslie Grant of Mentone Indiana, delivered some very fine sermons. The lessons were largely directed to the members of the church. All concerned enjoyed the very fine support and co-operation of the brethren from other congregations of the city. There were no additions but the brethren were encouraged to continue faithfully in the Master's Vineyard.

Recently one has been added to Ivon Ave. congregation by membership and on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, one was



baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38). —W.F. Cox.

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Here and There: The congregation at Fennell Ave., Hamilton, began meeting in the basement of their new building last week. They will soon move upstairs, reports Roy Merritt.

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Here and There: Two young adults, a former Roman Catholic and a former member of the Dutch Reformed church, were baptized, and one was restored to duty during the past two weeks at the Fennell Avenue church, Hamilton.

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Ivon Ave., Hamilton

Last night during the singing of the invitation song a young man came forward to confess his faith in Christ. Definite arrangements have been made for his baptism tonight at 7:30 p.m. Happy to report he is the third young man from the senior Sunday school class to be baptized since last July.

During the year 1957 the brethren are planning on doing great things for the Lord. Having a large Sunday school and being short of qualified teachers we would appreciate having some of our faithful brethren move in offering their services. Yesterday morning there were 21 children in one kindergarten class for one teacher to teach. This class should by all means be divided.

The Ivon Ave. brethren have invited Bro. Robert Davison who has just graduated from David Lipscomb College to labour with us. We feel with the addition of Bro. Davison, his wife and Jimmie we will be in a position to enlarge upon our endeavour here. Dear Brethren, we solicit your earnest, fervent prayers.—W.F. Cox.

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Open New Building

The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton, Ontario, will have opening services in its new building on Sunday, February 5. Services will be held that day at 11 a.m.; 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Brother Roy Merritt will speak the first day and on the following day Brother Keith Thompson of Owen Sound will begin a two-weeks gospel meeting.

The building, of brick and stone construction, has been erected under the supervision of one of the members of the congregation, Brother Michael Bachuk. It contains an auditorium seating 300, classrooms, baptistery, nursery, rest rooms, and study. Much of the work has been done by the men of the congregation.

The Fennell Avenue church was started by the Sanford Avenue congregation in the fall of 1951. The meeting house which they erected before beginning meetings there had to be enlarged in May, 1954. The enlarged auditorium was outgrown soon after, and the new building was begun in August of this past year.

The meeting house is located on the southeast corner of Fennell Avenue and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street on Hamilton Mountain. The brethren invite as many as possible to come and be with them on their opening day.

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Here and There: About 250 people were present for the service at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton on Feb. 17. Approximately 150 people were young people from the surrounding area, who enjoyed a social hour after the service.

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The Church in Ontario: Hamilton - Sanford Ave.—From this church, an estimated 70 years old, have gone out the nuclei for two other congregations in the city. Now approximately 65 members, with a Sunday morning attendance of 75. Helping the work in Kitchener. Local brethren preach.

Hamilton – Fennell Ave.—Began with nucleus of 17 members. Now five years old; a membership of 63, average Sunday morning attendance of 92. Around 85 enrolled in a Bible correspondence course. Entered new building, seating 200, in February. Bro. Roy Merritt has worked with them since beginning.

Hamilton – Ivon Avenue—Nine years old; 34 members; 94 enrolled in Bible school. Have paid for basement meeting house, now plan to build second unit. Advertises regularly with other two congregations in Hamilton Spectator. Bro. Bob Davison recently began full-time work.

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Here and There: W. F. Cox Available.

The services of Bro. Robert Davison having been secured by the church at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton, Bro. W. F. Cox is at liberty to assist in conducting one or more special meetings this summer or to substitute on Lord's days.

Vol. 22, No. 7, August 1956, p. 9

Here and There: A copy of "The Ivon News," from the church at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton was recently passed along to us. It lists 9 Sunday Bible classes with a total enrollment of 93. Our attention has been drawn to an error in the article, "Opportunities for Evangelism in Ontario" on page ten of the January issue. It is said that the building at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton is now being enlarged for the third time. The Fennell Ave. congregation should have been named in this connection. The Christian Chronicle recently reprinted the same error.

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Ivon Ave. News

The annual Sunday school picnic is dated for July 2 at Rest Acres just outside of Brantford. This event always draws a large attendance with a goodly number of non-members, parents of Sunday school children. Their presence manifest their sympathy and support in the work we are doing for their children.

Recently, our membership has been reduced by reason of removals to other places, our loss, of course, is gain for others. Bro. Jack Starr, his wife and daughter Gail have moved to Lake Worth, Florida. By the time this note has reached the printer, Bro. Dave Cox and family will have moved to Beamsville. One of our Sunday school teachers, Ilene Smith, has moved to Dundas. Bro. David Fraser has been attending Bible College to prepare for the ministry, and Bro. Bob Priestnall has taken to himself a wife and now lives in Beamsville. We trust that others will move in to assist us in the good work of the Lord.

Nevertheless, we take courage for our Sunday morning attendance exceeds our membership. Last Lord's Day about 50 were present, the extra number being made up of outsiders and young people interested in the teaching of the gospel.

On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Bro. W. F. Cox spoke for the good brethren worshipping at Collingwood and Owen Sound on the 27<sup>th</sup>. At both places the services were well attended. Next Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>, he is booked to speak both morning and evening at Sanford Ave., Hamilton, for whom he laboured three very pleasant years resigning in 47 to take up the work at Ivon Ave.

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Fennell Ave., Hamilton

The Fennell Ave. Congregation will hold a Gospel meeting from August 27 to September 9. Brother Luther W. Martin from St. James, Missouri will be the speaker. Brother Martin is well known for his writings in several religious papers. Good audiences are anticipated from other congregations. He is especially well known for his studies of Roman Catholicism. One of his articles is in this issue of the Gospel Herald.

From July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup> I preached in a Gospel meeting at Rogers, Texas. There were large audiences each evening and many visitors from the various denominations in the town. Two were baptized and one confessed unfaithfulness. If circumstances permit I am invited back to Rogers for a meeting next year.—Roy D. Merritt

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Ivon Ave.

Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, marks the beginning of Ivon Ave. Vacation Bible School. With some difficulty qualified teachers have been secured. According to present reports the school is going to be well attended. This year one week will be the time limit.

During Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>, W. F. Cox spoke morning and evening for the brethren at Fenwick, Ontario and is asked to continue his services Sunday evenings. There were two baptisms last Sunday evening and more are expected. We thank the Lord for the salvation of these precious souls.

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W. F. Cox Reports

Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Vacation Bible School is now history. We had a fine group of students this year. There were not as many as other years, but attendance was more regular. Daily attendance was 75. We believe it will result in giving the cause of Christ greater publicity. We are indebted to Mrs. Roy Merritt of Fennell Ave. congregation for her help in the school.

Ivon Ave. is now engaged in an evangelistic effort for two weeks, Bro. Walter Dale is doing the preaching. So far the attendance has been very good. Bro. Dale has been giving us some very practical

lessons.

Since last report one more has been restored to fellowship at Fenwick, Ontario. The attendance Sunday evenings is encouraging. A goodly number of non-members are attending. We give God all the praise.

Vol. 22, No. 11, December 1956, p. 8

Here and There: The average attendance at the recent meeting held by Walter Dale at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton was 40 each evening. There were some visitors from the district. The membership of 26 meets in a basement but would like to see the building completed.

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Fennell Avenue, Hamilton

The Fennell Avenue congregation will hold its first lectureship from December 2 to December 7. Brother George Snure will speak at the two services on the first Lord's day and then a different speaker each night will continue the discussion of some phase of the main theme, The Church of Christ. Brethren Cameron Sinclair, Eugene Peden, Ralph Perry, Keith Thompson and Bruce Merritt are the speakers through the week.

This congregation is working with diligence and harmony. November 18 there was an attendance of 97 and a contribution of \$160.00. Plans are under way to begin regular contributions to some worthy mission work.

Vol. 23, No. 2, March 1957, p. 7

Here and There: An attendance record of 97 was set for the Sunday morning Bible classes on February 17 at the Fennell Ave., church in Hamilton, Ontario. Bro. Arthur Walker and Bro. Michael Bachuk were recently appointed to oversee the Bible school.

Vol. 23, No. 3, April 1957, p. 15

MEETING ANNOUNCED

Brother Alvin Jennings of Montreal, Quebec, will preach in a gospel meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ in Hamilton, April 28 through May 10. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Lord's Days, and at 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

At 3 p.m. on April 28, the first Sunday of the meeting, a Service in Song will be presented. The churches in Hamilton have long been noted for the unusual number of excellent singers with which they are blessed, and recently Bro. Albert Jones of Fennell Avenue church has been working with a fine group from all three congregations, training them to better use their voices for the Lord. This service will be the first the group has presented.

Vol. 23, No. 5, June 1957, p. 8, 9

Here and There: Robert Davison of Ivon Avenue church in Hamilton reports good attendance and interest. There have been 4 baptized since the beginning of the year, two a mother and son in March and two young ladies on May. May 26 marks the exact 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the work here. A special service is being planned for that morning.

The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton is grateful for two new attendance records set recently. There were 106 present for the Lord's Day morning worship service and 103 in Bible classes. These records were made immediately before the recent gospel meetings.

In the absence of Brother Robert Davison of Ivon Avenue, Hamilton, W. F. Cox spoke at both services on April 21. He was guest speaker at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines on May 12 and 19.

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TWO BAPTIZED IN HAMILTON MEETING

Two souls were added to the church in the gospel meeting concluded May 10 at the Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton. Brother Alvin Jennings of Montreal, Quebec, preached for the meeting.

As a result of the baptisms, two families were united in Christ. One of the new Christians is the fine father of four of our Bible school students and husband of a faithful member. The other is the wife of one of our young men.

Many good contacts were made during the meeting and we believe that much good will continue to result from it. Audiences were good for all services, passing the 100-mark the final evening. Both in total

numbers and in number of non-members visiting with us, it was one of the best meetings we have ever had.—  
Roy D. Merritt

Vol. 23, No. 9, October 1957, p. 8

Here and There: Roy D. Merritt is presently, (Aug. 20) engaged in a meeting with the Sanford Ave. Church in Hamilton.

"The church at Ivon Avenue, Hamilton is planning a two week meeting with Bro. C. G. McPhee, commencing Oct. 20 and continuing through November 1. Attendance has hit 50 on Sunday mornings recently, while Bible classes are over 60 in attendance. Bro. Davison has been asked to continue work here for at least another year."

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Here and There: C. G. McPhee is presently, Oct. 23, in a meeting at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton. He will continue through Nov. 1.

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Brethren from congregations of Hamilton, Fenwick, Port Colborne, Tintern, Beamsville, St. Catharines and others were present on Sept. 20 to see the cottage meeting filmstrips being demonstrated. About 100 were present.

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Here and There: Brother L.J. Keffer, now residing in Smithville, Ont. has been preaching recently at Owen Sound, Harding Ave. in Toronto, Smithville and Sanford Ave. in Hamilton.

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Here and There: Last Lord's Day, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, W.F. Cox of Box 108, Stoney Creek, Ont. was the guest speaker for both services of the church of Christ in Windsor, Ont. ...

Vol. 23, No. 12, January 1958, p. 8

Here and There: Arrangements have been made for the annual June meeting of the churches of Ontario to be held by the church at Fennell Avenue in Hamilton in 1958. The congregation at Meaford wishes to let it be known that she would like to have this meeting in 1959, according to a letter from Walter Dale. Intention to begin a Bible correspondence course is also announced.

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June Meeting Plans Made

Members of the church which meets at Fennell Avenue and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street in Hamilton are busy with plans to make this year's "June Meeting" one of the best and most spiritually-refreshing ever.

They have secured the use of the auditorium and cafeteria of Hill Park Secondary School, a beautiful new building located not far from their meeting house, for the day's services. Brother James D. Bales, professor of Christian doctrine at Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and a son-in-law of Brother and Sister Fred Smart of Toronto, will speak at the afternoon service, and for a two-weeks gospel meeting at the Fennell Avenue church following the meeting on Sunday, June 1.

Brother Bales will have just returned from a four-months world lecture tour which he is now taking on the invitation of a number of universities throughout the world. In addition to his being an outstanding gospel preacher and Bible teacher, he is recognized as one of the world's foremost authorities on Communist doctrine and history, and his sermon topic for the afternoon service at the June Meeting will be "Christianity versus Communism."

Vol. 24, No. 6, July 1958, p. 8

Here and There: The Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton has made arrangements to purchase a house at 46 East 11<sup>th</sup> St. as a home for the preacher. Bro. Roy Merritt who sold his home in anticipation of moving to labour in Ottawa, has moved into this home temporarily until support for the Ottawa work is volunteered or alternative plans are completed.

Vol. 24, No. 7, August 1958, p. 8

Here and There: It is reported that Robert Davison has resigned the work at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton, Ont.

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Preacher Wanted

The Church of Christ at Fennell Ave. and 27<sup>th</sup> St., Hamilton, Ont., is now without the services of a full time Preacher.

We have a congregation of 68 members with good prospects for church growth. Remuneration to be \$65.00 per week with preacher's home.

We will be pleased to hear from any interested brother. Write to Lloyd G. Snure, 77 Dundurn St. N., Hamilton, Ont.

Vol. 24, No. 9, October 1958, p. 8

Here and There: Gospel meetings in Ontario this fall include: ... Hamilton, Sanford Ave., Sept. 21-Oct. 3, K. Thompson of Beamsville.

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Here and There: Winston Atkinson of Tyler, Tex. is the speaker in a meeting at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton, October 16-24.

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Building Progresses, Hamilton, Ivon Ave.

The masons have completed the walls of the Ivon Ave. church building. The weather was ideal for the job. The beams are all in place, ready for the roof. For the last few days rain has delayed finishing the roof. Nevertheless, we are happy that our wishes and prayers are nearly realized.

By the time our building is enclosed ready for the installing of furnace and seats our present finance will be completely exhausted. Therefore, once again, we humbly appeal to our good brethren for help. We are very grateful to those who have and are still donating to this project. To all of you we express our sincere appreciation. May our Heavenly Father bless you abundantly is our prayer.

Through the goodness of our Father in heaven I have been able to meet my preaching appointments, including teaching an adult Sunday School class at Ivon Ave. Last Sunday I delivered the morning sermon at Ivon Ave. and I am booked to speak morning and evening next Lord's day at Sanford Ave. Hamilton.

Since the beginning of the year a few have been added to the congregation by baptism and others by taking membership with us. For the additions of these precious and worthy souls we thank God. We covet your sincere prayers (James 5:16).—W.F. Cox.

P.S. Our special meetings at Ivon Ave. are now history. Bro. Claude Wilsford of Toronto, the guest speaker, did a fine job. His sermons were well planned, inspiring and thought provoking. The services were well attended by non-members and members from other congregations. There was one baptism.

Vol. 24, No. 12, January 1959, p. 8

Here and There: Bro. Bob Davison now of Ivon Ave. in Hamilton is to begin working with the Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton on the first of January. This will mean the cancellation of his previously announced plans to work in Ottawa.

Vol. 25, No. 2, March 1959, p. 5

Here and There: Ralph Perry preached in a meeting in Meaford February 8 to 15. "Tentatively he will preach in a meeting for the Fennell Ave. congregation in Hamilton April 19 through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Vol. 25, No. 4, May 1959, p. 10

Here and There: J. C. Bailey of Carman, Man. is to be with the church in Sundridge for a meeting May 17-28. A young Baptist student minister recently learned of the church while visiting in Baysville and Huntsville and after further study was baptized by R. Davison of Hamilton. The Fennell Ave. church in Hamilton is presently (April 22) in the midst of a two week meeting with Ralph Perry of Strathmore in Toronto as the speaker.

Vol. 25, No. 8, September 1959, p. 8

Here and There: Vacation Bible Schools: Two larger schools were at Meaford and at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton. At Meaford an average daily attendance of over 150 children and teachers was encouraging. In Hamilton the average number of students attending was 110 with a record of 135 including workers. The closing program saw the building almost filled by children and their parents.

Vol. 25, No. 8, September 1959, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Ivon Ave., Aug. 5: "Please remember we are in bad need of a preacher if you

hear of anyone. Our building is getting pretty near finished now."—Alex Fisher.

Vol. 25, No. 10, November 1959, p. 8

Here and There: Ivon Ave., Hamilton, Ont.: Work is nearly completed in construction of upper storey of our church building. We hope to open the new auditorium in November with an all day meeting. Announcements will be sent later. We are still corresponding, but as yet have not located a full time preacher. Owing to expense of construction we still need some help in supporting a preacher for a while.

Vol. 25, No. 10, November 1959, p. 13

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Meeting held by Roy D. Merritt of Ottawa. "The whole congregation was made to rejoice this past week as three more precious souls were added to the church."

Vol. 25, No. 12, January 1960, p. 9

Here and There: HAMILTON, Ont., Ivon Ave: December 6 marked the opening of the auditorium of the Ivon Ave. church in Hamilton. W. F. Cox spoke in the morning, Keith Wallace in the evening and there was a song service with various speakers in the afternoon. After years of meeting in the basement, the use of the auditorium should be a great encouragement to the church meeting here.

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Hamilton Church Moves Forward

On May 26 1946 the work started at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton, Ontario, as a Bible School Mission in a small building 20 x 30 feet. It was started by four members from Sanford Avenue congregation living in the east end of the city. The first class of students was at 3 p.m. with 14 children and four adults present. These classes continued to increase until we hardly had room.

September 22, 1946 a protracted meeting was held, with Bro. W. F. Cox as speaker. One sister of Ivon Ave. district identified herself with the brethren, through the preaching of the Gospel. This meeting was followed by a gospel service each Lord's Day by Bro. W. F. Cox, following the evening service at Sanford Ave.

These services continued until February 9, 1947 at which time a group of 10 members from Sanford Ave. assembled at 11 a.m. for breaking of bread, for the first time in the new field. Bible School 3 p.m. Gospel service 8 p.m. Bro. Cox being the speaker for the evening services.

Services continued as above each Lord's Day until May 4, 1947 at which time Bro. Cox was engaged as evangelist for full time work.

In June, 1947 the church at Ivon Ave. was privileged to have help from Harding College, Searcy, Ark. Arrangements were made by Bro. Geo. Benson to send about 20 young Christian workers along with Bro. Andy T. Ritchie Jr. as leader and speaker. Some local Christians joined this group also. A large tent was used for the campaign, which continued through the month of June.

The workers went from house to house visiting and teaching, as opportunity afforded. Children's classes were held before the services. Much good was the result of this effort in advertising the work and teaching and preaching the gospel. It resulted in 10 precious souls being baptized into Christ.

In October, 1947, activities started towards building a basement meeting house on the lot purchased some months previous. (The lot on which the tent was erected for the June campaign.) Much of the work was done by the brethren, others helped both financially and physically. The basement was completed in August, 1948, at which time a vacation Bible school was held, followed by a gospel meeting conducted by Bro. Andy T. Ritchie Jr. and Bro. W. Medearis, in the new building.

The next protracted meetings were in April, 1949, by Bro. S. McInery; Jan. 1950 by Bro. W. Bryson; June, 1950, by Bro. T. Butterfield; Nov., 1951, by Bro. Keith Thompson; April, 1952, by Bro. G. M. Johnson; Jan., 1954 by Bro. Allan Killom; Oct., 1955, by Bro. L. Grant; Oct., 1956, by Bro. W. Dale; Oct., 1957, by Bro. C. G. McPhee; Nov., 1958, by Bro. C. Wilsford. There were no meetings in 1959 on account of the building program. We want to thank all the congregations who donated their preachers for these meetings.

From the beginning of the Ivon Ave. work 48 have obeyed the gospel, some have moved away, some have passed on, and sorry to say some have forsaken their Lord. But we still have 19 of that number worshipping with us.

By January 1, 1956, Bro. W. F. Cox, who was then 79 years old, felt he should retire from full time work. At that time Bro. Robert Davison took over the work and was with us until January 1, 1959.

Our work continued to grow, especially the Bible School work, until the brethren thought we needed better facilities. March 1, 1958, a Building Fund was started so we could get the upper storey on our church building. We have donated \$4,196.02 mostly ourselves and with a loan of \$7,000.00 we have been able to

almost complete the top of our building.

Opening services for the new auditorium were held on December 6, 1959. Bro. W. F. Cox, now 83 years old, spoke at the 11 o'clock service. Bro. F. Conn, elder from St. Catharines, presided at the Lord's Table. A song service at 2:30 p.m. was followed at 3:00 p.m. by short talks by three of the young men who had taken part in the June, 1947 campaign. They are Bro. Robert Adams, Bro. Keith Thompson, and Bro. Murray Hammond (absent due to sickness). Bro. Robert Davison also gave a short talk. At 7:00p.m. Bro. Keith Wallace, who is speaking for us at present, gave a lesson on the church.

Our present membership is 34. The average collection in 1959 was \$62.27. The Bible school enrolment is 109 with an average attendance of 88 this year. Of this number 40 are members and their children. The remaining 69 are from non-member homes. Some of the parents are attending church services. Eighteen young people have been baptized, who were first contacted through the Bible school. Some have moved away, but most of them are faithful. Five have attended Bible College.

Plans have been made to have Bro. Ray L. Miller of Detroit to come and work with the church here early in June, the Lord willing. We feel with a full time preacher and our better facilities we can do more for the Lord. We still need help of \$192.00 a month toward Bro. Miller's support. CAN YOU HELP US? – Alex Fisher, secretary, 1187 Cannon St. E., Hamilton, Ontario.

Vol. 26, No. 3, April 1960, p. 10

Here and There: HAMILTON, Ont., Mar. 13, 1960: "We had a splendid Bible school again last Lord's day. There were 109 on the roll and we have had 88 in attendance the last two weeks. Our average attendance this year has been 78.

"It is less than three months now until Bro. Miller and family plan to start work with us, the Lord willing. We still need \$192.00 a month to help with his support."—Bulletin, Ivon Avenue.

Vol. 26, No. 3, April 1960, p. 15

Here and There: HAMILTON, Fennell Ave., Mar. 9: "The Fennell Avenue Church of Christ is happy to announce the appointment of its first elders and deacons. March 6<sup>th</sup> three well qualified men, Bro. Albert Jones, Bro. Lloyd Snure, and Bro. Art Walker were appointed by the evangelist, Robert Davison to the office of elder. Four men were also appointed as deacons. We feel this move will be a definite asset to the furtherance of the Lord's work in the fast growing mountain area of Hamilton. Our membership now numbers 75 with a weekly budget of \$180.00 which we have been very nearly meeting this year. All areas of the work look very encouraging.

"The new size of the Herald is a very good move. Keep up the good work."—Robert J. Davison.

Vol. 26, No. 4, May 1960, p. 10

Here and There: HAMILTON, Ont., Ivon Ave., April 3: "Last Lord's Day evening we were made to rejoice, when one lady came forward to confess her faith in Christ as God's Son and to be baptized for the remission of sins."

April 10: "We are very pleased with the good attendance on Friday evening when the Great Lakes Christian College chorus gave us a program of song. Everybody present enjoyed the fine singing under the direction of Bro. Art Walker. There were approximately 150 present."

April 17: "Bro. Fisher asks for the prayers of the congregation as he goes to Ohio this week. He and Bro. Grant plan to contact some of the churches in that area to help in our support for Bro. Miller."

Vol. 26, No. 5, June 1960, p. 12

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: We broke our attendance record of 128 in Bible classes on April 3 with 136 present. Tentative plans are for a one week V.B.S. August 22-26.

Vol. 26, No. 6, July 1960, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton: Ray Miller of Detroit, arrived from Freed-Hardeman College to begin work with the Ivon Ave. Church in Hamilton on June 19. Some regular help is still needed for his support. Bro. Miller just visited our office and informs us that his family has been delayed by sickness. May the Lord use him mightily in this good work.

Vol. 26, No. 7, August 1960. p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ontario: Bro. Jack Gladwell who has done considerable part time preaching in the area for a number of years will soon be moving to Ohio where he will be preaching full time.

Vol. 26, No. 7, August 1960, p. 17

Miller Begins Work

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Having completed the church building, which gives us more class room space, and having, at last, secured a permanent preacher, we feel we are much better equipped to reach more people with the gospel of Christ. Already there has been a marked increase in the attendance and interest in our services. The arrival of Brother Ray Miller, his wife and baby girl, has inspired the brethren to get busy to keep the preacher busy. It is true that Bro. Miller is a young man and Ivon Ave. is his first located charge. Nevertheless, he has already established his ability to handle the work here at Ivon.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all, including the brethren at Ivon, who have donated to the building fund, and still are contributing to the preacher's support. May Our Heavenly Father bless you and keep you, is my fervent prayer.—W.F. Cox

Vol. 26, No. 9, October 1960, p. 16

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave., Aug. 28: "Our Vacation Bible School is now history and with many good results. Daily attendance averaged 108 students, with the high of 113 being reached on two days. A large number of community parents and friends came out Friday night to see 104 students receive diplomas for good attendance and work."

Sept. 14: One young man was baptized on Lord's Day evening.

Vol. 26, No. 10, November 1960, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave., September 25: "At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service a man and his wife confessed their faith in Christ, and were baptized the same hour. On the same date the attendance of Sunday school climbed to 91. One more baptized in Oct.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Recent bulletins indicate a contribution of \$174 and a record Bible school attendance of 141. Two were baptized on the last Lord's day in September.

A Fall lecture series on "Building up the Church" is announced for October 23 through 28 featuring speakers from various Ontario points.

A men's training class is off to a good start. The possibility of partitioning the basement for classrooms is being considered.

Vol. 26, No. 11, December 1960, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: New high reached in membership with the placing of membership by two families.

Ivon Ave.: One lady was baptized during the later part of October. "We are happy to report that our attendance has grown 26% in the morning service and 52% in the evening service."

Sanford Ave., Nov. 12: "We would like to take this opportunity to introduce to the Brotherhood Sister Elizabeth Holtzman. Elizabeth confessed her faith and was baptized into Christ after the evening service on October 20."—Charles Cook.

Vol. 27, No. 1, February 1961, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: "Among last year's highlights were a good Vacation Bible School, a lectureship for the Church, and a Men's Training Class, (just concluded). During the year five souls were baptized into Christ, and as memory serves us six identified themselves with us. Our Sunday School set a record and then broke it (141 is now our record attendance).

Ivon Ave: "We hope to be able to put the classrooms in the basement the first of the year."

Vol. 27, No. 3, April 1961, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Feb. 19: "There was a total of 93 at Bible school." There were 99 on Feb. 26.

March 12: "We are happy to see that our classrooms are being constructed. For several years all that has separated almost 100 children has been a cloth curtain. On many occasions the noise has bordered on the verge of a well developed roar. Soon this will be a thing of the past.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave., Mar. 5: "With the plans for construction of classrooms in our basement now approved, work is expected to start this week."

Vol. 27, No. 4, May 1961, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: March 12 and 19 saw the obedience to the gospel of two young people. Classrooms have been built in the basement, the auditorium painted and the furnace converted to gas.



Hamilton, Ivon Ave., March 26: A reminder that our gospel meeting is just a little over two months away. The speakers will be Bro. Don Deffenbaugh of Cassville, Missouri, and Brother E. C. Meadows of Troy, Tennessee.

Vol. 27, No. 5, June 1961, p. 12

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: A gospel meeting, May 24-June 2, will feature two speakers, Don Deffenbaugh, of Cassville, Missouri, and E. C. Meadows, of Troy, Tennessee.

Vol. 27, No. 6, July 1961, p. 15

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: We are happy to report what we believe to be a very successful gospel meeting. We are sorry that there were no outward responses to the gospel, but in every other regard the meeting was a success. Our speakers, Bro. E. C. Meadows of Troy, Tenn., and Don Deffenbaugh of Cassville, Mo., delivered some excellent lessons, without a doubt, strengthened the congregation here. The average attendance was 60, with 75 being the largest single crowd.

Vol. 27, No. 7, August 1961, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: "The date of our 1961 V.B.S. has finally been set for August 7-11.

Sister Sharon Spearman became Mrs. Harold Ellis in this building yesterday (June 24). The happy couple will live in Toronto.—Fennell Visitor.

Sanford Ave.: "Bro. Max Craddock, formerly of Byesville, Ohio, is now serving as an evangelist for this congregation. He began working with us on July 9 and preached two fine sermons that day. We have not had a regular evangelist for a number of years and we hope that this decision will reap a good harvest."—Robert T. Hunter.

Vol. 27, No. 8, September 1961, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave., July 30: A. Fisher and others have been working hard to complete the classrooms in the basement.

Fennell Ave., August 13: V.B.S. report, "Due to the fact that we did not urge the very young to attend this year, we had a smaller school than last year, yet the daily average attendance (staff included) was 100. The calibre of teaching was very high.

As evidence of the way the children enjoyed it, over 25 girls came the following day (yesterday) to attend a new class for young girls at the church building under the direction of Sis. Mary Weston."—R. Davison

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Hamilton Youth

The young people of Hamilton's three congregations have begun a semi-weekly meeting that has proved to be very successful thus far. Every Saturday evening every one that can, meets at one of the congregations for a period of Bible study and fellowship. After a brief devotional period, teams are selected from the group and the study takes the form of a quiz. At the conclusion of the study period, refreshments and recreation are provided by the host congregation. An increase in interest has already been noticed and we are confident that the meetings will become more successful as time goes on.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: A gospel meeting began on September 24 and is to extend to October 7 with Max Craddock the local evangelist doing the preaching each night at 8 p.m. except Tuesdays and Thursdays. Max is new to the work and has already won high commendation and respect. There will be Saturday meetings at 7 p.m.

Fennell Ave.: "On Sunday evening, August 6, Wally Metcalfe confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized into the church for the remission of his sins.

"Tuesday evening, August 8<sup>th</sup>, a young girl, Peggy Skene, of 805 Concession St., Apt. 6 was also baptized into Christ. Peggy comes to us through the Sunday school effort and she also attended Omagh Camp where she became aware of her need to obey the gospel.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: 'We have just completed a successful series of meetings, Sept. 24

through Oct. 7 with attendance ranging from 50 to 117 and a week-night average of 71. Bro. Max Craddock, our local evangelist, did the preaching and delivered some fine lessons. On Lord's Day Oct. 8 there was much rejoicing at the decision of Crystal Cook to put on Christ. She was buried with her Lord in baptism after the morning service."

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Here and There: Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: "Remember Now Thy Creator! We made happy again this past week when Gordon Alexander came and was baptized into Christ. We are happy to see him take this step in the day of his youth, and pray that he will walk faithful all the days of his life." Sanford Sentinel.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: "On Lord's Day, October 22, I concluded my work at Ivon Ave. congregation in Hamilton. We were happy that at the morning service, Miss Shirley Walczak obeyed the Lord in baptism. Our new field of labour is the Omagh church of Christ, and the challenge is great. My new address is R.R. 5, Milton, Ontario. Ray L. Miller.

Ray has been with this church for 16 months. The young lady baptized had been in the Bible school for many months.

"Work continues quite well. We have been very fortunate so far in getting part time speakers, while we are seeking a full time preacher."—A. Fisher

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Three rededicated their lives on the last Lord's day in November.

Sanford Ave.: "Study to show thyself approved unto God.' We hope and pray that Brother Brian Pugh will make this his aim. Brian was baptized here at the building this past Friday night, December 1 at about 11 p.m. May each one of us help Brian in any way that we can in the living of the Christian life."

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Al Hartwigen of Niagara Falls, N.Y. is scheduled to hold a meeting at Fennell Ave., April 8-15. Another meeting is planned by the church for October. The work which grew into this church was begun 10 years ago this month.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: "A Gospel Meeting is planned for April with Bro. Al Hartwigen of Niagara Falls, N.Y. Plans are also being made for a Vacation Bible School in early July.

"Bro. Robert Davison, after over six years of preaching in Hamilton, has announced his resignation to the Fennell Ave congregation. His future plans at this point are indefinite. A move will be made sometime this summer."

January 28: "Ten years ago yesterday (Jan. 27, 1952) the church of Christ at Sanford Avenue opened a new meeting house at the corner of Fennell and East 27<sup>th</sup>. The preaching was done Lord's Day mornings by Bro. Roy Merritt, then employed by the Sanford congregation, and by Bro. Art Walker Sunday evenings. There were 17 "charter" members of the new congregation, most of whom still worship here.

"Actually the work began in September of 1951 with afternoon Bible classes on Sundays and a service Sunday evening at 7.00 p.m. Tuesday evening studies were also conducted at this time.

"Only two full time gospel preachers have served this congregation. Bro. Roy Merritt moved to the mountain area after his work at Sanford, and preached here for somewhat over five years. Bro. Davison, the present evangelist, began work here in 1959. (January)

The buildings occupied by the church here changed considerably. The first structure, opened in 1952 was a small brick building only 20' by 50'. This too, began to overflow, and plans were undertaken by future minded men to erect the present auditorium with 280 seating capacity. This building was opened in 1956.

"Membership has slowly grown to a present active membership just over 80.

"A lighted sign to read 'Church of Christ' has been approved for the corner of the building."

Ivon Ave.: "Our average attendance at Bible school in 1961 was 70. Several of our students have moved away ... Happy birthday to Bro. W. F. Cox who will be 85 years old (January 27).

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 15 years ago, the church was established at Ivon Ave. During this time the Lord has blest us with a comfortable building to worship in, which was completed in December, 1959."

Vol. 28, No. 3, April 1962, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: A meeting with Al Hartwigen of Niagara Fall, N.Y. is announced for April 8-15.

Vol. 28, No. 4, May 1962, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Ivon Ave.: Plans are to hold a V.B.S. August 20th to 24<sup>th</sup> with H. Tabor as director.

Fennell Ave.: The meeting was attended quite well. There was one restoration of an erring Christian. Al Hartwigsen of Niagara Falls did the preaching.

Vol. 28, No. 5, June 1962, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton: Robert Davison has accepted work with the church in Lima, Ohio and begins this challenging work about July 1<sup>st</sup>. Lima, located 100 miles southwest of Toledo has a congregation of about 70 members in a population of 50,000 people. One was recently restored and a fine young man obeyed the gospel on May 13.

Giving has been very close to the weekly budget of \$185 so far this year. The dates of the vacation Bible school have been moved to late August.

Vol. 28, No. 6, July 1962, p. 16

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave., June 10: "Last Monday evening, after studies in the Bible, Miss Annette Coniglio was baptized into Christ.

Vol. 28, No. 7, August 1962, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Bro. Smith of Morris, Ill. Recently spoke for this church and it seems possible that he will move to labour here if sufficient support can be obtained.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: One of our Bible School students was baptized into Christ during her stay at Omagh Bible School.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: Luther Martin, Rolla, Missouri will be in a Meeting October 7-14.

Ivon Avenue: One recently placed membership.

"Vacation Bible School closed Friday with all feeling we had a good school, despite the shortage of help. Our average attendance was about 50. We want to thank Bro. Tabor from Beamsville and Sis. Harding from Sanford Avenue who helped us.

"We were made happy Tuesday evening when we heard George Burrows confess his Lord and to witness his baptism." Ivon bulletin

L. Wesley Jones of Barrie is to conduct a meeting here, October 28-November 6.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Bro. Jones will be with the Ivon Avenue church in Hamilton during the period Oct. 28 to Nov. 6

Vol. 28, No. 12, January 1963, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton., Ont., Ivon Ave.: December was the third anniversary since the completion of the building here. An area singing in the afternoon celebrated the occasion.

Vol. 29, No. 1, February 1963, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Audrey Jamieson was baptized several weeks ago.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: January 27 marked the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the congregation at Fennell Ave. David Johnson, who has served so well in Jordan for a number of years has agreed to take up work with this church in July. Wesley Jones of Barrie will be here for a meeting March 31 to April 7.

Ivon Ave.: One young man was baptized recently by Harold Tabor.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: "The Ridgetop Church of Christ, Tenn. has had to discontinue our support of \$25.00 a month, on account of having to build.

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Hamilton Youth Meeting

We are confident that the Lord is richly blessing the church in this corner of the vineyard. The immediate future holds in store great opportunities to extend the borders of the Kingdom. During the recent Youth Rally held in Hamilton (March 15-17) it was evident that the church in Southern Ontario is blessed with a great deal of talent and desire to do this work. About 25 young men from this area conducted the services as well as directed the entertainment program. A number of young ladies assisted in various ways. The guest register was signed by 170 persons and about 45 young people stayed with the Hamilton brethren for the week-end.

Attendance at the various meetings ranged from 75 to 135. Four meetings were attended by 100 or more. Between 60 and 70 young people went on tours through the City Water Works, the City Hall, McMaster University and the Studebaker-Packard Plant. The young people of Hamilton were pleased with the way the meetings were supported. We hope to see many of you at other meetings planned especially for the young people in the future. — Charlie A. Cook

Vol. 29, No. 7, August 1963, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: It was decided to hold the V.B.S. in the evening this year, thus allowing the complete family to participate. The week of August 12-16 has been suggested for the school. David Johnson began work with this church on July 2 after some six and one half years of faithful labours at Jordan.

Vol. 29, No. 8, September 1963, p. 10

Here and There: Fennell Ave., Hamilton: Two of our young ladies were baptized in July. One came forward at a Lord's Day morning service and the other was baptized while at Omagh Bible School.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Bro. Harold Tabor reports the baptism on Aug. 25 of Mr. Christie who has a fine wife and family.

Sanford Ave.: "The first Vacation Bible School held here was directed by Bro. Ralph Perry, Aug. 19-23, 1963. The morning classes for children and adults were well attended. Attendance steadily increased from 87 on Monday to 135 on Friday. Average attendance was 119. At the evening meetings, Bro. Perry presented the filmstrip series, "Now That I'm a Christian."

"Several students have been added to the Bible school. Let us give God the glory for the success of this work."—C. Cook.

Vol. 29, No. 10, November 1963, p. 4

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: The wife of a recent convert was obedient on September 29.

Vol. 29, No. 11, December 1963, p. 14

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Collection goal of \$100 was broken when \$101 was contributed on October 27. The loan taken in 1958 to enable completion of the building was paid off this month.

Vol. 30, No. 1, February 1964, p. 8

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: A new office is being constructed in the entrance. Bernard Lemmons of Westfield, N.J. is scheduled to hold a meeting here April 5-12. V.B.S. is planned for July 6-10.

Vol. 30, No. 1, February 1964, p. 11

Here and There: London, Ont.: The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton set aside one week's collection in September for the London building, \$325.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: With an average contribution of \$196 in 1963 a weekly goal of \$225 has been set in order to meet the new budget. The three Hamilton congregations are joining hands in supporting a radio program which will present Wesley Jones of Barrie each week for one half hour at 9.30 p.m. Sundays on station CHIQ. It will commence on March first.

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SANFORD AVENUE, HAMILTON

This congregation began meeting at the above address in September of 1921. The history previous to this was varied. There was a congregation of Disciples of Christ in this city at a date earlier than 1870. They had a building of their own at Cathcart and Wilson Streets. This was sold and the congregation at a later date became tenants. The building again being sold, the building at 77 Sanford Ave. was purchased. At the start of the work at this location Bro. C. G. McPhee, now of St. Catharines, held a two weeks meeting. From then on outstanding preachers have held meetings. The congregation at various times have had a regular preacher.

Our membership is less than it was 18 or 20 years ago, but there is a reason, as during that time two congregations have been established. In 1946 a few brethren went to Ivon Ave., starting a school in a garage. In 1947 Bro. Andy Ritchie came up with a group of young people and had a large tent meeting. With the support of Sanford Ave. at the start, this work has prospered.

The same is true of Fennell Ave. on the mountain. At least 20 brethren, formerly of Sanford Ave., meet with either Ivon or Fennell. This partly explains the reduction of our numbers. The work at Fennell was started in 1951.

The number of members at this time is approximately 50. The attendance at the morning meeting is from 60 to 70 including children. The average weekly offering is \$90. At the Sunday school there is an average of 53. This shows a slight increase from 1958 when the average was 49.

Since our 1963 V.B.S. the attendance has shown a gradual increase. The V.B.S. had an average daily attendance of 122 divided into seven classes. This school was ably directed by Bro. Ralph Perry of London, Ont. The teachers and assistants numbered 16.

We are now interested in joining with Ivon Ave. and Fennell in a radio broadcasting effort. Later in the year under consideration is a located preacher.

We have a number of young people and children growing up who attend Bible school and other meetings and we are hopeful for their future in the work of the congregation. -- Walter Cartwright, Nick Bunt.

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IVON AVENUE, HAMILTON

On May 26, 1946, Ivon Ave. Church of Christ had its beginning in a small building, as a Bible school with four teachers from Sanford Ave. congregation. Good interest was shown from the neighbourhood and on September 33, 1946 a protracted meeting was held with Brother W. F. Cox as speaker. This meeting was followed by a gospel service each Lord's day evening with Bro. Cox as speaker, following the evening service at Sanford Ave.

These evening services continued until February 9, 1947 at which time a group of 10 members from Sanford Ave. assembled at 11 a.m. for Breaking of Bread, for the first time. Other services were at 3 and 8 p.m. On May 4, 1947 Bro. Cox began full time as evangelist with Ivon Ave. and continued until January 1, 1956.

In June, 1947, a group of 20 young Christian workers, under the able direction of Bro. Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., all from Harding College in Searcy, Ark., with the help of some Christians in the areas, canvassed all the homes and held meetings in a large tent each evening throughout the month of June. Attendance was good and as a result of this campaign 10 precious souls were baptized into Christ.

The lot on which the tent stood was purchased and work was started in October, 1947 on a basement, which was completed by August, 1948. Much of the work was done by the brethren and friends who volunteered. A Vacation Bible School was held, in the new building, followed by a gospel meeting conducted by Bro. Andy T. Ritchie Jr. and Bro. W. Medearis. The cost of the building was approximately \$8,000. This amount was cleared off by July 1, 1954. The average attendance to the services was about 25. Protracted meetings were held nearly every year with different preachers sponsored by their home congregation.

By January 1, 1956, Bro. W. F. Cox, who was then 79 years old, felt he should retire from full time preaching. At that time Bro. Robert Davison took over as evangelist and was with us until January 1, 1959. Our work continued to grow, especially the Bible School, until the brethren thought we needed better facilities. March 1, 1958, a Building Fund was started in order to get the upper storey on our church building. Donations of \$4,196.02 mostly by ourselves, with a loan of \$7,000.00 made it possible to complete the top of our building. Opening services for the new auditorium were held on December 6, 1959. Bro. W. F. Cox, who was 83 years old, spoke at the 11 o'clock service.

Bro. Keith Wallace worked with the congregation part time in 1959 and 1960. Bro. Ray Miller began full time work in June 1960 until October 1961. Bro Wallace and several other speakers have helped out whenever needed in the past few years.

Bro. Harold Tabor from Great Lakes Christian College has worked with the congregation since November, 1961, helping on Sundays and at mid-week services.

The last two meetings have been held by Bro. Dan Deffenbaugh and Bro. E. C. Meadows in 1961 and

Bro. Wesley Jones in 1962.

During the past seven years there have been eighteen baptisms, making a total membership of thirty-six at the present time.

The average attendances are: 1960: Sunday morning, 47, evening, 34, Bible school, 54, collection, \$69.45; 1961, Sunday morning, 46, evening, 35, Bible school 54, collection, \$73.33; 1962, Sunday morning, 42, evening 33, Bible school 64, collection, \$75.50; 1963, Sunday morning, 43, evening 33, Bible school, 65, collection, \$94.62. The 1963 Tuesday evening Bible study average attendance has been 26.

In November, 1963, the final payment on the building loan was made. At the present time we are not receiving any financial help, but would like to thank all who have helped in the past.

We are now looking for a full time preacher to work with us here, that we may accomplish more for the Lord.

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FENNELL AVENUE, HAMILTON

The congregation of the church of Christ meeting at Fennell Ave. in Hamilton has been in existence for twelve years. The first building, just 20' x 30' in size was built almost in the middle of nowhere. As the community grew so did the congregation. It was soon found necessary to enlarge the meeting house. This was actually done twice, the end of the building was first knocked out and 20' added, then the side, and the present structure capable of seating 275 with eight completed classrooms in the basement, three more on the main floor with two more under construction, became the reality of a dream.

Fennell Ave. has been fortunate in many respects. It was blessed with the support of the Sanford Ave. congregation in its early days. The moving of the Westdale congregation to worship with it also contributed greatly. Two of those brethren, Bro. Albert Jones and Bro. Lloyd Snure, are currently serving as elders. Our building programme was helped greatly by the conversion of Bro. Mike Bachuk who continues to serve as one of the deacons.

It was in September of 1951 that the work was begun as the result of the vision of the Sanford Ave. brethren. Starting as a Bible school meeting on Lord's day afternoon and an evening gospel service the mission point soon grew until on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1952 morning services began and the Fennell Ave. congregation as such came into existence.

As in many other instances the Bible school has been a major factor in the growth of the work. Bro. W. Richardson, Bro. M. Bachuk and Bro. A. Walker along with many fine Bible teachers have been instrumental in promoting this growth. From a noisy bedlam of 80 students in our original building we have grown to a record of 144 students studying the Bible in well equipped classrooms. The Vacation Bible Schools that have been held have also contributed greatly to the growth of our work as have the special "Visitors Sundays" when the parents are especially invited to meet the teachers and stay for morning worship.

Of the original 17 members of the congregation most remain to this day. We mourn Bro. Charlie Duncan and Bro. Eric Middleton who contributed much in the early days of our effort. No history of Fennell Ave. would be complete without the mention of Bro. Edwin Fisher – without his patient persistence behind us many of the things now accomplished would not be a reality.

Among those who have laboured in "word" as well as in deed we remember Bro. Walter Cartwright, Bro. Roy Merritt who was our evangelist during the formative years, Bro. Bob Davison and Bro. David Johnson. Bro. Johnson is our present evangelist, a brother who can be highly commended for his work's sake.

Under the direction of its elders and deacons Fennell Ave. looks forward to many more years of growth in the Lord's work. Attendance is growing, new classes are beginning, as our vision expands so does our budget. Truly we have been blessed by the Lord. The really important thing is not what has been done but what will be done.

Vol. 30, No. 3, April 1964, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Ivon Avenue: W. Hazelip will be in a meeting May 4-10.

Fennell Ave.: V.B.S. planned for June 29-July 3. Meeting with Bernard Lemmons of Westfield, N.J. April 5-12 being advertised in the Hamilton Spectator.

Vol. 30, No. 4, May 1964, p. 21

Here and There: Hamilton: Meeting May 4-10 with Woodrow Hazelip at Ivon Ave. One was recently baptized at Fennell Ave. Contribution on March 8 was \$318.25 and on March 15, \$245.10.

Vol. 30, No. 5, June 1964, p. 9

Here and There: Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: One young lady was baptized here by David Johnson of Fennell

Ave. church on a recent week day afternoon.

Vol. 30, No. 6, July 1964, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: There has been some response to the weekly radio program. Some have requested to take the Bible correspondence course being offered.

The entire contribution for May 24 was designated to be used in advertising the Herald of Truth program which can be viewed in the area each Lord's Day morning at 9 a.m. on Channel 7. This program is being aired by WKBW-TV, 1420 Main St., Buffalo 9, N.Y. and viewers are asked to write to this station expressing their appreciation. The special collection amounted to \$305.79 and it is hoped to use it to rent two large sign boards for two months.

Vol. 30, No. 7, August 1964, p. 13

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: V.B.S. average attendance was about 75. It is estimated that over 100 were enrolled. A recent contribution taken especially for the work at Ice Lake was \$345.30.

Vol. 30, No. 7, August 1964, p. 17

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Harold Tabor, Great Lakes Christ College teacher who has been working part time with this church has moved to Indiana. He served this church for two years and their bulletin states that, "Much good has been accomplished at Ivon Ave. during their stay with us."

Vol. 30, No. 8, September 1964, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Two of the young people baptized at the Omagh Bible School were from this church.

Vol. 30, No. 9, October 1964, p. 11

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Five were baptized during the month preceding August 16<sup>th</sup>. W. Jones of Barrie will hold the fall meeting in early November. One has been added by transfer. The radio contract with CHIQ has been renewed for another six months.

Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: V.B.S. attendance averaged about 130.

Vol. 30, No. 10, November 1964, p. 14

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Ivon Avenue – Walter Dale, teacher at Great Lakes Christian College began on Oct. 11 to preach regularly for this church.

Fennell Avenue – Wesley Jones will preach in a gospel meeting Nov. 2 to 11. Dean Clutter of Ottawa is scheduled for a meeting next April.

Vol. 30, No. 11, December 1964, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Eleven were baptized and two restored in the meeting held by L. Wesley Jones at this place.

Vol. 31, No. 3, March 1965, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: Dean Clutter of Ottawa will preach in a gospel meeting this spring. The radio program has drawn increased interest, some from points such as Weston, Port Credit and Clarkson. The officers of this church are contemplating a campaign in 1966 or 1967 and have urged their members to get experience in this sort of work by working in some of the campaigns scheduled for this summer.

Sanford Ave.: "Bro. and Sis. Jim Carter and family (five children) of Kentucky have arrived in Hamilton to work with the Sanford congregation.

Vol. 31, No. 4, April 1965, p. 8

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Ivon Ave.: Paul Ross has been restored to the fellowship of this church. A special program is being held April 6-9<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are designed for the exhortation and inspiration of the church in preparation for the activities this year. Speakers: Max Craddock, David Johnson, Ralph Perry and James Carter.

Fennell Ave.: Dean Clutter of Ottawa will be in a meeting here April 22 to May 2. This church exceeded its \$225 budget last year and has set a \$261 budget for 1965.

Sanford Ave.: This church announces a meeting, May 9-16 with their evangelist, Jim Carter, as speaker.

Vol. 31, No. 5, May 1965, p. 12

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Dean Clutter of Ottawa is speaking at the Fennell Avenue location April 25-May 2. A man was released from the hospital long enough to be baptized in mid March. Plans are being made for a major campaign for 1967 and a smaller one in 1966. The 1965 V.B.S. will be August 23-27.

The family of the late Edwin Fisher suggested that in lieu of flowers, funds be donated as a memorial gift to Great Lakes Christian College. Many co-operated to the extent that a fund of \$200 has been accumulated with more promised. These funds will be used to expand the library of books in the department of religion and will be marked as a permanent and we trust fruitful memorial to this fine Christian.

The Ivon Avenue church held a lectureship on "Challenges for the Church," in April.

The Sanford Avenue church announces a meeting for May 9-16 with their own preacher, Jim Carter doing the preaching.

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#### SPECIAL MEETING AT IVON AVENUE

A special meeting for church members in the Hamilton area was held at the Ivon avenue building, April 6 to 9<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was well attended and a great deal of interest was shown in the theme "Challenges For The Church."

Max Craddock, David Johnson, Ralph Perry and James Carter as speakers did a splendid job of presenting the challenges of "The Purpose of Christian Action, Personal Involvement in Christian Action, The Means of Christian Action and Collective Action for Community Evangelism.

As in most meetings of this type the real problem remains. How may exhortation and encouragement be translated into useful productive church activities?—Walter Dale.

Vol. 31, No. 7, July 1965, p. 11

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: The Fennell Ave. church is sending four workers to the Central Ontario Campaign and is also encouraging members to help in the Niagara Falls Campaign by paying the living expenses of those who will volunteer. One was baptized at this place on May 16.

Vol. 31, No. 8, August 1965, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: The Fennell Ave. V.B.S. will be August 23-27.

Vol. 31, No. 10, October 1965, p. 8

Here and There: Sanford Avenue: A youth rally is announced for Oct. 8-11.

Vol. 31, No. 10, October 1965, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Ivon Avenue has a new preacher, Ben Wieb of western Canada, recently graduated from Abilene Christian College and married. Al Hartwigsen of G.L.C.C. and Niagara Falls, N.Y. will be the speaker in a meeting October 31-November 7.

Fennell Avenue: Keith Thompson of Beamsville will preach here, Nov. 14-21. This church has announced plans to conduct its own campaign in 1966 from June 16 to July 2. V.B.S. the last week of August averaged 82.

Vol. 31, No. 11, November 1965, p. 3

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: The Fennell Ave. church has formulated plans for a campaign to take place June 16-July 2, 1966. Rodney Spaulding of West Islip, N.Y. is to help with preparations for personal evangelism work. Effort is being made to train local people as well as obtaining workers from other places. Dwain Evans of West Islip is scheduled to speak in a campaign in 1967.

This church is discontinuing support to the radio program because of the little response in the immediate area and to prepare for the campaign. A systematic visitation program has been started.

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Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: This church has employed a full time secretary who will also do visitation and personal work.

Vol. 32, No. 2, February 1966, p. 2

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: The Fennell Ave. church has proposed a budget of \$275. The November average was \$264. An additional \$1200 will be needed to finance the campaign.



Vol. 32, No. 5, May 1966, p. 9

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: Rod Spaulding, Personal Evangelism Director of the West Islip congregation gave a series of excellent lessons in door-to-door work and personal teaching, April 11-15.

A group of about 35 is expected to fly up from Odessa, Texas to participate in the upcoming campaign.

Vol. 32, No. 6, June 1966, p. 20

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Recently baptized have been Debbie Perkins, Susan Mowatt, Paul Ross and Doug Haner.

Vol. 32, No. 9, September 1966, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: "Twenty-three young people and six adults from Texas joined with approximately thirteen of our own workers to call from door-to-door in our community. Resulting from their work, 161 families requested Home Bible Studies and 79 are interested in receiving Bible Correspondence Courses. Approximately 22 children were enrolled in Bible school. In addition, there were 245 other good contacts made.

"We could easily have 40 Home Bible Studies in progress this September.—The Visitor, Fennell Ave.

A census by the young people at Ivon Avenue resulted in 19 requests for Home Bible studies, and 20 for correspondence courses. This church has purchased a residence for the Wiebe family's use.

Vol. 32, No. 10, October 1966, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: At Ivon Avenue the V.B.S. had attendance of 87 to 95.

At Fennell Avenue a meeting with Glendol Grimes of Rochester, N.Y. is planned for the last of October. As a result of the summer campaign five people of the congregation are deeply involved holding one to five home Bible studies per week.

Vol. 32, No. 11, November 1966, p. 7

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: A four day meeting with Glendol Grimes of Rochester, N.Y. as speaker is scheduled for November 10-13 at Fennell Ave. With 10 people now conducting home Bible studies and two more soon to begin it is not surprising to learn that all five projectors were in use on one recent evening.

Vol. 32, No. 12, December 1966, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Sanford Avenue – Max Craddock will begin work with this church early in the new year and will begin full time in the summer as his duties at Great Lakes Christian College terminate.

At Fennell Avenue one was baptized on Saturday, October 22 who had been contacted by newspaper advertising and learned the Lord's will by a Bible course.

At Ivon Avenue a meeting is scheduled for November 27-December 2 with Mac Layton of Paducah, Ky. as the speaker.

Vol. 33, No. 1, January 1967, p. 9

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: During the meeting with Mac Layton, Paducah, Ky., the two daughters of Claude Cox were baptized.

Vol. 33, No. 2, February 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Fennell Avenue: "Once every quarter, a Sunday morning contribution will be given to mission work." – "Brother Roy Merritt" has been invited to hold a spring meeting which will likely be sometime in April.

Ivon Ave.: Two more were baptized recently.

Vol. 33, No. 4, April 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: One family has placed membership, coming from Bayview in Toronto. Worker response for the campaign planned to begin on June 12 is gaining momentum.

A Fall Meeting is planned with Bob Scott of Albany, N.Y. for Nov. 12-17. Roy Merritt of Port Arthur will preach a series on "Authority" April 10-13.

Vol. 33, No. 5, May 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Fennell Ave.: A Fall meeting is planned with Bob Scott of Albany, New York, November

12-17. Of the \$493.22 contribution on March 19 all but the budget (\$295) was sent to David Hallett in India. About 80 people, ages 13 to 81, engaged in a visitation program made 360 visits since last September. Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Three responded to the invitation on March 19 and were obedient to the gospel. It is hoped to have a campaign using a large auditorium and a special speaker this fall.

Vol. 33, No. 6, June 1967, p. 12

Here and There: Hamilton: Brother and Sister David Lewis of Ivon Avenue moved to the Island of Barbados last September. ...

One was restored at Ivon Avenue recently.

At Fennell Avenue, Wesley Jones will speak each evening June 15-18. This is during the campaign.

A number of people from other points and some of the local members are giving their vacations to work in this campaign. About 50 home Bible studies have been conducted in the last few months.

A V.B.S. is planned for Aug. 21-25.

Vol. 33, No. 7, July 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Fennell Avenue church has been conducting a campaign and meeting with workers from the U.S. and Ontario and with L. Wesley Jones doing the preaching.

Ivon Avenue: One was baptized on May 14.

Vol. 33, No. 8, August 1967, p. 11

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: At Fennell Avenue the census campaign lasted for 4 ½ days. "The workers were much fewer in number than last year. In spite of the shortness of time and limited workers, a great deal of good has been accomplished. Approximately 70 home Bible Studies have been tentatively arranged. There were also approximately 100 good contacts made.

"Thursday evening at 8 o'clock Deree and Gladys Jackson were baptized into Christ."—The Visitor.

Vol. 33, No. 9, September 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: A V.B.S. with classes for all ages from 5 to adults is being held in the evenings, Aug. 21 to 25 at Sanford Ave. One young person from Ivon Avenue was baptized at Omagh Camp and another obeyed on July 21.

Vol. 33, No. 10, October 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: One was baptized at Sanford Avenue in late August. Clyde Lansdell of North Bay will hold a meeting October 15-20.

Vol. 33, No. 11, November 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Bob Scott of Albany, New York is scheduled for a meeting November 12-17 on the topic, "Marriage and the Home." Two families consisting of six Christians recently placed membership.

The Sanford Avenue congregation just completed a meeting with Clyde Lansdell of North Bay doing the preaching.

At Ivon Avenue one teenage boy was baptized recently. Wesley Reagan of Houston, Texas is scheduled for a meeting here November 27-December 1.

Vol. 33, No. 12, December 1967, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: At Ivon Avenue progress continues to be made on the classrooms. At Fennell Avenue the series by Bob Scott of Albany, on "Marriage and the Home" was very well received. Fifteen home Bible studies are in progress being taught by four people. Possibilities for improvement of building facilities are being investigated.

Vol. 34, No. 1, January 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: David Johnson of Fennell Avenue church held a meeting at Windsor Park in Winnipeg beginning on November 22. The theme was "The First Century Church in the Twentieth Century."

Vol. 34, No. 2, February 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: On December 17 two were baptized in the afternoon at Fennell Avenue. An offer has been made on property and a building on the opposite side of Fennell Avenue. This is needed for the growing Sunday Bible classes. The transaction is in the process of finalization.

At Ivon Avenue two were baptized in early December. During the meeting with Wesley Reagan

there were many visitors. At least 12 from the community shared in the meetings.

Vol. 34, No. 3, March 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: The property and building across the street from the meeting house has been purchased but the original owners are leasing it until the end of July. At that time the Hamilton church will take possession.

Vol. 34, No. 4, April 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: An effort is being made to secure workers for a campaign this summer. A recent contribution was over \$450.

Vol. 34, No. 7, July 1968, p. 14

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Two young people were baptized at Sanford Avenue in Hamilton in early June. Max Craddock terminates his labour with this church during June. He will be assisting in the work at Beamsville and especially responsible for classes and projected meetings in nearby Grimsby.

One young man, born in Egypt and "baptized" in the Roman Catholic religion, obeyed the gospel in late May. He was a senior student at Great Lakes Christian College. Another student responded to the invitation about the same time and sought forgiveness and prayers.

Vol. 34, No. 8, August 1968, p. 3

Here and There: Hamilton Fennell Ave.: "George and Mary Kerr and their family have moved to Dundas from Newmarket. They are placing their membership here at Fennell Ave." The Visitor.

Vol. 34, No. 8, August 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: "Tine Walzak was buried with Christ in baptism last Lord's day morning." Bulletin, July 7

Vol. 34, No. 9, September 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: "We now have the keys to our new property."—The Visitor

Vol. 34, No. 10, October 1968, p. 12

Here and There: [Meetings Scheduled]

Hamilton, Fennell Ave." "The Gospel, What Is It?" by Floyd Lord, October 30 to November 3.

Hamilton, Sanford Ave.: The last services at this location were held on August 25<sup>th</sup>. The property has been sold and the members will attend the other congregations in the city.

Vol. 34, No. 12, December 1968, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: At Fennell Ave. the average contribution has been \$437.88 from January to September. A family from Ivon Avenue and a family from Owen Sound have moved to the Fennell Ave. church. Besides this a number of the brethren from the Sanford Avenue church which was recently disbanded, are now worshipping at Fennell Ave. Equipment from Sanford Avenue was distributed to both other congregations in the city, and, we understand that some went to the new congregation meeting in Grimsby.

Vol. 35, No. 1, January 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Recent contributions at Fennell Avenue have been \$511.84, \$387.00 and \$621.00

At Ivon Avenue brother Gieg baptized one on November 27.

Vol. 35, No. 1, January 1969, p. 13

#### CONGREGATIONS IN HAMILTON REDUCED TO TWO

The congregation formerly meeting at 77 Sanford Avenue South, Hamilton wish to report that services have been discontinued at that location.

In view of the fact that the number of members was steadily diminishing, and the local environment constantly changing, it was decided by the brethren, after much prayer for guidance, that the cause of Christ would be better served by disposing of the building, and by the members integrating with the other local congregations, both of which (Ivon Ave. and Fennell Ave.) were started by the original congregation at Sanford Avenue.

After meeting for 47 years in the one building, and many years prior to that in various locations in the

city, it was a hard decision to make, but it was felt that our financial resources, and our potential as labourers for Christ, would make a greater impact in the over all picture if our efforts were transferred to the other congregations in the city.

As a result of this decision we wish to report that the building has been sold, and the sum of approximately \$22,000.00 has been distributed amongst five local churches and three foreign mission fields.

The furnishings and accessories accumulated by the congregation have also been distributed to other congregations in the city and vicinity.

As a congregation we bid the brotherhood farewell, but as individual Christians we assure you that our efforts will continue undiminished, and we trust with greater effect.

On behalf of the congregation,

Yours for greater Service, Harold Walker

Vol. 35, No. 2, February 1969, p. 17

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: The Fennell Ave. congregation has announced a campaign to be conducted by Brother Ivan Stewart and workers, in Hamilton during the month of August, 1970. This is the same leadership that conducted the Ottawa campaign this past summer, and one in Ithaca, N. Y. in the Fall in which 19 were baptized.

Sister J. C. Bailey, who has been spending time with her youngest daughter in Hamilton, has we understand, arrive safely in India

Vol. 35, No. 3, March 1969, p. 10, 17

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: The 1969 budget calls for \$500 per week. During recent weeks this church contributed \$650 to the Perry Travel Fund and the following week \$800 to an appeal by Bill Williams on behalf of the work in South India. It is a blessing to give.

Vol. 35, No. 4, April 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: We copied an error in the Fennell Avenue bulletin last month. The new budget is set at \$550 per week instead of \$500 as we reported it.

On March 2, Walter Dale of Beamsville, was at Fennell Avenue to assist in appointing Charles Cook to the eldership. He joins David Johnson, Lloyd Snure and Arthur Walker in this good work.

Vol. 35, No. 6, June 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: At Fennell Ave. two young people were baptized on April 17, and on April 27 a mother was obedient to the gospel.

Vol. 35, No. 7, July 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell: A series dealing with Science and Christianity has been scheduled for Nov. 5-9. Virgil Trout of Oklahoma City will be the speaker.

David Johnson left on June 3 enroute to the Campaign for Christ in Brisbane, Australia June 7-29. He will be back in early July.

Vol. 35, No. 8, August 1969, p. 9

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: David Johnson has returned from the campaign in Australia.

Vol. 35, No. 8, August 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Paul Ross of Hamilton and Gerald Tupins of Oklahoma, have come for the summer from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas to assist Blake Gieg in door to door work in setting up home Bible studies. Five have been arranged. These young men are available to fill preaching appointments during the summer months.

Vol. 35, No. 9, September 1969, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: We rejoice to have two responses to the Lord's call this month. Ray Rice was restored and Donald Collins was baptized.

Vacation Bible School concluded August 15 with an average daily attendance of 129. Of this number 106 were students. Eleven classes made up the morning and evening classes with attendance of 98, Monday; 128, Tuesday; 139, Wednesday; 145, Thursday; and 134, Friday. A very high average of students had perfect and near-perfect attendance. Long range plans and prepared teachers accounted for the success of V.B.S. for 1969.

Our follow-up work is our big responsibility now. This will begin the first part of September, when teachers and assistants will personally deliver V.B.S. certificates to the children. This will provide another opportunity to promote our Sunday Bible classes.

The summer door-to-door program with Paul Ross and Gerald Tupin of Sunset School of Preaching has provided a number of good contacts from home Bible studies conducted. These will continue into fall and with God's help bring some to Christ. These young men returned to school August 26 for classes September 1. A busy and worthwhile summer comes to a close with many visible results of growth.

Bible class attendance of 80 broke all recent records on August the third and on August the tenth there was another record—81.

It is reported that there are 4 from Ivon Avenue planning to attend Great Lakes Christian College this coming school year. This is good news. These young people will receive much spiritual training along with their academic studies.

Vol. 35, No. 10, October 1969, p. 15

Here and There: Fennell Ave.: Tim and Beth Hotchkiss have placed membership here while he attends McMaster University. Charlie and Madeline Cook are raising funds for their travelling expenses to a campaign in Canberra, Australia March 5 to April 1, 1970. Seventy-three new Christians have been added to the church in Hawaii in a similar campaign.

Vol. 36, No. 1, January 1970, p. 10

Here and There: Ivon Avenue church in Hamilton had an "India Day Program" with Floyd Lord as the speaker, on Nov. 16. ... The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton will be having a campaign workshop, January 11-14 with Ivan Stewart of Oklahoma City. This is in preparation for the three week campaign scheduled for August.

Vol. 36, No. 4, April 1970, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: The campaign will be conducted by Ivan Stewart during the period August 3-23 with public meetings Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. at Hill Park Secondary School, 465 East 16<sup>th</sup> St. The speaker will be Ron Laughery, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Vol. 36, No. 8, August 1970, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: Fennell Avenue has added three additional pews to accommodate the campaigners and visitors since regular attendance almost fills the building. Seventy-two campaigners are committed to participate. Two were baptized in June.

A man and wife obeyed the gospel at Ivon Avenue in May.

At Fennell Ave., Sue Smith was baptized into Christ July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then, on July 6, Mrs. Margaret Kirschman was baptized.

At Ivon Avenue, Paul Ross, who has completed two years at Sunset School of Preaching, preached on July 5<sup>th</sup>. He will work for four weeks with the church in Peterborough and in September expects to take up the work in Yorkton, Saskatchewan. ...

The V.B.S. saw a daily average attendance of 144, including students and teachers. The high was 156. With three extra classes, it was necessary to go outside the congregation for teachers.

Vol. 36, No. 9, September 1970, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: "Ivon Avenue Vacation Bible School for 1970 is now history. What a tremendous week everyone had. In numbers of children we met the expected increase. Monday began with 127 and we climbed every day, closing Friday night with 156. The daily average was 144, which includes both students and teachers.

"Exhausted is the only way to describe the work force which was required each day by Friday night. Not only did teachers teach, they drove cars, brought freshie and cookies. Many went beyond the call of duty." R. B. Gieg.

Two were baptized at Fennell Ave. on July 27<sup>th</sup> after having participated in a series of Bible studies with David Johnson.

Vol. 36, No. 10, October 1970, p. 9

Here and There: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Twenty-one were obedient to the gospel during the campaign. Four have placed membership and two more were baptized on September 4.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Ray Smye was baptized into Christ during the campaign at Fennell Avenue.

Vol. 36, No. 11, November 1970, p. 10

Here and There: Hamilton, Ont.: After the campaign, a follow-up team of 10 was left to work with 200 prospects being developed with more hopeful results. A total of 66 Christians were trained in personal work and 22 were added to the cause of Christ. All of the campaigners completing the campaign are making plans to work on future campaigns. The local brethren were strengthened. You might write the Hamilton elders to learn first hand the values of campaigning to the Campaign Field. Three of their elders have been or are going on campaigns with us. Hamilton was another great campaign best described as WORK – WORK – WORK.

"A number of the Hamilton campaigners have committed themselves to work in Calgary. An elder from the Hamilton congregation will be one of the team leaders leading an "All Canadian Team." We need other applications for this campaign." The Campaign Voice.

Vol. 37, No. 2, February 1971, p. 12

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: November bulletins report two baptisms and one restoration.

During 1970 attendance is reported to have increased in all departments. The average weekly offering increased from \$115 to \$135.

Vol. 37, No. 3, March 1971, p. 13

Here and There: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: On February 10 at midnight, Brian Fazakas was baptized uniting a family in Christ.

Vol. 37, No. 4, April 1971, p. 13

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Steve Case recently place membership with this church.

Vol. 37, No. 6, June 1971, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont., Ivon Avenue: "We rejoice with the angels in heaven to announce the baptism of Fred Toohey on Thursday evening." April 15

Vol. 37, No. 7, July 1971, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – Ivon Avenue – Brother Blake Geig, who concludes his services with the Ivon Avenue church at the end of June, has obtained a house in Barrie. Brother Murray Hammond, who has been located in Thessalon for the last few months, plans to begin with the Ivon Avenue church on Sunday, July 11.

Flo Sobey, who studied with the campaigners last July, was baptized Monday night, April 26.

Vol. 37, No. 10, October 1971, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: A family from this church has been teaching the truth behind the Iron Curtain for a few months under some persecution. One of the elders, Arthur Walker, has been a team leader in the Calgary campaign. Four of the members journeyed to Montreal in mid-August to assist as teachers in the V.B.S.

Vol. 37, No. 11, November 1971, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Murray Hammond has begun to publish the weekly bulletin in a new format, "The Ivon Illuminator".

"We rejoice that, near to midnight last Saturday night, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Bruce T. Healy expressed his desire to be immersed into Christ." The Ivon Illuminator.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: "We had an excellent Vacation Bible School this year. It was conducted during the evenings of a week late in August. The highest attendance was 140." The Visitor.

Vol. 37, No. 12, December 1971, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: On November 5, Wayne Sobey was baptized into Christ at Ivon Ave.

Vol. 38, No. 1, January 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ontario, Ivon Ave.: Wayne Sobey was baptized into Christ on November 5. His wife who was baptized earlier at Fennell Avenue will worship and work at Ivon Avenue along with her husband.

Murray Hammond preached to the congregation on Sunday evening, November 28<sup>th</sup>. This was his first time back in the pulpit since his heart attack.

Vol. 38, No. 2, February 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Fennell Avenue is planning a new kind of gospel meeting for April. Spread over five Sunday nights of the month, five different speakers will speak on the subject "God's Plan of Salvation."

Bert Thompson, now serving the Windsor congregation, will be coming to Hamilton to serve as a second worker here sometime in late June.

Vol. 38, No. 3, March 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: A monthly Wednesday evening training class for men has been started.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: "Last Sunday morning following the service, Don Matteo was baptized into Christ. --The Visitor

Vol. 38, No. 4, April 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: David Walker, of Sarnia, Ron Pauls of Grimsby, Walter Hart of Bramalea, Wayford Smith of St. Thomas and Bert Thomas of Windsor will be the speakers in a series conducted during the five Sunday evenings of April.

Vol. 38, No. 5, May 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont., Fennell Ave.: George and Mary Kerr were restored to the fellowship of the church recently.

Vol. 38, No. 7, July 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: V.B.S. is scheduled for July 31 through August 4.

The Hammonds will join others wholly or partially supported by the Broadway congregation of Paducah, Kentucky, in a week's "missionary conference" of inspiration and encouragement the week of July 9.

"We were overjoyed, last Lord's Day morning, when Miss Robin Norman confessed her Lord and was immersed into Him.: – Ivon Illuminator

Vol. 38, No. 8, August 1972, p. 11

News East: Fennell Ave., Hamilton, Ont.: "Bert and Muriel Thompson, along with Bill and Brian, arrived last Wednesday (June 28) night. The furniture arrived on Thursday morning. We welcome the Thompsons to Hamilton and wish them every success in the work they have assumed."- The Visitor

Vol. 38, No. 9, September 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: A family here has been conducting and arranging discussions with their Baptist friends. They have now moved to Kitchener and are attending services with the Blair congregation.

Hamilton, Ivon Avenue: Our Daily Vacation Bible School, now history, exceeded our greatest expectations! The average attendance of 110 was about as many as there was space to accommodate.

There is danger the financial assistance which has been coming from Kentucky may be discontinued in August. This would make it difficult for the congregation to carry on its present program.

Vol. 38, No. 11, November 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: "Sister Agnes Allison Wand, upon confession of Jesus as Christ, was immersed into His spiritual body last Monday evening."--The Visitor.

Vol. 38, No. 12, December 1972, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Irene Whaley and Don and Rose Reid have recently become a part of this congregation. Also Edith Williamson from Owen Sound has been welcomed. David and Evelyn Johnson have moved to Barrie.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: We congratulate the Murray Hammonds on the arrival of their new daughter. It is also reported that Murray has recovered sufficiently to be doing some of the speaking.

Vol. 39, No. 1, January 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Fennell Ave.: "Last Sunday evening, M. Carthew heeded the invitation of Christ, confessed His name, and was united with his Lord in His death, burial and resurrection, unto a new life. Bro. Carthew resides in Beamsville and it is our prayer that his life may be fruitful in the Master's service." The Visitor

Vol. 39, No. 2, February 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Since the bulletin was not printed for some time due to illness in the Hammond family we are quoting some old news from it. Gerald Tupin was restored in October and Blair Perkins in November. Ed Vanalstine and Edith formerly of Fennell Avenue have been welcomed. – Ivon Illuminator

Vol. 39, No. 3, March 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: A Teachers' Workshop was conducted by the local brethren on Saturdays, February 3 and 10. Marny Bachuk was baptized on February 4.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Anne Conrad, formerly of Brantford, has placed membership at Ivon Avenue. The Bible school children accumulated almost \$400 which has been sent to brother Paul in India to help with the orphan work there.

Jane Kasapowitsch changed her membership from Fennell Avenue to Ivon recently and shortly afterwards her husband, Tony, obeyed the gospel.

Vol. 39, No. 3, March 1973, p. 17

SNURE

The Fennell Ave. congregation lost one of its beloved patriarchs Saturday, October 1. His name was Lloyd Snure, a brother well known in Ontario over the past four score years.

Brother Snure attended the old Beamsville Bible School as a boy. He graduated from the school and later became one of its teachers. He taught mathematics and bookkeeping.

He was employed by Clokes Office Suppliers in Hamilton for about 48 years. He taught in the Clark Business College one evening a week from 1918-1945.

The Lord and his church were his life. He was an elder, teacher, preacher, and song leader. He loved to sing and trained many young men to be song leaders during night classes.

He was interested in public speaking. He was a trained public reader and thrilled audiences with his notable ability.

Brother Lloyd Snure will be missed. He was a lovable man. It was a delight to know him. He is survived by his beloved wife, Jean; his daughter, Eileen; and his two sons, George and Donald.

David M. Johnson, H. F. Thompson

Vol. 39, No. 4, April 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave. "Last Sunday evening, (Feb. 25) Cheryl Taylor and Shelly Filion came forward to confess Jesus Christ as Saviour, and were buried with Him in baptism."—The Visitor

Vol. 39, No. 5, May 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: Robert Moore confessed Christ as Lord and was buried with Him in baptism recently.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Cherril Boyarski, of Hamilton was baptized in North Bay a few weeks ago.

Vol. 39, No. 7, July 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont. Fennell Ave.: "There are now 43 persons enrolled in the Bible Correspondence Course." The Visitor, May 27

Ivon Ave.: V.B.S. dates have been confirmed for August 13-17.

Vol. 39, No. 8, August 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Randy Morritt graduated from the F.B.M. at Great Lakes Bible College in June and was married to Lois Huntsman in July, has begun assisting with the work at Fennell Avenue. A V.B.S. is planned for August 20-24.

Patricia Hoover was baptized on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Vol. 39, No. 9, September 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Ivon Avenue church has recently received word that the Broadway church in Paducah, Kentucky will reduce its support by nearly 50 percent beginning in July and will terminate support entirely by the end of 1973. This leaves the church in a rather difficult position and in need of revising its program or finding additional support.

Brother Hammond baptized a girl from Sundridge during his period of teaching at Omagh Bible



camp.

Vol. 39, No. 11, November 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: One recently expressed desire to do better in serving Christ.

A group was scheduled to respond to a plea from Barrie for canvassers to reach into the community in an effort to encourage attendance at the Bible classes.

Vol. 39, No. 12, December 1973, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon: After 28 months with this church the Murray Hammond family have taken up the work at Windsor.

Mrs. Carrie MacKenzie was baptized into Christ on October 21.

Vol. 40, No. 1, January 1974, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Winnifred Davis of Hamilton was baptized at Tintern where her daughter and son-in-law, Glen and Rita Tice are members.

Marie DeBarletta confessed wrong and desired prayer and restoration to the body of Christ.

Vol. 40, No. 3, March 1974, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Avenue: One requested prayer recently. Another, Walter Milner, was baptized in hospital in Scarboro as a result of a telephone call from a sister in Georgia.

Vacation Bible School is being planned for July 8-12.

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Wayne Turner of Beamsville begins full-time work here in mid-February.

Vol. 40, No. 4, April 1974, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: Sherril Bojarski placed membership her recently.

A youth rally is scheduled for the weekend of March 29-31.

The Labour Day weekend at Camp Omagh (Aug. 30-Sept. 2) will be sponsored by the young people of the Fennell Avenue church. The theme is to be "Today's Church and Tomorrow's Leaders".

Vol. 40, No. 5, May 1974, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: "Last Lord's Day Dianne Dickson stepped out to take a stand for Christ and having confessed His name was immersed for the remission of sins.

"Bro. Keith Wallace is absent from us while conducting an evangelistic meeting with the Omagh congregation." The Visitor

Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: This church just finished a meeting with Bob Davison, a former minister for the congregation. Attendance was good throughout and on Friday evening the building was almost filled to overflowing. Several people from the neighbourhood attended the meeting.

On Friday evening, Mark Lewis son of Brother and Sister David Lewis of Oakville and members at Ivon, confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized.

Opportunities to present Bible teaching over cable T.V. look favourable at this point. A thirty minute visualized study of the Bible with study sheets available for interested students has been proposed and received favourable response. Time may be available in either October or January.

Vol. 40, No. 6, June 1974, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Avenue: -- "This week, a new student enrolled in the course, and a course that had been inactive since June was reactivated, bringing the total number of active correspondence courses to seven. During the coming weeks, we hope to expand our efforts to enrol new students.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave. – A week end meeting with the theme "Love Your Neighbour" is scheduled for May 24-26 with Joe Cannon as speaker.

Vol. 40, No. 7, July 1974, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: "We were thrilled when Barry Love confessed his faith in Christ and was baptized.

"We also want to welcome his wife, Candy, who has had a great influence on him to bring him to Christ.

"It has been decided to forego VBS this year in favour of a regular, weekly canvass of the neighborhood to try to build our regular Bible School. – Ivon Illuminator

Vol. 40, No. 8, August 1974, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ivon Ave.: Indications are favorable for a TV program to begin on Cable 8 at the end of the year or early next year. There also appears to be some possibility for cable TV in Guelph.

Hamilton, Fennell Ave.: On May 26<sup>th</sup>, after Joe Cannon finished his lesson, Sammy and Danny Halls were immersed for the remission of sins.

Vol. 40, No. 9, September 1974, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Fennell: "It has been a successful V.B.S. in which we have experienced steady growth." There was good prospect of reaching a goal of 150. Many new contacts were made.

Vol. 40, No. 11, November 1974, p. 11

News East: Ivon, Hamilton – "Because the congregation is now self-supporting, with its highest budget ever and with the contribution exceeding that budget, the business meeting decided that we could help others financially. It was decided to send \$75.00 to Sudbury to help pay the mortgage on their building and \$100.00 to the Eugene Perry family to assist them in getting their housing settled in Africa. Further, on September 29, a donation will be sent to the Highland congregation in Abilene, Texas, to help meet the costs of producing the Herald of Truth. This donation will consist of any funds contributed over \$200.00 in our regular Lord's Day contribution. We thank God for the privilege of sharing with others, and for the generosity in the congregation. Let's keep up the good work."--The Ivon Illuminator.

Hamilton – The two churches in Hamilton are cooperating in producing a thirteen week series of television shows seen Monday evenings at 8:30 on Cable 8. It is called "Good News for Hamilton."

Vol. 40, No. 12, December 1974, p. 11

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton – Brother Wayne Turner, Ivon preacher, spoke in a recent meeting Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School is growing rapidly as a result of door-to-door canvassing. Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> was set as the day for a big "boost" for their meeting and Bible School. A group of young people from Great Lakes were to help.

Vol. 41, No. 1, January 1975, p. 10

News East: Ivon, Hamilton, Ontario: Twelve students from Great Lakes Christian College assisted the brethren in door-to-door canvassing in November. They knocked on about 1000 doors and distributed literature.

Debbie Mackenzie was baptized into Christ on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

The auditorium is being insulated and panelled. Things are looking good.

Hamilton, Ontario: The cable TV programme conducted by Wayne Turner of the Ivon Avenue congregation and Randy Morrirt of the Fennell congregation, has had a good response. They have offered free copies of, "Churches of Today" and have had a number of telephone requests. This is Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m.

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News East: Ivon Hamilton: The Paul Ross family have moved to New Jersey where Paul is working fulltime as an evangelist for Christ.

With the ending of 1974 the Cable T.V. programme has ended. Seven contacts were made by phone. The host of 'The Sky Tonight', a cable programme carried across Canada, has expressed interest in the Bible Correspondence Course. It is hoped that time will be available for more cable programming in the second quarter of 1975.

Lisa Priestnall accepted Christ in confession and baptism Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Vol. 41, No. 5, May 1975, p. 11

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: Claude and Molly Pugh have decided to return to the Fennell Ave. congregation after helping at Ivon for a few years. Their efforts have been appreciated. This congregation has decided to prepare its own curriculum and materials for its Sunday School work. This should mean development of the teachers as they respond to this challenge.

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News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: The congregation has done well in its giving, surpassing its budget of \$250.00 per week. Work continues on panelling the auditorium. Vacation Bible School is planned for July 28-Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>. A new sign in front of the building has been made possible by a gift in memory of Sister Amy Carter, a former member.

A special "Men's Leadership Training Class" started on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It is a nine weeks course limited to 25 men made up of men from the Ivon and Fennell congregations in Hamilton and also Grimsby.

Vol. 41, No. 7, July 1975, p. 10

News East: Fennell Avenue, Hamilton: The young people of the congregation invited high school age and above young people from other congregations to a "Youth Rally" June 20 to 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ronnie Moore was immersed into Christ on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Vol. 41, No. 10, October 1975, p. 11

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Two young men have been welcomed into the fellowship at Fennell who were baptized at Camp Manitou. They are Greg Roberts and David Wallace.

The Bert Thompson family have begun work with the Ausable Springs Ranch organization. They will be maintaining their home in Hamilton and working as relief parents in the Dunnville, Cayuga area. Work schedule and location will help determine where they will be attending services and working for the Lord. Selkirk could receive the benefit of these experienced servants of Christ.

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News East: Ivon, Hamilton: Rick Priestnall, a youth of this congregation, was immersed into Christ at Great Lakes recently. A teenage girl, Janice Charnock, from the neighborhood was baptized on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>.

This congregation is about to launch a bus ministry. Already they have about 30 children ready for riding a bus. They are being brought by car.

Close to \$500.00 was donated over a two week period towards the purchase of a bus.

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News East: This congregation continues to worship and work without a full-time evangelist. They have a number of capable men who preach. Keith Wallace, a high school teacher, is doing much of the Sunday morning preaching.

Work has been completed on carpeting the auditorium and angling the pews for a better arrangement. Teachers have worked hard to make their classrooms bright and attractive. Don Burgoin has provided some good bulletin boards and tables and chairs in several classrooms.

This writer preached in a week-end series emphasizing our teaching responsibility. "Jesus, The Master Teacher" was the theme. Interest and fellowship was very encouraging. While there, I observed some of the most effective visual aid displays in classrooms that I have seen anywhere. The teachers have been working diligently. Ed Klassen directs the education programme.

Ivon, Hamilton: The other day Wayner Turner, evangelist for the Ivon Ave. congregation, came into the Gospel Herald Book Store all excited. He said that one of the greatest things, in some time, had happened at Ivon. They have been working on purchasing a bus for their Sunday School programme. Due to lack of finances, they had put this project off until about \$4000.00 would be available.

Do you know what happened? A relative of some of the members heard that the church needed money for a bus. She gave them \$5000.00 towards their bus programme.

May God grant the congregation wisdom to use this wisely in reaching and saving souls for Christ. They are grateful to this lady.

Vol. 42, No. 2, February 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton – On January 16<sup>th</sup>, the Bible School presented a program for the parents. Each class was to participate by presenting skits, songs, etc. This was planned by Ed Klassen, Bible School director.

Vol. 42, No. 3, March 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: A "Men's Training Class" is being conducted by Wayne Turner of the Ivon Avenue church. Such a class was conducted last year and good results were reported. The elders are setting an example by taking the class in spite of heavy responsibility.

The Bible School program conducted on a Friday evening in January was a success. Many parents of children attending from the neighborhood and busing program were present.

Vol. 42, No. 4, April 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Arrangements have been made for Brian Meneer to begin working with this

church as evangelist sometime this summer.

Ivon, Hamilton: The budget for 1976 calls for an increase of \$18.49 over the 1975 average. A school bus has been purchased and is now in use to increase Sunday School attendance. A series of very practical and needed lessons on the theme, "Are You Living More and Enjoying it Less?" is planned for May 3-7 with various speakers. See ad elsewhere in this issue of the Gospel Herald.

Vol. 42, No. 9, September 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted in early July. Attendance averaged 131.

The Brian Meneers begin work with the congregation in August. Brian is completing his Master's degree thesis this summer, at Abilene Christian University.

Ivon, Hamilton: "The Revival We Need" was the theme of a series of meetings conducted in August. Bill Butterfield of Louisville, Ohio did the preaching.

A successful Vacation Bible School was in progress when this column was being prepared. Literature for 150 was purchased. Wayne Turner called for more on the second day.

Vol. 42, No. 10, October 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Tony Johnson, son of Ken and Agnes Johnson accepted Christ as Saviour and was baptized for the remission of sins on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Brian and Susan Meneer are now living in Hamilton where Brian is serving as evangelist with the Fennell congregation.

Vol. 42, No. 11, November 1976, p. 10

News East: Ivon, Hamilton: Wayne Turner of the Ivon church and Elgin Whitfield of Grimsby are the co-planners and hosts on a cable T.V. program on the Stoney Creek cable network. It is seen Tuesday mornings at 9:15 and is to run for eight weeks.

Vol. 42, No. 12, December 1976, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Laurie Bush, Maureen Gary, Mr. and Mrs. Jespersen and daughter, Jenny, and Jenine Snure were immersed into Christ in recent weeks.

Tim Cook has accepted the position of Bible School director and Russell Walker will be his assistant.

Vol. 43, No. 1, January 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: The bus program of the church is beginning to realize results for Christ. Ken Mack, Ida Jespersen and Tom Brooker were baptized in November. Ken and Tom have children who ride the Sunday School bus. Someone has been doing follow-up calling and teaching. We understand that Wayne Page has been very active in this effort and that he baptized Ken after teaching him.

Vol. 43, No. 2, February 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Joyce Adams was immersed early in December. Les Bystricki has been welcomed into the fellowship of the church. He is already involved in the bus program.

Vol. 43, No. 4, April 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell Ave., Hamilton: John Bailey of Hurst, Texas, is to be in a meeting April 24-28<sup>th</sup>. He will deal with Marriage and the Home.

Vol. 43, No. 5, May 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell Ave., Hamilton. Nancy Brooker accepted Christ and was immersed into Him in March. A special series of lessons entitled, "Good News for Families" was to be conducted April 21-24. Dr. John Bailey was the speaker.

Vol. 43, No. 6, June 1977, p. 10

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: This congregation had a goal of 100 for Bible School and 75 for worship on May 1. This would have represented a 50 per cent increase at worship. Final results for the day: 100 at Bible School and 113 at worship, including 52 visitors. Most of the visitors remained for a fellowship period after the worship assembly. Wendy LeBlanc of Burlington confessed her faith in Christ and was baptized on May 8. Wendy is the daughter of Sis. Sibyl Charnock who was baptized last fall.

Upcoming events: May 28-June 1 a soul winning church growth workshop with John Belasco of

Royal Oak, Mich. July 24-31 – Campaign with J. C. Osser and workers from the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching in West Monroe, La.

Vol. 43, No. 7, July 1977, p. 10

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: "May was a very eventful month, as we witnessed the new birth into Christ of Wendy LeBlanc, Donna O'Conner and Debbie Charnick; as Gerald Tupin and Barry Love both asked for the prayers of the church; and as 24 of our number dedicated themselves to winning souls for Christ on the last night of our workshop (John Belasco of Royal Oak, Mich. was the teacher). We pray that the Lord will continue to bless our efforts. Let's keep at it, and take Hamilton for Christ." Wayne Turner.

Stoney Creek Cable has given 8 weeks of air-time to the church in November and December. An evangelistic campaign is to be conducted July 24-31 with J. C. Olser and a group of workers of White's Ferry Road in West Monroe, La. On the 24<sup>th</sup> an attendance goal of 135 has been set.

Vol. 43, No. 8, August 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton. Bus workers have been setting and reaching new goals in the bus program for Wednesday night. A goal of 45 was set May 25<sup>th</sup> and 48 rode the bus. A new goal of 50 was set for June 1<sup>st</sup> and 53 were on the bus. This takes work, but it brings results.

Vol. 43, No. 9, September 1977, p. 10

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: A group of workers from White's Ferry Road School of Preaching conducted a campaign in July. Visitors attended services. Many people were contacted and some studies set up. We look for a more complete report on this activity.

Fennell, Ave., Hamilton: The congregation has approved the purchase of property adjacent to the parking lot at the annex building. This will provide additional classroom space or a residence.

A good Vacation Bible School was conducted in July. Attendance started at 121 and increased to 148 by Wednesday.

Vol. 43, No. 10, October 1977, p. 10

News East: Ivon Ave., Hamilton: Over 2500 doors were knocked and about fifty studies set up or held during the summer evangelistic campaign. About sixty good contacts were made and over 100 call backs needed as a result of this effort.

Vol. 43, No. 11, November 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: "The Bible Looks at Life Today" has been announced as the theme for a fall meeting. The dates were given as Nov. 10-13 but a conflict arose which might cause a change. God's answers to some of the prevalent problems of our world are to be looked at. Such topics as purity, gambling and alcoholism are to be treated by Geoffrey Ellis, Roy Merritt, Clyde Lansdell and Walter Hart.

Vol. 43, No. 12, December 1977, p. 10

News East: Fennell, Hamilton: Fred Knutson, Roy Merritt, Walter Hart, Geoff Ellis, and Clyde Lansdell preached in a fall meeting Dec. 1-4. The theme was, "The Bible Looks at Life Today".

Vol. 44, No. 1, January 1978, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Fennell: Darlene McCabe was baptized into Christ recently. An early December meeting was conducted with the theme: "The Bible Looks at Life", Fred Knutson spoke on, "God Has The Answers", Roy Merritt on, "Crutches of Modern Society", Walter Hart, "The Challenge to Purity", Geoffrey Ellis on, "Who are the Winners", and Clyde Lansdell on, "What Does Jesus Expect of Us."

Vol. 44, No. 5, May 1978, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – Jim Hawkins of Victoria, B. C., is slated to preach in a gospel meeting for the Fennell Avenue congregation May 8-14.

Eng Huu, who was baptized in Ipoh, Malaysia, by John Lachmana, a former student at the GLCC School of Bible and Missions, has placed membership with the Ivon Avenue church. Eng is studying at Mohawk College, Hamilton.

Vol. 44, No. 6, June 1978, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Bro. Wayne Turner of the Ivon Avenue church in Hamilton and Bro. Elgin Whitfield of the Grimsby church were to conduct the public service "Good News" program over Stoney Creek cable television for the months of May and June. The program is heard every Tuesday at 9:15 a.m.

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario – Fennell Avenue: Peter Longden, a student at the GLCC School of Bible and Missions, will be working with this congregation for the summer months. Brian Meneer is the fulltime worker.

Ivon Avenue: One was baptized into Christ June 4 by Wayne Turner. Clyde Lansdell will work part time with the Ivon Avenue Church after Bro. Turner's move to work with Central in Winnipeg in July.

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News East: Hamilton, Ont. – Five were baptized during the gospel meeting at Fennell Avenue with Jim Hawkins preaching. Since then another, Gunther Franzi, also was baptized.

Vol. 45, No. 1, January 1979, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – Josie Foster was baptized following a Wednesday evening Bible study at the Fennell Avenue congregation. The Ivon Avenue church hosted an area-wide hymn sing Sunday afternoon, December 3.

Vol. 45, No. 3, March 1979, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont. – Ivon Ave. congregation: Blake Gieg, formerly of Ottawa, began labor with Ivon Avenue the week of Jan. 7. He will be engaged mostly in personal work. Bro. Gieg formerly worked at Ivon Avenue as fulltime evangelist, and later worked with the Barrie church before moving to Ottawa.

Vol. 45, No. 10, October 1979, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont. – Ivon Avenue congregation: The Blake Giegs have gone to Lubbock, Texas, where they will enrol in a six-months training course. When they return to Hamilton they will be working with a group of A.I.M. (Adventures in Missions) students from Lubbock who will spend some time working with the Ivon Avenue church.

Vol. 47, No. 1, January 1981, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Avenue) – Congratulations to Bro. Clyde Lansdell who recently completed his studies at the University of Toronto and has graduated with the D. Ed. degree. Clyde and Bro. Blake Gieg work as evangelists at Ivon Avenue.

Vol. 47, No. 3, March 1981, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont. (Fennell Avenue) – "After much study and prayer, the congregation put forward Brothers Charles Cook, Roy Cox, and Don Snure to serve as elders at Fennell Avenue. These men accepted the responsibility to lead the congregation at a special installation service on November 2. We also would like to mention the names of those serving as deacons, Tom Moore, Wayne Page, Ron Hoover, Derek Jackson, Don Burgoin, Bruce Love, Ed Van Alstine, Fred Hampshire, Keith Wallace, and Stan Horncastle. All deacons have specific areas of responsibility. Please pray for these men.

"We are using Bible Call and are looking for our first full year with it, 1981, to be a year of blessing. This fall we saw the addition of Frank and Roseanne Tubman to God's family. Their enthusiasm is an inspiration to all."—Bryan Meneer.

Hamilton, Ont. (Ivon Avenue)—The congregation is completing plans to host the annual June Meeting the first Sunday in June. Their guest speaker is scheduled to be Bro. John Payne of Tullahoma, Tenn., a former missionary in New Zealand. Services that day will be held in the Sir Winston Churchill High School on Main Street East in Hamilton.

The congregation recently had a three-day "Discipleship Weekend", featuring Bro. Nat Cooper, a native of Ireland who is now Dean of Students at the Sunset School of Preaching.

Vol. 47, No. 4, April 1981, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Avenue) – Ivon Ave. will be hosting the June meeting this year on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Hamilton, (Fennell Ave.) – We are so thankful to have a new sister in Christ. Angela Richardson was baptized Wednesday, Feb. 18, and we welcome her to the family of God. The GLCC chorus presented a program here on Feb. 22. A spring meeting is planned for April 26-30 with S.F. Timmerman of Montreal. The theme will be "Christianity Means a Cross". The new weekly budget for Fennell will be \$897.50 a week

in 1981.

Vol. 47, No. 5, May 1981, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – Two mini-workshops were held in March for teachers in the Bible class program. The sessions were to share teaching methods, visual aids, bulletin board ideas, attendance chart concepts, and special songs. Fennell also reported the first conversion of a person contacted through their Bible Call work. She is Bev Noble. Her husband has now come out to service for the first time, and her daughter is studying as well. Let us rejoice with them for a new sister in Christ. Bev will be attending the Ivon Ave. congregation. The reprinting of the Bible Call brochure means that over 50,000 such indexes have been distributed in the Hamilton area.

Vol. 47, No. 5, May 1981, p. 14

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Ave.) – Plans are well underway for the June meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Brother John Payne of Tullahoma, Tennessee will be speaking for both morning and evening services. The meetings will be held at the Sir Winston Churchill School on Main Street East in Hamilton. Brother Payne will also be speaking on the following Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Ivon Avenue meeting House (121 Ivon Avenue) at 7:30.

There will be a special service in song on Sunday afternoon featuring the Davison Family Singers from Hamilton, Ohio. Everyone is urged to make plans to attend these meetings. See the back page for further information or telephone the Ivon Avenue church building at 416-549-2597.

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell): -- A very inspirational meeting was preached by S.F. Timmerman the last week of April. On the Wednesday evening, Edris Sobers was baptized into Christ. We welcome her to the fellowship. The Bible Call program at Fennell continues to grow. The week of May 3-9<sup>th</sup> there were 938 calls, the highest number for a single week to date. The church has scheduled a Marriage Enrichment Seminar with Clinton and Delma Brazle for the fall. The dates will be Oct. 1-4<sup>th</sup>. More about this later.

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Ave.) – A course in Christian Evidences conducted especially for ladies will begin at the Ivon Ave. building October 1<sup>st</sup>. The teacher will be Debbie Haskell, who will conduct the ten week course. Debbie is a member of the AIM team from Lubbock, Texas.

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The Fennell Avenue Congregation in Hamilton, by Bryan Meneer

At present there are two churches of Christ in Hamilton. The Fennell congregation meets "on the mountain". This unusual phrase calls attention to the fact that Hamilton is a city built on two different levels, geographically speaking. There is a 300 foot ridge that runs through the middle of the city from east to west. The ridge is part of the Niagara Escarpment. (Incidentally, Niagara Falls simply is the place where the waters of the Niagara River tumble over this same escarpment.) The lower part of the city of Hamilton fills a long, comparatively narrow strip of land between this escarpment on the south side of Hamilton Bay (Lake Ontario) on the north side. The Ivon Avenue congregation is located in the east end of the lower city. The southern and newer part of the city is located on the upper side of the ridge. This part of the city is known as Hamilton mountain. About 36 percent of Hamilton's population lives "on the mountain".

The city on the mountain began to develop rapidly in the early 1950s. Men of faith within the downtown Sanford congregation saw the potential in establishing a congregation on the mountain. They had the foresight to purchase property in a central location on the mountain, as well as on a major street. The work on Fennell Avenue began as a Bible school program in 1951. The brethren at Fennell began to worship as a congregation in 1952. From a small original building in the early years, the congregation has built a larger building on the south side of Fennell Avenue and also possesses a parking lot and education building on the north side of Fennell. Our present membership stands at 120. We are blessed with three elders: brothers Don Snure, Roy Cox, and Charlie Cook. We are served by thirteen deacons, namely, brother Don Burgoin, Doug Bush, Don Halls, Fred Hampshire, Ron Hoover, Stan Horncastle, Derek Jackson, Allan Jones, Bruce Love, Tom Moore, Wayne Page, Ed VanAlstine, and Keith Wallace. Brothers Bob Hibbard and Bryan Meneer are working as evangelists with us. Bruce Love serves very capably as the director of our Bible school program.

Our major organized source of evangelistic outreach is through the Bible Call program. We are encouraged by the contacts made through this method. The churches in Hamilton have been blessed with five

souls who have obeyed the gospel after having been reached directly or indirectly through Bible Call. We pray that the Lord will bless us with many more souls for his Kingdom through this program and other means. We ask you to pray for us, and with us, for the spread of the Good News in Hamilton, Canada and throughout the world.

Vol. 48, No. 1, January 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – The church at Fennell Ave. extend a special welcome to Bob and Beth Hibbard, as Bob begins to work with the church as a second evangelist. Agreement was reached early in November for the Hibbards to joining the Meneers as an evangelistic team. Bob will be primarily responsible to provide leadership in the personal work program, as well as sharing pulpit responsibilities with Brian for the immediate future. Other activities will include organizing and teaching a Youth Training Class.

Vol. 48, No. 4, April 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Ave.) – It was a difficult decision for the small group of adult members with an overflowing Bible school. Many miles had been travelled. Continual prayer had been offered. The price had been lowered, and the terms extended. In an act of faith the papers were signed the last week of February to make the Stoney Creek buildings and land the property of the members at Ivon Ave. There is still money to be raised, and many plans to be made. Yet we commend our brethren for their efforts and faith. May God bless them with growth.

Vol. 48, No. 5, May 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – "We are happy to welcome Angela and Beverly Heron into the family of God. They were baptized into Christ Sunday evening, March 14<sup>th</sup>". Bible Call received a total of 1,376 calls in the month of February. Twenty-four visits were made to those requesting transcripts, and three Bible studies were set up. Don Kleppe of Vernon, Texas will hold a gospel meeting at Fennell May 11-16<sup>th</sup>.

Vol. 48, No. 6, June 1982, p. 17

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – The angels of God rejoiced as the following recently were "born again" of the Water and the Spirit: Angela and Beverly Heron, Michelle Cox, Nancy Wallace and Curtis Lewis.

Vol. 48, No. 7, July 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – Several baptisms were reported at Fennell the last while. These include Curtis Lewis, Nancy Wallace, and Michelle Cox. We rejoice with them. Don Kleppe held a gospel meeting at Fennell May 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Special advertising was done through newspaper, radio, and cable television. Invitations were extended by door-knocking, and by mail to Bible Call contacts.

Hamilton, Ontario (Ivon Ave.) – An open house is to be conducted by the brethren Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, in their new facilities in Stoney Creek. An afternoon hymn-sing will be followed by fellowship and tours of the building. That evening Jack Cox of Cordell, Oklahoma, will begin a gospel meeting. The meeting will run until Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. This church will again be conducting a summer day-camp the week of July 19-23<sup>rd</sup>.

Vol. 48, No. 8, August 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Avenue) – Recent baptisms include John and Barbara Hamilton, parents of five children, as well as Florence Hutchison and her sister Marion Reynolds.

Vol. 48, No. 10, October 1982, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – "Two precious souls were added to the Lord's family at Fennell on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. They are Rose Lozinski and Audrey Shaw. May we be of strength to them as they grow in Christ." – The Visitor.

Vol. 49, No. 1, January 1983, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – This congregation recently began Friday night clubs for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 12. They will meet bi-weekly, with activities to include Bible study, crafts, and fellowship. The boys and girls will meet on alternate weeks. Lawrence Whitfield made a presentation to the congregation concerning the work in Zambia the evening of October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Whitfields will be returning to Africa early in the new year.



Vol. 49, No. 4, April 1983, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – Many good things seem to be happening at Fennell. Jeff and Darrell Johnstone, two teenage young men, were baptized on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Brother Derek Jackson Sr., has been appointed as deacon in charge of benevolence. Two special contributions were made recently, one for the building program of the church in Sarnia, and one for travel expenses of the family of brother Wesley Frost. Wesley had to have extensive treatment at McMaster University hospital. Bruce Love was a speaker at the Abilene Christian University lectureship program. He taught classes on the role and impact of today's popular music on our society. A campaign was conducted the week of March 7-12<sup>th</sup> with a group of students from Ohio Valley College in Parkersburg, West Virginia. These twenty-four workers canvassed the neighborhood near the building on the mountain, inviting people to share in a special family day with Max Craddock on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Invitations were also distributed to the Marriage Enrichment Film series which began on Sunday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – A meeting was conducted Monday evening, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to arrange the follow-up program for the Marriage Enrichment series. Eight people were present, with others also expressing interest. Bob Hibbard will be co-ordinating this effort. David Hallett spoke to the congregation on Sunday evening, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Young people from Fennell Ave., Stoney Creek and Grimsby churches are planning a Youth Retreat at a campsite in Ancaster the weekend of June 10-12<sup>th</sup>. Some fifty young people are expected to attend.

Vol. 49, No. 8, August 1983, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – "What is Annie's Attic? It's a Fennell girl's class that has been meeting for the past two years on the third Friday of each month. The class has been open to girls from grade 6 and up, with Wilma Moore as their teacher. What have the girls been doing? They have been learning to lead and take part in monthly devotionals. They have also been learning such practical skills as sewing, crochet, crewel work, knitting, and fancy sandwich making. The girls had a special achievement day in the annex building Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, to which the congregation was invited. Thanks to Wilma Moore and the other ladies who make this class possible." --The Visitor.

Vol. 49, No. 10, October 1983, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – A fall meeting will be conducted at Fennell Ave. the week of October 25-30<sup>th</sup>. The theme is "Key Ingredients For a Growing Church". Topics include, "Effective Elders, Effective Deacons, Communication, Evangelism, Heart Ingredients, Caring, and Sharing". Speakers will be Geoffrey Ellis, Keith Thompson, and Walter Hart.

Vol. 50, No. 1, January 1984, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – "Kelly Garside was baptized into Christ, Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, after studying with Dean Wright and David Jaggard. Kelly does not live in the Hamilton area, but presently works near St. Thomas ... Let us pray for Kelly's continued growth and influence for Christ. Thanks Dean and David for caring enough to share the gospel with Kelly ... Bill Seppenwoolde was baptized into Christ Sunday morning, November 27<sup>th</sup>, and added to His spiritual family, the church. We are so thankful to have Bill as a new brother in Christ, and we look forward to getting to know Bill better in the years ahead." - Fennell Visitor.

Vol. 50, No. 3, March 1984, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – Tubby and Roseanne Tubman are taking the lead in organizing a fellowship group at Fennell for all ages. The initial potluck supper was held in the annex building on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Susan Meneer, Sue Jones, and Julia Page are organizing a 'secret sister' program for the ladies. Names are exchanged secretly, and each is to make her secret sister her responsibility, remembering that person with notes of encouragement, small gifts, or in her own individual way making her secret sister feel special.

Vol. 50, No. 4, April 1984, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> was a special day at Fennell. On this day Bruce Love presented three lessons to young people on the topic Music, Morality, and Me. Bruce has been well received wherever he has presented this material. Both his background in the field of music and his preparations for these presentations, qualify him to handle this vital yet sensitive area of concern. The lessons were heard by those in grade 6 through adult. The series is available on tape.

Vol. 50, No. 6, June 1984, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – "A few weeks ago we had a special meeting after Sunday evening service to inform you of some of our plans about having home bible studies. Last Thursday evening, March 22, we had an excellent Bible study at the home of Dean and Laura Wright. Dean led an excellent study on Ecclesiastes and the purpose of life. One visitor was present. Don Halls and Brian Meneer are planning to begin similar studies. Bryan will also be beginning a new "Feeling Good about Yourself" class." -- The Visitor

Jim Hawkins of Vancouver is a guest speaker for a series entitled "Living Beyond Ourselves," May 13-18

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – "Living Beyond Ourselves" was the title given a series of lessons by Jim Hawkins, and preached May 13-18<sup>th</sup> at Fennell. Jim was also the speaker at the preachers' luncheon on the Tuesday, and at the ladies' coffee hour on the Wednesday. A fine week was reported.

Vol. 51, No. 2, February 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario (Fennell Ave.) – A "going away" fellowship was held on Sunday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, for Pat Hoover who was leaving to do mission work in New Guinea for a year. The congregation shared refreshments, and presented Pat with a money tree to assist her ... Sarah Bruce was baptized into Christ on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Sarah has been attending services and the Tuesday Bible study, as well as studying with her brother, Fred Hampshire. We are grateful to God for giving us a new sister in Christ.

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News East: Hamilton, Ontario – "We are thrilled to hear that Asher Freeman was buried with Christ in baptism on Thursday evening, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Asher had been studying with Bob Hibbard over the last number of months. Asher, welcome to our spiritual family here at Fennell." – The Visitor

Vol. 51, No. 4, April 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – "We are thrilled that Asher Freeman was buried with Christ in baptism on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. We certainly welcome Asher to our spiritual family here at Fennell.

Vol. 51, No. 6, June 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – We are pleased to share the news we will be having brother Don Kleppe with us for our spring meeting. The dates will be May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to this special time!

Vol. 51, No. 7, July 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – A meeting was held with brother Don Kleppe, May 28<sup>th</sup> to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The theme for the series was entitled, "Making the Most of Your Life" ... A Junior-Senior Golden Age weekend was held May 26<sup>th</sup>. David Johnson was the special speaker, as the congregation sought to honour those who are seniors ... A progressive dinner was conducted June 8<sup>th</sup> for the adult fellowship group.

Vol. 51, No. 8, August 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – A number of baptisms were reported in the last couple of months. On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Drew Hampshire, Rod Brown, and Daniel Page were baptized. Then, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Jones, Michael Brown and Stacie Hutchinson were added to the family of God. We rejoice with these new members of the body of Christ.

Vol. 51, No. 11, November 1985, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ontario – "After months of preparation and planning, we are beginning our new Bible school curriculum today (September 8<sup>th</sup>). Every class, from the nursery age through adult, will be studying the same lesson on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This new program is designed to lead us through the Bible in four years ... This material changes scenery from the Old Testament to the New Testament regularly. We hope this will maintain interest. We also hope this approach will stimulate Bible study in our homes. With everyone in the same family studying the same Bible lesson, it should not be too difficult to strike up a good Bible discussion around the dinner table. Lessons can be reinforced, and material adapted to family devotionals. May we grow in knowledge, faith, and service." – Bulletin.

Vol. 51, No. 12, December 1985, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont. (Fennell Ave.) – The film series "Hearts of Fire" with Landon Saunders is being shown at 6 o'clock each evening, November 17, 24, December 1 and 8.

Vol. 51A, No. 8, August 1986, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, Ont. (Fennell): On June 13 and 14 young people from Sarnia were guests at Fennell.

Vol. 51A, No. 11, November 1986, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): "Our meeting begins on Tuesday, October 21 and concludes the following Sunday." Glen Dods will be doing the preaching from the early chapters of Acts.

Vol. 52, No. 2, February 1987, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON: After several years of faithful service, Brian Meneer has resigned as preacher for the Fennell Avenue church, and arrangements have been made for Larry Thomason and his family to begin serving there the first of February. The Thomasons have served in Brantford for the past 2 ½ years.

Vol. 52, No. 4, April 1987, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON: Vacation Bible School and a campaign are scheduled for August 10-14.

Vol. 52, No. 7, July 1987, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: Dianne Kolaso put on her Lord in baptism on April 26. VBS is scheduled for August 10-14.

Vol. 52, No. 8, August 1987, p. 12

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: A V.B.S. and Campaign are scheduled for August 10-14. There has been an effort to build up the Bible school by canvassing.

Vol. 52, No. 10, October 1987, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, Ont.: A report of the V.B.S. is found elsewhere.

Heidi Hampshire was baptized at Camp Omagh during Teen Week.

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Hamilton V.B.S.

This year one of our areas of concentration has been the Bible school. In an effort to build our Bible school attendance and reach out into the community, we held a Vacation Bible School in August with the help of 24 young people and chaperones from Paragould, Arkansas.

During the summer, before the folks from Arkansas came up, we canvassed the area, inviting children to our special activities for children on Wednesday evenings. Then we canvassed for VBS the first couple of days and then concentrated on passing out brochures entitled, The Church of Christ, Who are These People?

We had over 100 in attendance each day with even some parents attending to see what was going on. Some of the children were enrolled in our regular Bible School program and we had one request for a family to view the Jule Miller filmstrips. We also had several visitors on Friday night for the parents' night.

Some follow up has begun with the contacts that we made and many were invited to the ladies classes and activities for the year. We ran into a few during our door knocking who indicated that they were dissatisfied with the denomination they attended. Much good has already come from these efforts in the way of fellowship and encouragement. We pray that more good will come from the contacts that were made.--

Larry Thomason

Vol. 52, No. 12, December 1987, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell): Elza Huffard, elder of the King of Prussia church in Pennsylvania, is scheduled to hold a meeting from April 30 to May 5 beginning with a men's breakfast on Saturday. He holds workshops on leadership across the Northeast.

David Cornfield of Meaford, who is attending the Bible College at Great Lakes, will be working with Larry Thomason during the year in order to get some practical experience.

Hamilton (Center): "The families of Wayne and Julia Page, Bob and Beth Hibbard, Chris and Barb Hoover, Brian and Gail Tolcher, Avril Keoughan and Ed Klassen have decided to start up a much needed

work in the center of Hamilton." --The Sentinel, Stoney Creek.

Vol. 53, No. 1, January 1988, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): On November 1, 1987 a new congregation, the West Hamilton Church of Christ began operations. It began with about 20 members who are presently meeting in homes.

"It is our hope that in the spring of next year, God willing, we will be moving into a rented facility.

"Our meeting times are Sunday 10, 11 a.m. and Tues. at 7:30 p.m." The mailing address is West Hamilton Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1449, Station "A", Hamilton, Ontario.

For information, please contact Brian Tolcher, 14 Glaceport Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L9V 1H9 (416) 689-8683.

Vol. 52, No. 2, February 1988, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): The new congregation is offering Bible Correspondence Courses to the public.

Please note that there was an error in the address printed in this column last month. The P.O. Box number is 1499, not 1449 and the postal code is L8N 4C3.

Vol. 53, No. 3, March 1988, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (West): The new congregation first met in rented premises at 1389 Upper James on January 31.

Jerry Gardner gave some good lessons on church growth December 13-15. Jonathan Page was baptized on December 6 and Becky Hibbard on the 13<sup>th</sup>, resulting in the entire two families being in the Lord. Trevor Bailey baptized his brother, Troy, when he was home in December.

Bible Correspondence Courses are being offered through the newspaper.

Vol. 53, No. 4, April 1988, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): Two community residents are taking the Bible Correspondence Course being advertised.

Vol. 53, No. 5, May 1988, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): A recent Tuesday night study had an attendance of 28 of whom 8 were visitors.

Vol. 53, No. 6, June 1988, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (Fennell Ave.): A project named T.E.A.C.H. (Telling Everyone about the Church in Hamilton) consists of mailing and hand delivering informative pamphlets throughout the city. \$100 per month has been allotted to this.

Hamilton, ON (West): Vicky Blackburn made the decision in March to recommit her life to the Lord.

Some young people are having Bible studies with other young people who attended the services.

When their rented facilities were unavailable in March, the whole congregation attended services at Selkirk. There are now about 10 people in the area taking the Bible correspondence course.

Gary and Jacque Anderson will be leaving in May to take up residence in Florida.

Vol. 53, No. 7, July 1988, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): The Bible Correspondence Course is still being advertised in the papers and by distribution of B.C.C. cards in hospitals, supermarkets, etc. Ten people in the area are taking the course.

Two men from CNIB who have moved from Ottawa have attended. Irene Whalley recently placed membership.

Hamilton, ON (Fennell Ave.): We had a very successful Ladies' Day on June 11 with about 90 ladies present to hear lessons by Doreen Ellis and Louise Hartwigsen. There were a number of workshops during the day covering topics from crocheting to parenting.

The ladies' class ended up the year with a Mother-Daughter banquet with mother-daughter team, Evelyn Perry and Martha Thomason, being the speakers for the occasion.

Vol. 53, No. 8, August 1988, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (Fennell Ave.): Fennell Ave. will be having a Vacation Bible School August 2-5 for its young people and also to reach out into the community. Flyers will be distributed on the last two Saturdays

of July to enrol as many as possible. Last year a group from Arkansas came up to assist in this effort but this year all the work will be done by the group at Fennell.

Hamilton, ON (West): In early June, Ken Page taught this congregation's first Bible class for teens with an attendance of 13. An outdoor Sunday service at Bronte Park saw 47 in attendance. The church first met last November with 17 present.

Since the beginning of the year there have been 11 enrolled in Bible Correspondence Course. Besides this 33 overseas students are enrolled in World Bible School efforts by this church.

Vol. 53, No. 10, October 1988, p. 15

News East: Hamilton, ON (Fennell Ave.): Louanna Harrison was baptized at camp and Rachel Love obeyed the gospel on September 4. A Communications Workshop is planned for November 25 and 26 with Jim Hawkins. A chorus has been started and will meet at 4:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday afternoons of each month. This is open to all congregations in the area.

Vol. 53, No. 11, November 1988, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): Ken Page is involved in full time work here but support will be needed beginning next year. Some support has been assured by 3 Canadian sister congregations. Attendance is about 50.

Vol. 54, No. 1, January 1989, p. 12

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: Jerry and Sally Gardner conducted a special seminar on Small Group Evangelism.

Vol. 54, No. 2, February 1989, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): The first issue of "Love Lines", the new bulletin is well done. Baptisms of Matthew and Elizabeth Page, Mark Lawrence and Millie Poleman are announced in summary.

This church has 10 teachers with about 100 World Bible School students in Africa. In view of this, Ralph Perry who works with W.B.S. in Nigeria was recently invited to speak.

The local B.C.C., started in January 1988, has had 19 students of whom five are actively studying.

The church also began a singles ministry in November and invites those from other congregations to participate.

Vol. 54, No. 3, March 1989, p. 10

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): Five BCC students have complete courses since January and six are still studying.

Blair --- put Christ on in faith and obedience on January 22.

Vol. 54, No. 6, June 1989, p. 13

News East: Hamilton, ON (Fennell Ave.): Joe Shaboluk was baptized into Christ on April 30 with many members of his family visiting to witness his new birth.

Vol. 54, No. 7, July 1989, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): Rick and Carmel McHaffie "took their Lord on in baptism" in mid-May. Forty-two attended on May 28<sup>th</sup>. A Ladies Day September 16 will be followed by a Spiritual Awareness seminar with Jim Hawkins September 17-20.

Hamilton, ON (Fennell): Larry Thomason has resigned as evangelist. A V.B.S. is planned for August with many preparing to participate.

The Ladies Class finished its season with some interesting activities. A Mother-Daughter Banquet in May featured Alma Bunting as speaker. Over 90 attended a Ladies Day on May 27 with Eileen Dale, Beth Hibbard and Elizabeth Lock speaking on the theme "Being God's Wonderful Women".

Vol. 54, No. 9, September 1989, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (Fennell Avenue): Vacation Bible School is in process, August 14-18. Roy and Audrey Cox's daughter, Elaine, has moved with her family to Hamilton from Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Vol. 54, No. 12, December 1989, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: The Singles Ministry begun by this church in October 1988 has produced the first issue of Heart to Heart, a newsletter for singles. Contact person is Ed Klassen, c/o Box 1499 Station

"A", Hamilton, ON L8N 4C3.

Phil and Nansi Lifsey, missionaries in Papua New Guinea, visited recently and after reporting on their work, received a free-will offering of \$250.

Avril Keoughan, of this church, a qualified nurse with almost 20 years of experience, has been preparing since July 1988 to enter the mission field. She hopes to use her experience and training by joining the Christians operating as a health care team in Kumasi, Ghana.

The West Hamilton church will act as her sponsor but will not be able to provide much of her support. She is needed in Ghana and is scheduled to go in January. Individuals and congregations have opportunity to participate in her monthly support. In fact, a letter addressed to sisters in Christ invites them to each give \$1 per month to this two-year project.

Vol. 55, No. 1, January 1990, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Centre), ON: Steve Rudd reports that three Christians from Alberta began meeting in a home in January and with hard work and emphasis on outreach have had 7 baptisms and now average 13-15 in attendance.

Vol. 55, No. 3, March 1990, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West) ON: Avril Keoughan of this congregation was scheduled to go to Ghana, West Africa as a medical missionary early this year.

Vol. 55, No. 5, May 1990, p. 11

News East: Hamilton, ON (West): Sixteen ladies from West Hamilton met at the home of Elizabeth Lock in Selkirk for an overnight retreat. All of the ladies participated in either the devotions or the three major lessons on "Growth through Conflict". The first lesson included definitions of conflict with Biblical examples. The second lesson showed the necessity of conflict resolutions, while the final session dealt with practical resolutions.

Vol. 55, No. 8, August 1990, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: The baptism of Shanna Tubman and Tammy Klassen were recent occasions for rejoicing. VBS is scheduled for August 13-17 using the "Friendimension" series.

As the search for a preacher continues, we have been blessed by the efforts of many area men who have come to speak to us. (We understand that a preacher has been selected since the above was written. E.C.P.)

"We recently mourned the passing of our sister Bonnie Gardner."

Vol. 55, No. 10, October 1990, p. 13

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: Brother Joe Godbout with Marsha, his wife who moved from Cleveland, Mississippi to serve this church. We understand that there has been one baptism.

August was friendship month with friendship day on the 5<sup>th</sup> including a potluck meal. There were a number of visitors.

V.B.S. was "great" with good attendance resulting in a number of new contacts. Building plans in process promise to improve the situation for next year.

Hamilton (West), ON: There have been two baptisms recently.

Vol. 55, No. 11, November 1990, p. 12

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: There are three adult classes offered – Old Testament Studies, Fundamental Teachings of Christianity and How We Got the Bible.

Avril Keoughan will be able to leave Ghana for a break earlier than expected, perhaps in November. Jerry Gardner recently preached here. Two requested prayers.

"In July, Norman Mehlenbacker was baptized, followed by Donna Paterson in August and just two weeks ago, Natalie, Dan Scherer's sister-in-law, was baptized at Selkirk." Laura Hull has placed membership.

David Browne of the Newtown church, Ards, Northern Ireland, recently visited and reported.

Vol. 55, No. 12, December 1990, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: We welcomed a new sister in August, Helen Chapman. We had a Halloween fun night for our children and the neighborhood children. It was well-attended by parents and children from the community. We have recently been saddened by the passing of brother Claude Pugh and sister Audrey Jamieson's husband, Bob.

Hamilton (West), ON: Attendance and offering on October 7 were 50 and \$372.57 respectively.

Vol. 56, No. 4, April 1991, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell), ON: "We held our congregational meeting on February 10 to hear reports from the ministries as to our plans for 1991. We are planning to have our VBS in July this year instead of August. On February 3, we had a potluck dinner to honour Don and Sylvia Snure and also Doug Snure. Don and Sylvia have moved to Brantford and are worshipping with the church there. Doug has moved to Bramalea. We continue to have our monthly birthday fellowships.

"We welcome Joe and Sumutra Sandassie and Angeline Ghourala, who are now worshipping at Fennell."-- as submitted

Vol. 56, No. 5, May 1991, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: The building on the south side of the street is being offered for sale and, once that is accomplished, construction will begin in expanding the facilities on the North side.

Hamilton (West), ON: "Jeff Russell was baptized on March 5 and his wife, Sandra, followed on March 12. Two young men, Greg Love and Ted Collins were baptized on March 15."

Churches in the area will have received notice of disciplinary action taken in regard to the former evangelist after much prayer and earnest pleading that he repent. Our prayers and encouragement are in order.

Vol. 56, No. 6, June 1991, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell), ON: "At the end of March, we held a potluck to honour Roy, Audrey and Michelle Cox, who have moved to Brantford and are worshipping with the church there.

"From April 28 to May 1 we held a series of meetings on Enduring Family Relationships with brother David Chadwell of Oxford, Mississippi. These meetings were well-attended with many visitors. Joyce Chadwell gave a talk for the ladies at a tea which was held in the morning. Our young people have been busy lately and are also having some activities with the young people from the Stoney Creek congregation. The ladies class will be singing at a nursing home this month."

Vol. 56, No. 8, August 1991, p. 15

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: Cheryl Levesque and Mike Gray were baptized in June and Olivia Klassen on July 14.

"We just completed a very successful V.B.S. with a record attendance of 76. The theme was "I can do all things through him who strengthens me", Phil. 4:3.

Vol. 56, No. 10, October 1991, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: See the advertisement elsewhere of a four-day Fall meeting – The Body of Christ ... The Challenge of Tomorrow, October 27-30, with various speakers.

"We're starting Saturday morning Bible School on October 5 – every second month to keep in touch with our VBS children. We have a regular group of members who are visiting one-on-one at Macass Lodge (a nursing home).

"We're having a clothing and other necessities drive for an emergency shelter in our area."

Vol. 56, No. 10, October 1991, p. 15

Contact Cement: ... Hamilton: Food for Thought!

The Fennell Avenue church in Hamilton wrapped up its VBS by inviting parents to a cookout. Now members plan to keep up the contact with their VBS kids through a "mini-VBS" that will run on a Saturday morning every other month.

"We want a closer involvement with the visiting children from VBS, as well as our own kids," says evangelist Godbout. "We hope to establish closer contacts with the parents, too, and our long-term goal is to try to reach both them and their children."

And next year, to strengthen ties between the congregation and visitors even more, Fennell may hold a special worship service and fellowship meal, either at the start of VBS or to wrap it up.

Vol. 56, No. 12, December 1991, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: Sharon Rutton was baptized into Christ on Oct. 2.

Vol. 57, No. 3, March 1992, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: In looking back over 1991, mention was made of five baptisms during the

year and of welcoming Val Henley and family.

Vol. 57, No. 4, April 1992, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Centre), ON: "Steve Rudd reports 2 responses."--Gospel Echoes.

Vol. 57, No. 5, May 1992, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: Walter Hart has been scheduled to speak on Coping with Stress on May 10 and 17. Topics will be Stress: A Fact of Life and Strategies for Stress Management respectively.

Hamilton (Fennell), ON: Please note that the meeting with David Chadwell is May 10-13, not 3-6.

Vol. 57, No. 6, June 1992, p. 11

News East: (Fennell Avenue), ON: "A meeting with David Chadwell of Oxford, Mississippi is in progress at this writing.

"We continue to maintain contact with our VBS families with Saturday Bible School and other monthly activities. Brother and Sister Tom Moore hosted a teacher appreciation night which gave our Bible School department a real boost."

Vol. 57, No. 8, August 1992, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell), ON: Brian Garnett of Kentville, Nova Scotia is expected for a meeting in November.

Hamilton (West), ON: Avril Keoughan has had surgery. She expected to come home from Ghana in August.

The studies on "Stress" lead by Walter Hart of Guelph drew a "great turn out."

"Sue ... put her Lord on in baptism" on June 14.

Vol. 57, No. 12, December 1992, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: A good meeting with Brian Garnett is history. There are 46 responses to the Good News mailing.

Vol. 58, No. 1, January 1993, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue), ON: "I have been invited to the Fennell Avenue church of Christ to speak to their young people about the Multiplying Ministries. Some have been approached on local campuses by members of the M. M. who meet in Hamilton." --Peter Morphy

Vol. 58, no. 5, May 1993, p. 10-11

News East: Hamilton (West), ON: "Peter and Judy Morphy will be moving to Hamilton on June 1 to begin working with the congregation here. This congregation presently meets on the campus of Mohawk College. Peter will work full-time with the church in evangelism and spiritual growth within the congregation. West Hamilton will provide partial support and the balance will need to be raised. If you could help meet this need or would like additional information please contact Wayne Page (416) 648-5100.

"A gospel meeting is scheduled for August 15-17 on Spiritual Warfare with guest speaker Joe Beam of Augusta, Georgia. All are invited to join us for this excellent seminar. More details will follow in the Gospel Herald."

Vol. 58, No. 9, September 1993, p. 14

News East: West Hamilton, ON: The congregation was to host a meeting with brother Joe Beam of Augusta, Georgia August 15-17 at Mohawk College theatre, subject "Spiritual Warfare".

Vol. 58, No. 10, October 1993, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (West): For the meeting on Spiritual Warfare with Joe Beam of Augusta, Georgia this church (membership about 30) saw over 100 present on Sunday and over 150 on Monday and Tuesday. Thirty-five people ordered tapes of the lessons, and about 30 community people attended. "Several people have requested further study, two have attended services and two want to be baptized. We are planning another gospel meeting and a neighbour day before Christmas.

"The Multiplying Ministries are out in full force again this year on McMaster campus. We plan to do some work on the campus with those who are leaving or questioning the movement. A television program (which will focus on the Boston Movement) is being completed to be aired soon (possibly on 20/20). CBC is considering a follow-up program focusing on the Canadian scene.



"We have just begun weekly men's and women's classes which are designed to encourage, strengthen and unite the body of Christ. We solicit your prayers as we reach the city of Hamilton with the Good News of Jesus."--Peter Morphy

Vol. 58, No. 11, November 1993, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West): Gospel meeting with Max Craddock on November 26-28 on the "Cross of Jesus". A bring-a-friend day is scheduled for November 7. We are currently studying the Bible with several people who attended the Spiritual Warfare Seminar. "The Tubman family placed membership with us October 3."  
-- Peter Morphy

Vol. 58, No. 12, December 1993, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West): Gospel Meeting with Max Craddock on November 26-28, "Focus on the Cross" with 2000 brochures printed for distribution. Several visitors from the community are regularly attending. The young people hosted an area-wide teen day November 20, "Today if you hear His voice ..."--Peter Morphy

Vol. 59, No. 1, January 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West): A number of visitors attended our November 7 Bring Your Neighbour Day on "Excelling in Our Relationships". Eight community young people attended the November 20 teen day. The fall gospel meeting with Max Craddock saw a high attendance of 72 with several area visitors.

Avril Keoughan returned to serve as a medical missionary in Ghana for another 18 months.

Vol. 59, No. 3, March 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Randy Morrith of Beamsville is speaking here on Sundays.  
Hamilton (West End): Matthew Gill and Melanie Romanski placed membership. Derek and Gladys Jackson moved to Florida. Avril Keoughan has gone to Kumasi, Ghana to serve as a medical missionary. We began showing the Brecheen and Faulkner "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" at Mohawk College. Sunday attendance is averaging about 60 now.  
Holly Surya was just awarded her Canadian citizenship.

Vol. 59, No. 4, April 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Walter Hart will hold a meeting on April 17-20.  
Hamilton (West End): Weekly budget: \$350. Bring-a-Friend day, March 27.

Vol. 59, No. 5, June 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Isla Culley (Mrs. Curtis Culley), mother of Madolin Cook, passed away in Hamilton the week of April 24.

Hamilton (West): April 10 was our bring-a-friend-day entitled "Religion Unplugged" with an attendance of 82 of whom about 20 were non-Christian visitors. Rod and Tammy Land, who have been attending here while at McMaster, were baptized in Barrie on May 8. We invited the community to the Marriage Enrichment Seminar video series on Sunday evenings, January through March.

Tim and Laura Page and family have moved back to Hamilton from Harding University. Karen Binko recently moved here from Lachine, Quebec. On the evening of April 17 we were happy to have the brethren from Brantford for a singing devotional.

Peter and Judy Morphy have received custody of Judy's two nephews at the beginning of April. Since Judy is no longer able to work, we are seeking additional support for the Morphys.

Vol. 59, No. 7, July 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Bryan Meneer preached for us on May 22. On June 5, Rich Pinczuk spoke on his work with the Slavic ministry.

Hamilton (West): "We rejoice that Jessica Tubman put on Christ in baptism on May 22. We began 3 home Bible Discussion Groups on June 15. These will replace our mid-week meeting with the purpose of inviting non-Christians to learn more about Christ. On June 5 Bill Swarz of Meaford presented a three-hour seminar on the ins and outs of Home Bible Studies. About 40 of our members and friends attended our baseball and barbecue on June 4." -- Peter Morphy

Vol. 59, No. 8, August 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): This church is sponsoring Rich Pinczuk in his work with Slavic

people. Michael Bolton was guest speaker on June 5.

Hamilton (West): Rod and Tammy Land of Midland, who have been attending while at McMaster University, were baptized in Barrie on Sunday afternoon, May 8. Karen Branko from Lachine, Quebec has moved to this area and plans to worship with this church. Richard Hannah and family, who live in Beamsville but have been part of this church, will be worshipping with the Tintern church.

Vol. 59, No. 9, September 1994, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (West): Average attendance for June was 53. The Bibles for China project raised \$260.40 from members of this congregation. Budget till July 31, \$10,500. Giving to date, \$10,664.

Vol. 59, No. 11, November 1994, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West): The Home Bible Study for the young people meets at 8 p.m. Thursdays. Angie Train of Caledonia was baptized at Camp Omagh on August 19.

Vol. 59, No. 12, December 1994, p. 10

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): We rejoice over the recent baptism of Murray Bean on October 2. We were also highly encouraged at our recent gospel meeting led by brother David Walker from October 23-26.

Hamilton (West): We have had three baptisms: Michelle Swan on August 28, Charlene Elliott on September 1, and Dale Gregory on September 11. Our Bring a Friend day is Sunday, November 20.

Vol. 60, No. 1, January 1995, p. 12

News East: Hamilton (West): "Several hundred invitations were handed out for our Neighbour Day on November 27 with the theme 'Who Is the Lord, That I Should Obey Him?' with a potluck lunch following the service. The Brantford church joined us on the evening of Sunday, November 13 for singing and fellowship. A class for new Christians began at the beginning of October. The New Life Behaviour Course is currently being used. We thank God that several of our members have recently found employment."--Peter Morphy

Vol. 60, No. 2, February 1995, p. 11

News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Avril Keoughan, missionary in Ghana, recently found her co-worker and friend dead in her home from a new malaria medication. Leslie was 32 and had been serving as a medical missionary in Ghana for about one year. A Bring-a-Friend day was a success on November 27 entitled "Who is the Lord, That I Should Obey Him?" Home Bible studies averaged 29 in attendance with five visitors.

Vol. 60, No. 3, March 1995, p. 12

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Wendy Burnett was baptized in November and Murray Bean in December. Thirty attended the Saturday Kids' Day.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): Sarah Sloss was baptized on January 22. Several of her friends and family members were present and heard the gospel. The Chris Gardners have placed membership. The church is doing more community work including serving meals to homeless, women's shelters, and rehabilitation centers. We also plan to visit retirement homes and hospitals and work at food banks. The young people, 7-13, meet twice monthly on Friday evenings for recreation and devotionals. The budget has been increased from \$400 to \$500 per week. --Peter Morphy.

Vol. 60, No. 4, April 1995, p. 15

News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Drew and Jodi Hampshire are back in China, having cut the red tape surrounding their visas.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): Peter and Judy Morphy have a new daughter, Kaitlyn, born March 3.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Greg Fillion of Saskatchewan, son of Frank and Noreen Fillion, passed away on January 27 in Saskatchewan. The congregation celebrated with heaven when Nancy Van Alstine was baptized on March 26. The Bring-a-Friend Day on May 19 had 95 in attendance with several first-time visitors. The lesson "Peace in a Divided World" was followed by a potluck lunch. The Sunday worship attendance was at a high in March averaging 80. A group of teens from Arkansas plan to work in Hamilton for one week this summer.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): A one-day VBS is planned for August with continuing Saturday sessions in the fall. Jim Evans was baptized recently.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): The men are continuing a study of Hearts on Fire on Saturdays at the Morphy home. At the end of April the congregation was still ahead of budget. On April 2 their attendance was 81 and on Sunday evening 106.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): On May 28, VE Day was celebrated; not "Victory in Europe" but "Victory over Evil". On Saturday, May 22, the congregation had a barbecue and ball game at the Morphy's.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): A group of 18 young people came from Arkansas July 1-9 to help with the work of the church here. We rejoice that two more young souls were baptized into Christ in July. Mike Gratton was baptized on the 6<sup>th</sup> and Daniel Apoku on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Eighteen teens and three adults from Beebe, Arkansas delivered 8,000 flyers and did work in the community between July 1-9. One couple has been attending services as a result. Daniel, a young man at the Rehab residence, has been attending services.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Vacation Bible School was Thursday, July 27, with the theme "God Cares for You".

Hamilton (West Hamilton): A few of the teens spent the weekend of July 30 in Midland with Rod and Tammy Land. Guest speaker on July 23 was Joe Godbout. Ed VanAlstine has officially retired from his position with the provincial government, and on July 27 celebrated his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife, Edith.

"A group of young people from Strathmore were here September 10 and did an excellent drama presentation and song service in the evening. We joined the Brantford church on the evening of September 24 for singing and fellowship. We are instilling an evangelism/mission focus into our Bible School program beginning with the preschool age through to the parents. There are plans to send our teens to other cities and countries to do mission work in the next few years. We are planning a hay ride and hot dog roast in October for the congregation and friends."—Peter Morphy

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Three of the members attended the MCC lectureship and heard some excellent lessons. About 40 different non-members have attended a teen Bible study held on Thursday evenings.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): A group of young people from Strathmore made a presentation to us on Sunday evening, September 10. A wiener roast and hayride was held on October 4 at the Circle Square Ranch. Joe and Marcia Godbout visited with us on September 17. Joe presented the lesson.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Derek and Gladys Jackson are spending the winter months in Florida. Peter and Judy Morphy were in Indianapolis on December 3 to visit the church made up of those who left the multiplying ministry group. They now meet in rented quarters. In two years the number of teen Christians has increased from 2 to 15 with about 10 more studying.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): They celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a meeting on February 4-7. Guest speakers were Keith Thompson, Bob Davison and David Johnson. An area-wide song service was conducted on the afternoon of February 4. Drew and Jodi Hampshire have adopted a newborn girl, Jasmine Lyn. They are working in China.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): The congregation will be participating in the "Bibles for China" program. They collect loose change each day for 30 days and donate it for printing and distributing the Scriptures in China. Guy Stoppard of Strathmore spoke on January 14. The budget has been increased from \$500 to \$600 per week.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Baptisms: February 18, France Gordon; February 26, Adam Bailey; March 21, Heather and Becky Gray; and March 3, Tony Philemon. Don, Nicole, Erica and Lindsay McGregor have joined the church family. A "Bring Your Friends" day and potluck is planned each last Sunday of the month. Irene Bodish passed away on February 8. Service times were changed to 9:45 for Bible classes and 10:45 for worship hour. A Men's Leadership meeting was held March 3. On March 23 there was a Vision Canada planning Meeting to make plans for a workshop in the summer of 1997. The teens' Thursday evening class is watching the "Life on the Edge" series.

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News East: Hamilton (West): A lunch was served at the Men's Mission on April 13. The "Food Share" is a monthly program to give to the needy. The "Life on the Edge" film series is being shown to the teen class. We are now meeting in the South Cafeteria, which will provide us with the extra space we need. April 28 was "Bring a Friend" Sunday and potluck lunch. Ron Hoover passed away May 3 at home following a long battle with cancer. Ron and Marion had been members at Fennell until about two years ago. He was an example to others of dedication and service to the Lord. Joe Godbout and Steve May took the funeral service. Ron is survived by his wife, Marion; daughter, Kristin; and grandson, Kennedy. Greg predeceased his father.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Charlie Cook passed away on April 26. He will always be remembered as one who loved and served the Lord. Charlie is survived by his wife, Madeline and four children: Crystal, Tim, Carey and Charlene. Charlie had served as an elder for this congregation in previous years. Over 500 people attended the funeral and visitation.

A Gospel Meeting was held May 5-9 with the theme "First Century Evangelism" with John Hains as speaker.

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News East: Hamilton (West): After almost three years of working with the congregation, as of July 31 Peter and Judy Morphy and family will be leaving to work with the church in Sudbury.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Two men contacted in doing relief work at a men's residence were recently baptized. Peter Morphy and family have moved from this work to serve the church in Sudbury.

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News East: Hamilton (West): On July 7 a special collection was made for the "Craig Redwood fund". July 7 was the Neighbour-to-Neighbour food drive.

Ahmed Muhiyadin was baptized into Christ on July 13 and James Sundstrum into Christ on July 20. Several were involved with Camp Omagh, July 14-20. The Morphy family moved to Sudbury July 26. Marvin Johnson was a guest speaker on July 28.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Speakers have been Marvin Johnson, Don Whitfield, Keith Thompson, Art Ford and Joe Godbout. Welcomed into the Lord's family are Nathan Page and Amanda McGowan, who were baptized at Camp Omagh in August. Scott McKay put on the Lord in baptism on September 1. On September 22, Roy Cox led singing and Brian Cox presented the lesson. Several men plan to attend the "Promise Keepers" at Copp Coliseum on October 19. Dan Page graduated from Harding University and married Donna Dillard. They have returned to Harding where Donna will work on her Master's degree. The ladies' class is meeting on Tuesday evenings.

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News East: Hamilton (West): The Van Alstine family has moved to Hamilton and is meeting with the West Hamilton congregation. The congregation has enjoyed an interesting mix of speakers including Devon Bennett, Joe Godbout, Peter Morphy, Max Craddock and Chris Page.

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News East: Hamilton (West): On October 22 the ladies' class had a special guest speaker. Eileen Dale spoke on "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me". On October 27 the Brantford brethren joined us to worship the Lord in song. Karen Binko and Scott McKay joined hands in marriage on Saturday, November 2. Guest speakers have been Joe Godbout, Geoff Taylor, Peter Morphy, David Phillips and Walter Straker. Gladys and Derek Jackson recently left for Largo, Florida for the winter months. Steve and Phyllis May helped us

celebrate our 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Steve was guest speaker at a men's breakfast and Phyllis spoke at a ladies' luncheon.

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News East: Hamilton (Centre): The new building has an encouraging community response. Steve Rudd reports that three first-time couples have visited repeatedly.

Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Guy Stoppard is arranging his move to work with this church on a full-time basis beginning in February.

There are prospects of a Spanish group meeting in the building and being led by cooperation of Santiago Molina of Strathmore in Toronto and Javier Cuarezma of Waterloo.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Connie Bailey's father, Eugene LaFleur from Sault Ste. Marie, passed away on February 28, succumbing to cancer. Roseanne Tubman's father, Angelo Segato, also died of cancer on March 7. Melissa Melish's aunt died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The congregation is working with the Men's Mission and will be doing some work with Inasmuch House, one of the community women's shelters.

In July, Bob and Beth Williams from Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, will spend a weekend sharing their experiences in the mission field. On October 31 to November 5 the congregation will be celebrating her 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Jerry and Sally Gardner from Galveston, Texas, who preached the first sermon on November 1, 1987.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Becky Hibbard was back in the hospital on March 27 and has been diagnosed as needing a bone marrow transplant because of a resurgence of her leukemia.

Hamilton (West Hamilton): Guest speakers have been Peter Morphy, February 2; David Philip, February 16; Matt Gill, February 23; and Max Craddock, March 16.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell): Gladys Budai was to be baptized on Sunday, May 18. Her husband, Steve, became a Christian while they lived in Sudbury. A one-day VBS is scheduled for June 30.

Hamilton (West): Derek and Gladys Jackson are back from Florida. Several plan to go on a walkathon on June 14 to help the Men's Mission where meals are served on a monthly basis. The ladies have started a craft session and Bible study at Inasmuch House, the women's shelter. Keith Thompson will be guest speaker on leadership and elders for the month of June. A marathon hymn sing is planned for July 6 from 5-8 p.m. Bob and Beth Williams, former missionaries to Ghana, West Africa, will work with the group July 26-27.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): In an effort to begin a Spanish work in Hamilton, Santiago Molina of Toronto and Javier Cuarezma of Waterloo come on alternate Sundays to conduct Bible studies and worship.

Gladys Budai was baptized on May 25.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Brother Keith Thompson preached on leadership and eldership for the month of June. A songfest was held in mid-July. A ladies' breakfast at which sister Beth Williams shared some of her experiences as a missionary in Ghana was held at the end of July. On July 27, brother Bob Williams preached and shared slides and experiences in Ghana. Sunday, August 3 was the annual church picnic. On Sunday, August 10, Carrie Walker put on her Lord in baptism. Plans include a hayride and barbecue on October 19 and the congregation's tenth anniversary on the weekend of October 31. Also, an evening of bowling and a devotional for the youth on October 31, a Ladies' Day with Sally Gardner and Phyllis Stanley as guest speakers on November 1, and lessons from Jerry Gardner and potluck on Sunday, November 2.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): A Ladies' Day was held on September 13.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): The October 12-15 gospel meeting, "How to Give Away Your Faith",

with Jerry Tallman from Rochester, Michigan, was cancelled when sister Tallman learned that she has cancer.  
Hamilton (West Hamilton): On October 19 an area-wide hymn sing was hosted.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): The October 19 Songfest had five other congregations attending. Jerry Gardner spoke at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration with 100 in attendance Sunday morning. Sally Gardner and Phyllis Stanley spoke to the ladies on Saturday. The congregation goes once a month to the men's mission on Saturdays and the ladies' shelter on the second Thursday of the month. Brother Wayne Page and brother Ed Van Alstine have just been appointed as elders. Gladys and Derek Jackson left for Florida, and Trevor and Connie Bailey and son Joshua have moved to Prince George, BC.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Matthew Grey and Jonathan Rattan were baptized on January 4 and Matthew Tubman on January 18.

Ed Vanalstine and Wayne Page are the elders for this church. Two families were adopted and treated with food and gift hampers during the holiday season. Carols were sung at two retirement homes. Work continues with the Men's Mission, the Women's Shelter and the monthly food for the Neighbour-to-Neighbour program.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): Directory additions were Robert and Lisa Beasley and family and Dave and Jenny Giglia and family on January 25. "Our January teaching seminar with Jerry Tallman on "How to Give Your Faith Away" was excellent, with attendance ranging from 75 to 120. We had a songfest with surrounding congregations on February 15, and a seniors' appreciation day/dinner is planned for March with David Johnson speaking."

Alison Bennett put on Christ in baptism in February.

Hamilton (West): Three girls have been baptized making a total of six baptisms in recent weeks. A meeting with David Chadwell is scheduled for April 24-26.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Baptism: Neil McLaren obeyed his Lord on Sunday, April 19. The congregation set up four committees; evangelism, education, worship and life, and church facilities. On Sunday, May 10, ten visitors attended the worship service. On May 8 their first request for Bible Correspondence Course from 'Key to the Kingdom.' was received.

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News East: Hamilton (West): "There was much rejoicing as Daniel Mahabir was buried with Christ in baptism on June 7. We are happy to now have eight active Bible correspondence students (2 from Key to the Kingdom TV responses) and a very promising program involving the "men's mission" and "women's shelter." We appreciate the help from several young men from Strathmore – David Philip, Matt Gill and Peter Humphreys. Each Sunday we are blessed with several visitors searching for the Truth – and they are becoming regular visitors. Eighteen of our congregation travelled to Stratford on May 24 for an afternoon songfest. Ed and Edith Van Alstine and Wayne and Julia Page participated in a His Needs, Her Needs marriage facilitator seminar at Tintern. Brian Boden and David Philip share the preaching for West Hamilton and their lessons have created an enthusiasm and eagerness in the congregation to better learn the Word and share it with others."—Ed Van Alstine.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): "We rejoice that two families have moved to Hamilton and become a part of the West Hamilton church family – Mike and Rochelle Gosselin from St. Catharines and Subhas and Eithna Ganguli, from Wisconsin. On July 1, fourteen travelled to Nashville to attend "Jubilee." We are now holding weekly Bible studies at the men's residence in a room called "The Meeting Place." On July 13, two of our youth, Blake Dendecker and Nathan Page accompanied David Philip and Matt Gill for a one week mission work in Trinidad. Our July 12 attendance was 53." -- E. Van Alstine.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): "Stephen Koo obeyed the gospel in baptism on July 26. On August 9 the congregation and visitors enjoyed an Annual Picnic at Christie Conservation Area." – E. Van Alstine

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Students who have gone off to college are Jonathan Page to Harding University and Nancy Van Alstine to Oklahoma Christian University.

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News East: Hamilton (West): The names of Jessica Borre and Bradley Nevilles have been added to the directory.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Ave.): Tanya Dobrobaba became Mrs. David Montgomery on October 4. Guy Stoppard officiated. (Editor's note: Tanya Dobrobaba first came to Toronto a year ago for the Christmas vacation. Her parents had just immigrated to Canada. Four years ago she was an exchange student to Montana where she became a Christian. For two years she attended college at Powell, Wyoming and has now transferred to McMaster. David befriended her when she first came and they have dated ever since. W.S.)

Hamilton (West): On September 9, Tammy and Rod Land were blessed with a daughter, Sierra. Six men attended the men's retreat at Camp Omagh. Jessica Borre (Windsor) is studying "medical imaging" at Mohawk College and is worshipping with the West Hamilton brothers and sisters. Since September, Tim Page and other youth leaders have been leading a young peoples program of singing, social mix and study. They meet on the first and third Sunday evenings each month. The congregation enjoyed two Thanksgiving dinners. A Traditional Canadian Thanksgiving dinner on October 11 with foreign students invited from Mohawk, McMaster, and one other College. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a second dinner with young people from local and surrounding areas. There were 68 spontaneous, exuberant young people who enjoyed this fellowship. E. Van Alstine.

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News East: Hamilton (West): On November 22 Bradley Nevilles obeyed the gospel and Carl Moore was baptized on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Barry Van Alstine is home visiting for the month of December then returns to his teaching position in South Korea. The congregation is providing gifts and a Christmas dinner for a needy family with three children. We have enjoyed a number of visitors from the Men's Mission. Dan and Donna Page from California will be home for the holidays, as well as Nancy Van Alstine, from OCU and Jonathan Page from Harding.

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News East: Hamilton (West): "Congratulations to Jonathan Page and Jene (Tedford) Page on their Jan. 30/99 wedding which took place in the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas. Jonathan and Jene are continuing their studies at Harding University." Ed Van Alstine

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Avenue): "We thank God for the addition of a new brother in Christ. Mike Horner decided to accept Christ as his saviour on March 7<sup>th</sup>." --Guy Stoppard

Hamilton (West): "At the congregational meeting on March the 7<sup>th</sup> the consensus was that, due to numbers, we will expand to three mid-week Bible studies in homes. Plans are in progress for an area wide, Christian adult singles group. We are going to repeat our successful mothers' day pony rides for community outreach. Plans are in progress for a family presentation, also for the community." --Ed Van Alstine

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Ave.): "We thank God for the addition of a new sister in Christ, Carolyn Johnson. A meeting with Michael Tackett of Key to the Kingdom is scheduled for November 14-16.

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News East: Hamilton (West Hamilton): Community outreach projects for June include two video sessions for "Keys for Loving Relationships" and on June 19, we offered free pony-rides for the community for Father's Day.

The congregation that meets at 450 Concession St. held a meeting with Royce Chandler and seven students from Florida College in Florida on May 16.

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News East: Hamilton (West): Jerry and Sally Gardiner visited the congregation in August. Jerry taught the mid-week class and showed a film on the Honduras work he is involved in. As a result, some of our members made a decision to also be involved in the Honduras work. On August 15, Rodney Tedford and his family were visiting from Texas. Rodney presented the morning sermon to the congregation. This is Rodney's last stop prior to his leaving for Trinidad where he will be teaching in a Church of Christ school of preaching.

Welcome back Jonathan, Jene and Jaiden Page who will be with us for a year. God willing, next year they will return to Harding where Jonathan will enter the School of Preaching. In August we had a number of visitors at our annual church picnic and Bible class in Christie Conservation Park. Mike Gosselin will be leaving October 16 for a week of Missionary work in the Dominican Republic.

Hamilton (Fennell Ave.): Michael Tackett of Key to the Kingdom will be preaching here on "That We May Be One", November 12-14.

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News East: Hamilton (Fennell Ave.): A special meeting with Michael Tackett was held November 12-14.

Hamilton (West): "Mike Gosselin returned from missionary work in the Dominican Republic and told us of the good work which is going on, under great difficulties. Jonathan, Jene and Jaiden Page left for Harding University where Jonathan will be attending the School of Preaching.

The facilities committee have presented some exciting proposals for our 5-year church plan. The congregation is now supplying food to the Hamilton Neighbour to Neighbour program." Ed Van Alstine.