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ABBREVIATIONS

BF	-	<i>Banner of the Faith</i>
BI	-	<i>Bible Index</i>
BI&CS	-	<i>Bible Index and Christian Sentinel</i>
BIr	-	<i>The Bible Indicator</i>
CB	-	<i>The Christian Banner</i>
CS	-	<i>The Christian Sentinel</i>
CW	-	<i>Christian Worker</i>
MGW	-	<i>Message of Good-Will to Men</i>
WT	-	<i>The Witness of Truth</i>

D. O.	-	David Oliphant Jr

RESTORATION CHURCHES IN SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO

GENERAL.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *Bro. Alexander Anderson* proposes to leave his home (Rockwood P.O.) on the first of May, visit Lobo and Mosa during the first week of May, Dorchester and Yarmouth the second week, Rainham the third week. *BI*, May 1873, 103.

BROTHER CLENDENAN'S REPORT [George]. The month of March was spent in the counties of Elgin and Middlesex. Touching at Hamilton, London, and St. Thomas, arrived at Bro. Sheppard's in Dorchester, the 6th. While in London did not see my well-beloved Bro. Oliphant, as he was in Goderich battling right yeomanly for the King. The visit to Dorchester and Yarmouth was unpleasant because the weather and roads were not homogenous, the latter being *unmarchable*, the former superlatively March. Socially and religious, the reminiscences are delightful, especially the way Talbot Street toll-bar tenders have of discriminating between Methodists and Disciples. One of them, a fair daughter of "Innisfil," demanded five cents for the privilege of attending the Lord's Day meeting, consoling us with the remark that we could go to the Methodist meeting free. At first this was suspected to be an "Elgin (county) fraud," but soon changed my mind, cheerfully paid the sum that in her judgment constituted the differential attribute between a Methodist and a Disciple, wended my way...March 13. Arrived at Elder Colin Sinclair's in Howard. Remained two weeks, visiting Aldboro' in the interim. The churches in this region are in excellent condition, and Bro. Sinclair's labors are lovingly appreciated by all the brethren. As respects the name Campbell, the Ridgetown Church is entitled to a silken banner, there being 25 members of that name, with 25 others who ought to belong. Bro. Joseph Ash, of Blenheim, well known to the Brotherhood, was with us two Lord's Days. March 23rd. Reached Lobo and remained one week. Weather and roads, humanly speaking, bad. Visited Bro. Duncan McKellar, a venerable patriarch of 84 years...I visited the grave of Elder Dugald Sinclair, who preached the gospel for a period of 70 years...The companion of his labors is still living, though in feeble health...After resting at home a few days, went accompanied by my wife, to the old Niagara District... *BI*, May 1874, 144-145.

ALDBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. (Those attending the 1873 annual meeting at Mosa are listed.) *From Aldboro.*—John and Archd. McKillop, Arch. Munro, Angus McGregor and Arch. Purcell. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

CHURCH NEWS. I [McDiarmid] was at the August meeting in Alboro, by invitation; spoke to the people five times. Bro. Sinclair was present, but his health not being

good, and having preached frequently in the place, spoke once only. Brethren Oliphant and McKellar were present on Lord's day. I had the pleasure of baptizing four who desired to serve the Lord. *BI*, Oct. 1877, 309-310.

ANNUAL ALDBORO' MEETING. The annual meeting of the Disciples in Aldoro' took place as usual on the last Sunday of August. The proceedings commenced on Saturday evening, Aug. 25th, at the north of Aldboro' church about five miles from Newbury. This meeting formed the occasion for the brethren of distant localities to meet in fellowship and friendly brotherhood. There were disciples from Southwold, Lobo, Brooke, Mosa, Florence, Howard, Harwich, and Chatham. The number from the Howard church was very large. There must have been about twenty of Bro. C. Sinclair's church members there, many of whom reside twenty miles distant. The meeting on Saturday...Bros. C. Sinclair and H. McDiarmid conducted the services, the latter preaching. On Sunday morning the church was not nearly able to hold the people...McDiarmid preached...morning and evening...and again on Monday morning. One professed Christ...The meeting was continued for three evenings...four put on Christ in baptism...On Sunday morning following (Sept. 2) Bro. McDiarmid addressed a large audience of the Howard church in Ridgetown, and in the afternoon filled Bro. Sinclair's Old Street appointment by speaking to an attentive congregation in the Methodist church,...After spending a few days at the home and amongst the acquaintances of his, Br. McDiarmid has gone back to his labors in the east. *BI*, Oct. 1877, 311-314.

CHURCH NEWS. Bro. James Kilgour was preaching in Aldboro, the last word we had from him. *BI*, March 1879, 95.

ANNUAL MEETING. Report by C. S. [Colin Sinclair], of Ridgetown: The annual meeting held by the brethren in Aldboro began on Saturday the 30th of August, and closed on the following Monday. Bro. E. Sheppard and the writer were the speakers... Some of the brethren told us that the congregation on Sunday afternoon was the largest ever convened at that point...This church has had some of its own seasons of trial, brought upon it by unwise teachers coming among them...Had they a *faithful* evangelist the cause would gain rapidly with them... *BI*, Oct. 1879, 312.

"THE PLAINS," ALDBOROUGH TWP, ELGIN COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes as follows:—On 29th August myself and Mrs. Ash, in company with Bro. Colin Sinclair and wife, went to the northern part of the Township of Aldboro, near Wardsville ["The Plains"?], to the meeting house belonging to the Disciples of Christ to attend a yearly meeting of the brethren. It has been their custom for many years to have a yearly meeting the last of August. There is another church in front of the township, situated in the village of Eagle; this church, too, has a yearly meeting in December of each year. We arrived in time for the meeting of Saturday evening. We addressed a fine audience; had a happy meeting. During our stay we enjoyed the hospitalities of Bro. Purcell, whose house

and heart are amply large. He has a large family, most of whom are members of the church. On Lord's day at 11 a.m. met again for worship; found Bro Kilgour of Guelph, and Bro Gray of Detroit had arrived...exhortation by the writer and Bro Gray...Bro. Sinclair was president of the meeting...Kilgour addressed a congregation of over three hundred...After this the holy supper was dispensed to over 150 brethren. In the evening Bro. Kilgour again addressed an increased audience of 500 or more...On Monday at half-past nine...a discourse by Bro Gray...There were brethren in this meeting from eleven townships, some coming over 40 miles. *BI*, Oct. 1873, 182-183.

EAGLE, ALDBOROUGH TWP, ELGIN COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes:—"Since I moved from Oshawa and made my home in the county of Kent, I have visited and labored with three congregations, and become acquainted with many brethren. They are a worthy band of loving brethren in these parts...The congregations in Aldboro are in a steady, healthy state. Though not so numerous in their membership, yet they are strong. One church is at Eagle on Talbot Street, another back near the River Thames... *BI*, Feb. 1873, 56

RAWDON, ALDBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. MEETING AT MOSA. Reported by C. J. Lister to "My Dear Brother Black," from Owen Sound, July 1875. I wish Bro. Colin Sinclair would give us a scrap of news now and then in the *Index*. He is doing a good work; he travels some 5,000 miles a year, preaching at different stations. Immerses quite a number through the year. Was holding a series of meetings at Rawdon on the C. S. R. R. Had immersed six or seven when the Mosa Meeting began. He commenced to again at Rawdon before I left...*BI*, July 1875, 209-210.

RODNEY, ALDBOROUGH, ELGIN COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BRO. COLIN SINCLAIR'S REPORT. (Ridgetown, June 1873.) I remained with the brethren in Mosa, after the June meeting until Wednesday, when we again went to the river and assisted two penitent believers to put on the Lord in baptism...Upon leaving their I commenced a series of meetings the same evening in the village of Rodney, Aldboro' Township, where I have been preaching once in the three weeks for the last six months. Our meetings are held in the new and neatly furnished town hall, granted by the council. There were no brethren residing in this immediate neighborhood. Our congregations were composed principally of Presbyterians and a few Methodists, who gave us a good hearing. We were favored for a few evenings with the presence of a Methodist minister, who appeared to enjoy the meetings well. To use his own words, "he felt like shouting glory"; but he soon disappeared...taken by that much dreaded disease

“hydrophobia”—dread of water...The meetings continued until the 20th, when we went to the River Thames, and immersed three penitent believers—all of them brought up in the Presbyterian school from childhood. Strange to say, neither of them ever witnessed a baptism before. One of them a lady of sixty-nine years...Brethren A. Munro and McGregan attended the meeting throughout, a distance of six miles, walking the whole distance... *BI*, Aug. 1873, 152.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Archibald Sinclair is preaching at Lobo and Rodney. Could not fill his appointments of late on account of a severe attack of inflammation on the lungs. J. J. T. *BI*, May 1876, 139.

C. J. Lister in a letter to “My Dear Brother Black.” The Disciples in Rodney (Aldboro Township) had their new meeting-house completed some three weeks ago, and when it was opened Brethren Sheppard and Colin Sinclair were the speakers. The former remained two days; the latter about two weeks. During the time he baptized six. Bro. Colin has preached many times at Rodney. Bro. D. B. McKellar has had monthly and Bro Arch’d Sinclair fortnightly appointments there for some time. Bro. Arch’d is a good speaker, and will make his mark yet, or I am greatly mistaken. He is for the Bible ONLY, as our rule of faith, and is much opposed to all innovations, sectarianisms, etc. The Church here enjoys peace. *BI*, July 1876, 195-197.

REPORT NO. 7: Thos. L. Fowler to, Dear Bro McDiarmid,—I have recently baptized 4 here upon a confession of their faith in Christ. We expect greater results in the future... *BI&CS*, May 1882, 140.

By Joseph Ash. Young Bro. Wm. Campbell, who now lives in Appin on the G. W. R. has planted a fine congregation in that village, and has lately held a meeting of days in Rodney village and has seven additions to the church there, by the gospel rule. Bro. Campbell was for some time at Hiram College in Ohio, and in addition to an excellent vocal talent has a good educational qualification. Bro. Keffer and Bro. Campbell have arranged to exchange labors when convenient, which we think will be good for both churches. *CW*, Jan. 1883, 1.

Joseph Ash to Bro. Beaty, Rodney, 29th April, 1883: By this you see I have got to my new abode. I was at meeting to-day. It was a good large meeting. Bro. McDonald, of Port Hope, was here, but could not speak much, as he is suffering, and under medical treatment. Bro. W. Campbell and self did most of the speaking. Bro C. intends removing to this place soon. Notice in the INDEX my change of residence. The church here is in a good spiritual condition, moving on harmoniously. *BI*, June 1883, 189.

NEWS NOTES. Here is an extract from Bro. Ash’s private correspondence:—“I am very anxious that you [H. B. Sherman] should spend time preaching here when it can be done. Our young Bro. Campbell who preaches here is a true one. Three baptized lately. I think if you could be here you would say I have a nice place and that Rodney is a nice village beautifully located.” *CW*, Oct. 1883, 2.

FIELD NOTES. (H. B. Sherman on a preaching tour.) ...We left R. T. [Ridgetown] at noon on Saturday and were in Rodney at Joseph Ash's by two o'clock p.m. I was glad to meet this old soldier and to find him so comfortably fixed for old age. With him the years are growing on (76 years) and the outer man is failing day by day...This yearly meeting of the church in Aldboro T. P. was well announced for the Lord's day, but Lord's day morning came and with it a steady rain, but in spite of this we had large congregations at both meetings on Lord's day. When the rain ceased there came a real blizzard, the most disagreeable of this winter by far. On this account our audiences were uniformly small. One noble soul was buried with Christ in baptism...There are many good disciples in this church. In this township there is but one church, and three meetinghouses where the meetings are alternately held. The united churches have employed Bro. Wm. Campbell to labor among the, and are doing much good. Rodney is the centre of the church's (sic) influence in the township, and is a nice thriving village of about 500 inhabitants on the C. S. R. R., 30 miles west from St. Thomas. We closed our meetings at Rodney on Friday night, Jan. 4 and bade the good brethren good bye. *CW*, Jan. 1884, 2.

GOSPEL SUCCESS. Bro. Wm. C. Campbell has been reemployed by the church in Aldboro Tp. His address is Rodney. *CW*, March 1884, 2.

ITEMS AND NEWS. RODNEY.—(By Joseph Ash.) Recently two have united with the church here. One a very woman who had been immersed by the Congregationalists. The other an excellent woman by confession and baptism...We have a fine growing Sunday school and bible class... *BI*, Nov. 1884, 351.

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ITEMS AND NEWS. RODNEY.—(By J. Ash.) We have had a very successful series of meetings in this place. We had very large audiences and the best attention paid to the best of preaching from first to last. Bro. Wm. D. Campbell was chief speaker and I a helper. Our series commenced on 28th Dec. (the annual December meeting) and closed on 21st of January. Up to the close we had twenty-two additions, all by confession and obedience. On Lord's day following at the close of forenoon meeting one more confession and one in the evening. In all to now twenty-four and fine prospects for more...twelve males and twelve females...one entire household...seven families where no disciples were before...Our congregation now numbers considerably over 100 members. *BI*, March 1885, 94.

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(POPLAR HILL), LOBO TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

More Good News. Brother Sheppard, in a letter just received, says—In addition to preaching in the West among our staunch co-operators, the Scotch Baptists [cf. Lobo, etc.], I now hold regular meetings in Sparta Village, Temperanceville, and on Talbot Street, four miles from St. Thomas...*CB*, April 1855, 116.

A Word About Some of the Churches (D. O.): On holding a short interview the other week at London with brother Sinclair, of Lobo, we learned that the brethren in Lobo and vicinity are in common prosperity. Two or more were immersed at Lobo. *CB*, Sept. 1855, 256.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING at Erin, Feb. 1, 1861, by L. Parkinson: There was also a very promising church organized in the township of Howard, composed principally of old disciples, formerly known as Scotch Baptists, and in connexion with our much esteemed and venerable brother Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo, and a few young disciples baptised (sic) by a brother Thomson from Kentucky, and our evangelists... *BF*, March-April 1861, 78.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. (Those attending the 1873 annual meeting at Mosa are listed.) *From Lobo*.—Archd. Sinclair, John Campbell, Douglas Sinclair, Fred. Ladell, Geo. Barclay, Jas. Campbell, John McLellan, Alex. McLellan and Peter McVicar. The Lobo congregation numbers between 40 and 50 members. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

BRO. ANDERSON'S REPORT. From A. Anderson to the editor of the *BI*. As announced in the Index I left home on the first of May to visit our brethren in the west and south. It was my intention to go west as far as Mosa, but I found I could not do so and be back in time for the meeting at Beamsville, and consequently went no further than Lobo. Here I was kindly received by the brethren, but, as they were busy getting their seed in the ground I did not attempt to hold any meeting, but on the Lord's day the meeting was poorly attended in the morning for the reason (as I afterwards learned) that some of the brethren there do not go to meeting unless some eminent preacher is to speak to them, this is not as it should be; and let me say to our brethren in Lobo: You have not so learned Christ...No! No!...There is however a band of faithful followers of the Lamb in Lobo, and while the Sinclairs, the Campbells, the Grays, the McKellers, the McDougalls, the Dewars, and the Barclays, are living, the cause of Christ will live and be honored. *BI*, July 1873, 138-129.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. At meetings at Lobo, held by Bro. Hertzog of Buffalo, fourteen persons were added to the Lord. *BI*, Sept. 1875, 274.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. The *Living Laborer* says, "two or three have joined with the disciples in Lobo of late, having confessed the Lord Jesus. Since the beginning of July, we think about twenty have accepted the gospel and united with the Church of God in Lobo." We presume some of this is a result of Bro. Lister's labours, although not mentioned in the *Laborer*. *BI*, Dec. 1875.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. First Lord's Day in June.—At Coldstream, which we believe is a few miles from Komoka station on the Great Western Railway, west of London. We are not sure of any names of brethren to enquire for there, or what means of conveyance there is from the station; but no doubt that will all be arranged in time. *BI*, May 1876, 140.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. The Lobo Meeting.—This was the first of the series of meetings arranged for this year, and commenced on the Saturday before the first Lord's Day in June. This was the first also at which Bro. Franklin attended. He was accompanied from Detroit by Alexander Linn, Sr...C. J. Lister presiding...other brethren...Bro. Joseph Ash from Lyons, Elgin Co., Bro. Bentley from Dorchester, Bro. Jno. McKillop from Aldborough. The Sinclairs, McKellars, Grays, McDougalls, and Campbells were in full force...Franklin spoke in the morning of Lord's day to a full house on "The Scriptures,"...[and] in the afternoon...on Cornelius' conversion...On the Monday morning short discourses were delivered by Bro. Jas. Beaty, Jr., from Toronto, and Bro. Franklin, and the meetings were continued by Bro. Franklin during the week. Three were added...Bro. Oliphant came...on Monday afternoon. Bro. Lister was to continue the meetings after Bro. F. left.

Since writing the foregoing we received the following (from C. J. L. [Lister]). You will remember that Bro. Franklin was to spend a few days with the Church in Lobo Meeting-house near Coldstream. The meetings gave great satisfaction...The Baptists are our most determined opponents here...Bro. Beaty gave us a good discourse: while it was pointed, plain and instructive, it was free from nettles and briars. The church here intends to have a new synagogue 50x34 ready for meetings by first week in October. *BI*, July 1876, 195-197.

CHURCH NEWS. Bro. O. G. Hertzog.—Within the last month Bro. O. G. Hertzog spent two weeks in Lobo in connection with the opening of the new meeting house recently built there, preaching every evening to very large audiences. Two were added... *BI*, Feb. 1877, 61.

CHURCH NEWS. Bro. A. Wilcox recently closed a meeting in Lobo. Three were added. He went from Lobo to Dorchester to hold a meeting there and is supposed to be there now (Sept. 17)... *BI*, Oct. 1877, 309-310.

CHURCH NEWS. E. S. [Edmund Sheppard] From the annual meeting of our brethren in Aldboro'—which you will find reported in the proper place—we went on to Lobo where we were much pleased to form an acquaintance with Bro. A. Wilcox of Cleveland, Ohio, who at this time was holding a meeting with the brethren at Cold Stream [Lobo] for about two weeks. *BI*, Oct. 1877, 310-311.

H. M. [Hugh McDiarmid] We had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting in Lobo beginning on Saturday, the 13th of Oct. This meeting is known as the October meeting. Brethren from surrounding churches gather at this meeting year and year, and talk together of the past and the future, of things seen and things unseen. Thus a fellowship is maintained between the churches of a large region of the country in the western part of the Dominion...When I was in Lobo twelve or thirteen years ago Elder D. Sinclair, although over 90 years of age, was still moving among the brethren...Bro. A. Sinclair, his son, now speaks to the church there nearly every Lord's day, and has done so for several years.... *BI*, Nov. 1877, 350.

OBITUARIES. Our beloved sister Gray, wife of Bro. John Gray, of Lobo, departed this life on the 5th of January, aged 81. Sister Gray was a native of Argyleshire, Scotland, and with her husband emigrated to this country in the year 1819...Sister Gray confessed her faith in the Saviour in 1862... *BI*, May 1879, 159.

Bro. Geo. Munro, of Harwich, writes:—The series of meeting conducted by Elder Garvin in Lobo, closed on Lord's day, July 20th...There were in all twenty-two additions by baptism, of whom quite a number were heads of families... *BI*, Aug. 1879, 241-242.

CHURCH NEWS. By C. S. [Colin Sinclair], Ridgetown, Oct. 13, 1879: We learn that Bro. Garvin went from St. Thomas to Lobo to attend a three-day annual meeting. The brethren have decided to continue the meetings for a couple of weeks... *BI*, Nov. 1879, 349.

JOYFUL AND SORROWFUL. While in Lobo last week, we were pleased to meet with a company of brethren who assembled...to witness the baptism of two—man and wife—who decided to serve the Lord...The cause is gaining ground steadily at this point...While here, we attended the funeral of Bro. John Campbell's oldest son, who came to his death by a falling limb from a tree. (C. S.) *CS*, April 1880, 119.

CHURCH NEWS. The meeting in Lobo, conducted by Bro. T. D. Garvin, closed with *fourteen* additions. He is now in Mosa. *CS*, July 1880, 217.

ITEMS AND NEWS. Lobo.—There was great interest, and generally a good time, at the annual meeting of the brethren in this neighborhood in October. There was one baptism. *BI*, Dec. 1883, 380.

ITEMS AND NEWS. MISSIONARY—W. E. Macklin of Poplar Hill, Ontario, has determined to go to Japan to preach the gospel to the natives. He will practice his profession there...He is the brother to Edgar Macklin of Stratford. Both brothers have the same desire for the souls of men... *BI*, Dec. 1884, 376.

NEWS ITEMS. Bros. C. Sinclair and Sheppard held a short meeting in Lobo in October at which time four were added to the church... *CW*, Nov. 1885, 2.

NORTH EAST HOPE TOWNSHIP, PERTH COUNTY

TWO WEEKS' TOUR, by James Black and James Kilgour, Eramosa, Jan. 22, 1848, principally through Townships of North East Hope and Wellesley. "Our next station was at the house of brother James Campbell of North East Hope, who with his wife and Nephew, compose the little band we went to see and confirm in the truth. (Visited also Elder Bayley, a Baptist.) The next station was at the rear of North East Hope, brother Milne teacher, where a few believers were immersed after last year's efforts.

They plus two Baptists meet as a church. An attempt was made to unite the two groups.” *WT*, April 1848, 92.

SPECIAL NEWS. EVANGELISTS TOUR—REPORT NO. II, by Alexander Anderson and James Kilgour. Visited North East Hope and found W. Milne alive and zealous and a small church where he is located. In the front of the Township where the brethren Campbells live there is no church. Six or seven discourses were given in these places...*WT*, March 1850, 67-68.

MAPLETON, SOUTH DORCHSTER TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

E. Sheppard in letter to David Oliphant, South Dorchester, Jan. 7, 1850: “...informing you...that a church of the Disciples has been established in this neighborhood... assembled last First Day as incorporated members of Christ, and though we were watched closely by the jealous eyes of sectarianism...I cannot tell you accurately how many may unite with us...” *WT*, Feb. 1850, 47.

Bro. Sheppard near Aylmer has recently immersed three into the faith...The brethren here are building a meeting House, which will be complete sometime during the present month. D.O. *WT*, Aug. 1850, 192.

ADDITIONAL REPORT ON LABOURS. E. Sheppard, May 19, 1850. Anderson and Kilgour have laboured in this neighborhood for one week. None added. We have received a brother and sister from the Baptist order...also a brother from the Freewill Baptists...a brother from Troopsville, NY...a brother from Jordan. (This report had been mislaid, hence the delay in publishing.) *WT*, Sept. 1850, 217.

A SHORT VISIT WESTWARD, by D. O. Reports the new building to which he had been invited to be present for the opening. Last January some six or eight or ten met in that vicinity for the first time. Now the number stands at 18 or 20. *WT*, Sept. 1850, 215-216.

Edmund Sheppard to Brother Oliphant, from Gainsboro, June 3, 1853, (reporting preaching with Anderson and Kilgour in Gainsboro), ...during the eight days preceding the day I started from home to join these brethren (Monday, May 23rd) I immersed nine believers in South Dorchester in the name of Jesus. *CB*, July 1853, 196.

Yearly Meeting: Annual meeting of the co-operating churches, held in Williamsville, Sat. June 18 (1853). Present from Dorchester, R. Bently and J. Buchart. *CB*, Aug. 1853, 219.

Meeting in June and Various Reports, Everton, July 4, 1854: “Reports from the Churches,” South Dorchester, present number 49; added during the year 4; removed 3; died 2; expelled none. R. Bentley and P. McNeil, Elders; John Lutton and John

McLaughlin, Deacons; E. Sheppard, Evangelist...Evangelist's Fund—The Treasury, Eramosa, July 20, 1854: Received from church in Dorchester \$10.00. *CB*, Aug. 1854, 223.

More Good News. Brother Sheppard, in a letter just received, says—"I am happy to inform you that our body here is enjoying the great blessings of union, harmony, and peace. We have had seven additions in the past six months...In addition to preaching in the West among our staunch co-operators, the Scotch Baptists [cf. Lobo, etc.], I now hold regular meetings in Sparta Village, Temperanceville, and on Talbot Street, four miles from St. Thomas [Yarmouth Heights ?]...*CB*, April 1855, 116.

A Word About Some of the Churches (D. O.): At Dorchester the church is in usual health. Several were added to it a few weeks ago. *CB*, Sept. 1855, 256.

Religious Intelligence. From a communication under date of October 23rd, from brother Sheppard, we copy the following:—"Since I saw you in London at the time of Brother Campbell's visit, we have had the pleasure of introducing four intelligent persons into the visible church. by Christian baptism at Dorchester. You mistake in stating in the Banner for September, that 'several were added a few weeks since' to the church at Dorchester, only one had been baptized here within a few weeks; though three had been added by baptism at Lobo and two others were to be immersed there on the following Lord's day; hence, I suppose the mistake." *CB*, Nov. 1855, 308.

THE MEETING IN JUNE. Annual Meeting, South Dorchester Township, Friday, June 19 and three following days. The brethren in Ohio have kindly consented to give us the use of their large tent which will accommodate two or three thousand persons... We will have conveyances...at the Edwardsburg Station of the Great Western Railway (9 ½ miles east of London) on Thursday the 18th June, Friday the 19th, and Saturday the 20th...We will also have conveyances at the "Canada House" ("Coles") at St. Thomas on Friday the 19th and Saturday the 20th of June, to suit the arrival of the trains...Those coming across the Lake from Cleveland to Port Stanley, can take the cars to St. Thomas...The place of the meeting is 19 N. E. of London, 12 miles E. N. E. of St. Thomas, 6 ½ miles N. W. of Aylmer, 4 miles north of Temperanceville, and about 13 miles from Edwardsburg Station. Edmund Sheppard, South Dorchester, 21st April, 1857. *CB*, May 1857, 153-154.

THE ANNUAL MEETING (by John Butchart Jr): ...The great tent sent from Ohio... arrived shortly after noon (Friday June 19) and early next morning it was ready to receive a large company. On Friday at 2 o'clock at a meeting convened in the Meeting House, composed mostly of brethren. At this meeting were present a number of the public laborers of Canada, also brother Leonard Southmayd and his sister consort, from Newton Falls, Ohio, and J. C. Stark and his Christian companion, from Massilon, Ohio...Brethren Southmayd, Stark, Kilgour, Anderson, Sheppard, and others took part in the exercises...Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the brethren and a large company of others met under the tent and listened to...brother Southmayd...At 2 a large audience was addressed by A. B. Green...from Norton Centre, Ohio...In the evening

at 6 brother A. Anderson addressed a large company...and was followed by Elder Sinclair, of Lobo...Lord's day morning at 9 the brethren and some others met for prayer, praise, and exhortation...At 11 by which time a large company had assembled. The morning was very unpropitious, the rain falling copiously from an early hour...By noon it was estimated that not less than 2500 persons were present...After these exercises, soon as the brethren who numbered about 150 could be seated compactly in the centre of the tent, ordinances of the Lord's supper was dispensed. It was presided over by Elder J. Black of Eramosa...About 4 the audience was called to order... brother Kilgour proceeded to address them, but before he had proceeded far the rain began to fall so heavily that he could not be heard and had to stop. Soon as the rain abated sufficiently, he proceeded...the effect of the discourse was greatly injured by the interruption...a large company met at a stream about two miles distant, where seven persons were buried with their Lord in baptism...On Monday (poor weather) a large company convened at 10 o'clock and listened...to brethren Anderson, Stark, Black and Lister, followed by Green...At 2 o'clock a parting hymn was sung and prayer offered...prepare to depart to their respective homes... *CB*, July 1857, 216-218.

ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. Report of the Annual Meeting of the co-operation, convened according to appointment in Eramosa, on the 4th of February, 1859...the reports were received from the various churches represented at the meeting...Church in Dorchester, 6 added, 3 removed, 1 exp[elled], present number 107. By Cash from Church in: Dorchester, \$3.00. To Cash paid, E. Sheppard, \$45.00. Report of the Committee: ...During the year Bro. Edmond (sic) Sheppard has arranged his business with special reference to have liberty to devote much more time to Evangelizing, and we were able to secure his services for three months; he laboured part of the time in company with Bro. Kilgour and part of it alone...[Of the places visited by the supported evangelists, none were in SW Ontario.] *BF*, March-April 1859, 87-88.

MORE GOOD NEWS. To D. O. (Postmarked, Dorchester, Nov. 1, 1859, author unknown.) During a late visit of brother J. Kilgour, a series of meetings were held which continued for three weeks;...twenty four believing penitents were buried with the Lord in baptism... *BF*, Jan.-Feb. 1859, 65.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, Erin, Feb. 2, 1861. Dorchester is one of 24 churches contributing \$1,208.37 to the co-operation of which Dorchester contributed \$21.00. *BF*, March-April 1861, 77.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN RAINHAM. June 1861. Visiting speakers, Benjamin Franklin and A. S. Hayden, of Ohio, and J. M. Barlett of New York. Brother Sheppard spoke at the Sunday evening service. The next meeting is scheduled for South Dorchester, the third Friday in June, 1862. *BF*, July 1861, 171-173.

THE WORK OF GOD AMONG US. NO. 3. (D. O.) [In the midst of a debate regarding the activity of co-operations, D. O. states, "...we are called upon to aid, as ability serves, no less than from ten to twelve co-operative movements." [Included] At

Dorchester, Lobo, Howard, and Mosa, in the regions round about our provincial London, the disciples are moving in better order with a view of achieving more in the Master's work. *BF*, May-June 1863, 87-88.

NEWS. Brother Butchart reports that two more were added to the saved assembly in Dorchester, in April. *MGW*, Nov.-Dec. 1865, 177.

MEETING HOUSES. D. O. in *Messenger and Laborer* reports: The house designed for the Disciples in Dorchester, of which notice was given previously, was opened on Lord's Day. *BI*, June 1873, 117.

BRO. ANDERSON'S REPORT. I left [from Lobo] for St. Thomas and Dorchester, the present home of Bro. E. Sheppard, so well known among the brethren. We spoke twice on Lord's day, to good congregations, in their comfortable and convenient new house; we understood at Yarmouth, heights the congregations are large and increasing. Bro. Sheppard is with them every alternate Lord's day and the other in Lobo, from all we could learn these churches are doing well. Without giving names we thank them all for kindness shewn, especially am I indebted to Bro. Donald M'lean, who took me some eleven miles to the Dorchester station through some very bad road, and did it cheerfully... *BI*, July 1873, 129.

THE DORCHESTER MEETING. The annual meeting held at South Dorchester began Friday, June 5, 1874. Benjamin Franklin was the guest speaker. Among those present from a distance...Brethern (sic) from Detroit, Ridgetown, Clinton, Eramosa, Pickering, Wainfleet, Selkirk, &c. Franklin preached Friday and Saturday forenoon and evening...On Lordsday morning the brethren assembled an hour earlier than the time announced for the preaching...Among those who took part in the exercises were brethren Gray, from Detroit, C. Sinclair, Butchart, and Overholt. When the time arrived for the regular meeting the house was not only densely crowded but all the available space within hearing distance around the doors and windows was fully occupied...In the afternoon the house was again filled to its utmost capacity...The meetings were continued during the week...Bro. Franklin left on Thursday for Owen Sound...The brethern...decided to continue the meetings, with Brothers Sheppard and Sinclair as speakers, and we understand that brother McDiarmid from Kentucky [a native of Ridgetown], also came and preached several discourses. There has been 59 altogether during this meeting who have confessed their faith in Christ and were immersed in His name, also five were added that had previously been baptised. *BI*, July 1874, 203-204.

IN CANADA.—NO. 1. (From Benjamin Franklin and the *American Christian Review*.) On Friday, before the first Lord's day in June, accompanied by Bro Edward Trout, we took cars on the Great Western for Dorchester...at Hamilton...and changing cars, we passed on about sixty miles to London. Knowing that Bro. David Oliphant resided here, we looked for him thinking that he might possibly be at the depot, but we did not see him, though he was there as we subsequently learned. Here we dined and took cars on the Canada Southern, and soon arrived at St. Thomas, where we were met

by Bro. Isaac Bentley, and helped on our way to Dorchester, the place of the meeting, and the place where Bro. Edmund Shepherd (sic), a very talented and worthy preacher, whose acquaintance we made some years ago, resides... We were soon made entirely comfortable in the family of our venerable Bro. Bentley and received every attention we needed. The meeting was well attended, and we never knew a deeper religious sense to prevail... We remained until Wednesday night, up to which time there were twelve confessions. Bro. Sheppard continued the meeting after we left, and we learned that twelve more had been added... We made the acquaintance of Bro. Sinclair, a strong and faithful preacher of the gospel... We also met our Bro. Gray, of Detroit... Before we left we had a visit from our old friend and brother, David Oliphant, of the *Messenger and Laborer*, with whom we have had a personal acquaintance for many years, and by correspondence for near thirty years... He is in good health and strength, and informed me that he is actively engaged in the field much of his time. We were rejoiced to find Bro. Sheppard comfortably situated with a neat little farm, and surrounded by the comforts of life in a condition to do good service with fair support from the brethren where he may put forth his efforts as an evangelist. In company with Bro. Isaac Bentley... we started for Toronto again..." *BI*, Aug. 1874, 248-250.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. E. Sheppard, King's Mill (formerly Mapleton) [Clipped from *Christian Standard* of July 4th.], June 17: Our June meeting came off about a week ago. Bro. Franklin was with us. We are continuing the meeting; up to last night we have had twenty-seven baptisms and three restored. We are not closed yet. Bro. Oliphant, Bro. Gray and C. Sinclair, have all rendered assistance in the meeting... These additions are divided between Dorchester and Yarmouth congregations. *BI*, Sept. 1874, 269.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. A DEBATE. ...a debate is to be had between Bro. John S. Sweeney, of Kentucky, U.S. and a Professor Crawford, to begin at 10 o'clock a.m. on Thursday the 10th September, 1874. We have not heard where the debate is to be held, but presume at the new Dorchester Meeting house of the brethren near Kingsmill Station on the Canada Southern Railroad, a few miles from St. Thomas... *BI*, Sept. 1874, 269.

WHAT ARE WE DOING? The number of baptisms reported in the *Bible Index* during 1874 in Ontario are tallied, giving a total of 200. Dorchester reported 66, the largest number of any of the congregations. *BI*, Jan. 1875, 2.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. We regret to inform our readers that Bro. Franklin cannot attend any of the meetings in June of this year. Bro. Burgess will, we believe, be in Dorchester and may be in other places. Bro. McGarvey, of Kentucky, former Professor of Kentucky University will, it is expected be at Meaford and some subsequent meetings. Date... May 30, at Dorchester... On April 6th a Methodist preacher was baptized by the Disciples... *BI*, May 1875, 135, 136

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Edmund Sheppard (Kingsmill P. O.) writes that four were lately immersed at Dorchester, and were added to the congregation in

that place. One of them is his only son...The meeting mentioned to be held at the end of May in Dorchester will not take place. Bro Burgess...cannot be in this country until the 22nd of June...The other meetings are arranged as hereafter mentioned. We regret that Bro. McGarvey's engagements were such that he could not be here for all the meetings...[or]...any of them... *BI*, June 1875, 169.

CHURCH NEWS. Dorchester.—We learn that the meeting recently held by Bro. Dungan, in Dorchester, closed with *ten* additions. *BI*, July 1879, 212.

OBITUARY. (By Joseph Ash.) Died at his residence, in Dorchester, on 29th March, of typhoid fever...deacon John Ballah, in the 55th year of his age. He was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1825, came to Canada in 1840, and settled in this place. He was raised in the Presbyterian faith...[was] immersed by Elder Sheppard...in 1850...He leaves a wife and family of eight children...five...in the church. *CS*, May 1880, 159.

CORRESPONDENCE. From Peter McNeil, Lyons, Ont., Jan. 30, 1883. The church here in South Dorchester has brother Keffer employed as their evangelist and let him go to any place where he things good can be done. He has exchanged with brother Campbell from Lobo for two weeks...Bro. Campbell's meeting...weather very cold, 15 degrees below part of the time Four believers confessed and were baptised by him, and once since, baptised by Bro. Keffer, makes a gain of five to the congregation... *CW*, Feb. 1883, 4.

FIELD NOTES. (H. B. Sherman on a preaching tour in SW ON.) [From Rodney] ... went on to Dorchester on Saturday, was met at Kingsmill by Bro. Isaac Bentley who took me to his home which is "hard by the synagogue," in a most beautiful place. Was made welcome by sister Bentley and our dear old Bro. Bentley, whom we found in his usual health. The Dorchester meeting house is an octagon, built of white brick, and situated in a beautiful district of country. Dorchester is one of the best churches in western Ontario. It was started in the year 1848, and now has a working membership of 160. They abound in this worlds goods, but heretofore they have not abounded largely in the good work of spreading the gospel of Christ. Bro. Keffer has been in the employ of the church for two years, but just now they have no one devoting the whole time to spreading the gospel. Our meetings on Lord's day were good and well attended, both morning and evening. We continued the meeting until Wednesday night. Two were baptized. Both of them were the children of Elder Peter McNeil...All of his children are now in the church (ten)...This church is making an effort to secure a man to labor in the regions around them, on this account they did not contributed to the co-operation very largely. It is a church of large wealth, and when they are educated up to their duty they will see their way to help the weak also...My next move is to Guelph, then to Hillier... *CW*, Jan. 1884, 2.

ITEMS AND NEWS. S. KEFFER.—It was pleasant to have a few minutes with Bro. Keffer, of Mapleton, who passed through this city on the 8th of March. He had been in the neighborhood having come to the funeral of his brother...He was in Stouffville

and Uxbridge, where he practiced his business before moving to Mapleton... *BI*, April 1884, 123.

OBITUARY. BRO. PETER McNEIL, of South Dorchester, fell asleep in Jesus on 26th April last. He was born at Kamis, Lochowside, Scotland in 1816. Brought up amongst the Presbyterians but united with the Baptists in Glasgow as a young man. He came to America in 1848 and united with the Disciples when the church was very young and feeble, in South Dorchester in 1850...As a co-worker with the writer through a period of more than thirty years...He was an elder of the church for over twenty years...He leaves behind...wife and ten loving children, all of whom are in the church of Christ. His disease was pneumonia and inflammation of the heart. May 22nd, 1884. E. S. *BI*, June 1884, 192.

THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLEST. McNEIL—LUTON—(By Joseph Ash) I think no better or more fitting caption could be found for what I am writing than the above. Of late the Church in Dorchester, has suffered the loss of two of its strong pillars, in the death of Elder Peter McNeil and Deacon John Luton. Having lived in Dorchester several years, and being intimately acquainted with both the deceased brethren...I am now living about 50 miles from Dorchester...Bro. McNeil was a member of the Scotch Baptist Church in Scotland. He emigrated (sic) to Canada 36 years ago, or more, and settled in Dorchester. He soon became acquainted with the disciples, and united with the church, and was chosen as one of its elders...Bro. McNeil was an active man, a good speaker and teacher...Bro. John Luton, who died more recently, was one of the oldest members of the Dorchester church, being the first one to yield to the claims of Jesus, under the preaching of Eld. E. Sheppard...[along with] Bro. Irwin, long since deceased... The funeral services were administered by Bro. Samuel Keffer and Bro. Isaac Bentley. The procession was very large, 150 carriages, besides a great many on foot... *BI*, Sept. 1884, 286-288.

ITEMS AND NEWS. DORCHESTER.— On Lord's day 7th Sept., there was a splendid meeting in the morning. Bro. Sheppard preached to them the Word of the Lord. *BI*, Oct. 1884, 315.

DORCHESTER. (Report requested by Bro. Ash by a brother whose name is not legible in the record available.) It is generally known that the brethren here [Dorchester] have engaged an Evangelist...The new place mentioned by Bro. Ash in the Feb. No. is about three miles east of Springfield. The meetings closed there on the 12th of Feb. Seven persons confessed and obeyed the Lord; making in all nine persons, brought into the fold at that place through the efforts of the Church in Dorchester. On the 12th of Feb. they met as a congregation... *CW*, April 1882, 3.

PERSONALS. Bro. Keffer who is in the employ of the Dorchester Church is doing a good work... *CW*, July 1882, 2.

OBITUARY. (By E. Sheppard, May 22nd, 1884.) Bro. Peter McNeil, of South Dorchester, fell asleep in Jesus on 26th April last. He was born at Kamis, Lochowside,

Scotland in 1816. Brought up among the Presbyterians but united with the Baptists in Glasgow when a young man. He came to America in 1848 and united with the Disciples, when the church was young and feeble, in South Dorchester in 1850. Bro. McNeil was one of the best of Christians. As a co-worker with the writer through a period of more than thirty years he secured the utmost confidence by his faithfulness...He was an elder of the church for over twenty years...He leaves behind him a devoted wife and ten loving children, all of whom are in the church of Christ. His disease was pneumonia and inflammation of the heart. *CW*, June 1884, 3.

NORWICH TOWNSHIP, OXFORD COUNTY

SPECIAL NEWS. EVANGELISTS TOUR—REPORT NO. II, by Alexander Anderson and James Kilgour. Visited the Township of Norwich and addressed “three congregations” [i.e. meetings] that were “large and attentive.” “Our efforts were particularly directed to awaken the brethren, exhorting them to attend to the ordinances appoint by the Head of the church, and to build each other up in the faith. *WT*, March 1850, 67-68.

A SHORT VISIT WESTWARD, by D. O. Reports that E. Sheppard immersed a young man, the son of bro. Bates, who has long been afflicted. He was borne to the water more than a mile on a couch, insisting on being baptized in a living stream. *WT*, Sept. 1850, 215-216.

Letter to the editor, David B. Bates, Norwich, Feb. 2, 1853: If it was not for its [*CB*] monthly visits we might soon forget that ever a disciple pled the cause of truth in our township. What few brethren there are left live so far apart that we do not see each other once a month. For a proclaiming of the word of truth we have not heard one in nearly two years. When I think of brethren who sought us out and spake comfortably to us, I feel encouraged to think they will again remember Norwich...But I hope brethren passing from Eramosa to Dorchester will call and see us. Brother Miller has removed to Windham again. *CB*, June 1853, 169.

WINDHAM TOWNSHIP, NORFOLK COUNTY

SPECIAL NEWS. EVANGELISTS TOUR—REPORT NO. II, by Alexander Anderson and James Kilgour. Came to Windham...attempted to arouse the church. Here a few of the few brethren are meeting as a church...While in Windham, it was our happiness to see our bro. Bentley (formerly of Markham) at one of the public meetings. He requested we pay a visit to the brethren in his locality (Malahide and South Dorchester). Here we found the brethren were alive and at their post. We returned through the Townships previously mentioned [Norwich, North East Hope] and held one meeting in passing. At Mount Pleasant we left for home. *WT*, March 1850, 67-68.

HOWARD TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

Letter to the editor, from D. Campbell, Harwick [Harwich], 16th Jan. 1853: Regarding us as a church, we are only about fifteen or sixteen members between Howard and Harwick. We hold D. Sinclair of Lobo as the under shepherd to feed the flock of Christ. As we have no regular House of worship, we meet weekly at one of the brethren's houses to worship the Lord. *CB*, March 1853, 85.

OBITUARY. (By E. S. [Edmund Sheppard], St. Thomas, Aug. 24th, 1880.) On the 17th August 1880, Bro. Neil Campbell of the Township of Howard, passed calmly away in death, aged 71 years. Born in Argyleshire Scotland, he came to the States with his parents when about 12 years old; after a residence of nine years there they all moved to the Township of Howard, Canada. Soon after their removal Bro. Campbell returned to the State of N.Y. and married Miss Flora Johnson, who was also of Highland Scotch Parentage, returning again to Howard after a years stay in the neighborhood of his wife's friends. Bro. Campbell...was baptised about 23 years ago...Bro C. has seven surviving children all of whom are married. His daughter Flora is the wife of Bro. Colin Sinclair, our preacher at Brighton. Another daughter, Mary, is married to Bro. Hugh McDiarmid, Editor of the *CHRISTIAN SENTINEL*, Toronto...He also leaves behind him the wife of his second marriage. *CS*, Sept. 1880, 288.

RIDGETOWN, HOWARD TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

OBITUARY. "C. S." [Colin Sinclair] reports from Ridgetown, May 6th, 1870: On the 27th ult., after a long and painful illness, our amiable Sister Marietta Teetzel, fell sweetly asleep in Jesus...Some years ago, when in the bloom of you and health, our dear young Sister embraced the simple gospel, and united with the congregation in this place... *BIr*, June 1870, 16.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes:—"Since I moved from Oshawa and made my home in the county of Kent, I have visited and labored with three congregations, and become acquainted with many brethren. They are a worthy band of loving brethren in these parts. The congregation meeting at Ridgetown, where I have my membership, numbers about 100. They have a good house to worship... Bro. Colin Sinclair preaches two Lord's days out of three. The other one-third of his time he spends with the Churches in Aldboro. Some ten or twelve members removed from Ridgetown to Manitoba during the last year, which has diminished our numbers some...Ridgetown is south from Thamesville, on the Great West Railway, it is also 10 miles from my home. *BI*, Feb. 1873, 56

BRO. COLIN SINCLAIR'S REPORT. Ridgetown, August, 1873. Yesterday I baptised a young man, which makes the eleventh added to this Ridgetown church within the last two weeks. *BI*, Sept. 1873, 167.

MY VISIT TO CANADA. By Geo. W. Colston, Atlanta, Ill., July 6th, 1875. I left the garden spot of America (Logan Co., Ill.) May 27th, 1875...arrived at Chatham at 7:30 a.m. next morning, took a Hack, and after a ride of 12 miles was safely landed at the hospitable and comfortable dwelling of my brother-in-law Joseph Ash...The fifth Lord's day in May, Bro. Ash conveyed me to Ridgetown where I talked to a few—the people not expecting preaching...By request I left an appointment at a school-house about 5 miles from Bro Ash's for Tuesday night, to commence at half-past seven o'clock. I was there 15 minutes before time and waited one half hour, no one came and I returned back to Bro. Ash's; was told that the house was crowded a few minutes after I left. I never intend to wait more than fifteen minutes for any congregation to get together. Had I have taken a second thought that I was in Canada and that Canadians are rather slow in comparison to our folks on this side of the line. I would have waited a few minutes longer; I hope it will stir them up to be on hand next time...*BI*, Aug. 1875, 233. [The November issue of the *Bible Index* reports the passing of Geo. W. Colston, "who in June, was in this country...He lived in Oshawa for many years and latterly in the Western States, where his wife died only a short time before him." *BI*, Nov. 1875, 329.]

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Brethren Colin Sinclair and O. G. Hertzog, have held a successful series of meeting with the congregation at Ridgetown. Ten have been immersed. *BI*, Nov. 1875, 328.

OBITUARIES. C. S. of Ridgetown, records the passing of three members of area congregations: Sister Samuel Bentley, of Rond Eau...member of the Church of Christ here for many years (April 30); Sister Nickerson, upon the 4th ult., connected with the church at Rodney for years (May 5th); Sister Brown, wife of Bro. T. W. Brown, 5th inst., ...She with her husband was formerly connected with the brethren of Bowmanville, but for the last seven years was a member of the church here...(May 10th). *BI*, June 1879, 192.

CHURCH NEWS. Ridgetown.—The June meeting at this point lasted three weeks or more, and closed with twenty-seven additions to the Church. Bro. T. D. Garvin, from Ohio was the speaker. *BI*, July 1879, 212-213.

CHURCH NEWS. By C. S., Ridgetown, Oct. 13, 1879: Our meetings are well attended, as are also our weekly prayer meetings and Bible lessons conducted by Bro. Anderson. We have had three additions with the last week, Representing three families not formerly connected with the church. *BI*, Nov. 1879, 349.

OBITUARY. On the morning of Jan. 1st...[passing of] Janet Ogletree, wife of Francis Ogletree, and daughter of Elder Archibald McLarty, of Howard, Ontario. *CS*, Feb. 1880, 64

(C. S., Ridgetown, March 9th, 1880.)—Last Lord's day, we took the confession of a young man...have had two additions to the church here since our last report, and at least three have moved off to other localities. *CS*, April 1880, 121.

FIELD NOTES. ...I [H. B. Sherman] took the C. S. R. R. at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday night (5 hours late) for Ridgetown where I arrived at 11 p.m. Of course I was unannounced by this time, and Christmas was on hand with all the festivities of the holiday season. We were unable to have meetings until Wednesday night, and for three nights we held meetings with fair hearing. We found the church anxious to secure the services of a preacher for all his time to labor in the bounds of the congregation, a thing very much needed as the congregation spreads over much territory. It is a pity that they are not more united as they then could do a great work in that region. We met young Bro. Sinclair and the two sisters Munro, who helped so largely in our work in Collingwood town. We left R. T. at noon on Saturday and was in Rodney at Joseph Ash's by two o'clock p.m. I was glad to meet this old soldier and to find him so comfortably fixed for old age. With him the years are growing on (76 years) and the outer man is failing day by day...*CW*, Jan. 1884, 2.

ITEMS AND NEWS. RIDGETOWN.— Bro. Lediard has removed from Hillsburg to this place, where he will be located for some time. *BI*, Sept. 1884, 279.

CHURCH NEWS. Three persons confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized by Bro. Lediard at Ridgetown, 2nd Lord's day in Nov. *CW*, Dec. 1884, 2.

NEWS ITEMS. Bro. Lediard is fully employed at Ridgetown, the field is a large one and Br. L. is young and strong. *CW*, Feb. 1885, 2.

RIDGETOWN, ONT. A report by J. L. [James Lediard], Ridgetown. Six months have passed since I came to this place, a rather pleasant town in the county of Kent on the Michigan Central Railway. The church has been established here for a good many years, and after the usual number of changes and removals there is now an actual membership of over one hundred. Unfortunately these are scattered over an unusually large tract of country, many being ten and twelve, and in some cases twenty miles from the place of meeting. Consequently there is an irregularity in the attendance... We have a Sunday School...and a weekly prayer meeting...This is the home of Bro. Colin Sinclair, who has been for many years the teacher of the church...Though not just now actively engaged in preaching, he is always with us to help in our services and to further the interest of the cause here.

(Another report by J. L.) Last Lord's day Bro. Stevenson (sic) of St. Thomas, paid Ridgetown a visit and preached on Lord's day, and on Monday night. I visited St. Thomas during his absences. We have few churches hereabouts, and it does us good to get close together. *CW*, Feb. 1885, 3.

NEWS ITEMS. A note to the editors, by J. Lediard, Ridgetown, Nov. 7. Bro. Martz left here for his first appointment at Rodney this morning...Bro. Sinclair was with us and exhorted us not only pray but to make sacrifice... *CW*, Nov. 1885, 2.

For the Worker. By J. Lediard, Ridgetown, Oct. 20th, '85. Bro. C. W. Martz of Indianapolis paid us a short visit and preached here on the 2nd Lord's day in October,

both morning and evening and in Blenheim in the afternoon. The brethren in both places were highly pleased... *CW*, Nov. 1885, 3.

MOSA TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

MEETINGS IN JUNE. Brethren in different localities have arranged that there shall be general assemblies of brethren (the Lord willing) at...2. Second Lord's Day.—Eighth day of June—In Township of Mosa near Glencoe. The brethren in the west have a meeting of this kind annually, and this year have selected Mosa, eight miles north of Glencoe station, on the Great Western Railroad, west of London, for the place of this general assembly. It is understood that brethren Edmund Sheppard of Mapleton, in Dorchester; Colin Sinclair, of Ridgetown; Joseph Ash, of Rond Eau; Alexander Anderson, of Eramosa; and C. J. Lister, of Meaford, will attend the meeting. Probably also Bro. Benedict and Bro. Geo. Clendenan. *BI*, May 1873, 104.

MEETINGS IN JUNE. 2. Near Glencoe Station: Second Lord's Day.— Glencoe is on the Great Western railroad west of London and near Bothwell. The meeting will commence in the township of Mosa, 8 miles north of Glencoe. *BI*, June 1873, 118.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. The meeting of the brethren in Mosa, and surrounding townships, took place on Sunday, the 8th of June, at the meeting House of the Disciples on the south (sic, north) side of that Township near the village of Kilmartin. The meeting was held about seven miles north from Glencoe station on the Great Western Railway. Some of the brethren, who reached Glencoe by the train from Toronto on the evening of Friday, remained over the night at the hotel of Mr. Donald McKellar, who, not only hospitably entertained them, but prepared his carriage and horses on Saturday and sent them to the place of meeting without charge. His mother, now dead, was a disciple and he gloried in talking of her...The disciples in the neighborhood of the place of meeting, met on Saturday evening for the purpose of a social meeting—singing, prayer and exhortation, and to make arrangements for the accommodation of strangers...On Sunday at 10 a.m. the meeting commenced by spending an hour in singing, prayer and short exhortations; at eleven the gospel was very forcibly proclaimed by Bro. [John F.] Rowe of Ohio. Again in the afternoon he gave most a convincing discourse on conversion, taking as the mode the Eunuch's conversion. On Monday another meeting was held at 10 a.m. for short addresses and another discourse by Bro. Rowe. At the conclusion appeals were made by the much beloved and highly esteemed, Bro. Black, of Everton and Bro. Colin Sinclair, Howard, when two expressed their determination to confess and obey their Lord by being immersed that afternoon. It was determined to continue meetings for several days with strong hopes for much good being done. The visitors left on the afternoon of Monday with the exception of Bro. Black the Elder and D. Oliphant of London. Among those present...was Bro. P. C. Gray of Detroit who gave...exhortations. There were also Sisters Oliphant from London and Boyer from Brougham. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. (Those attending the 1873 annual meeting at Mosa are listed.) The church in Mosa numbers well, among them were Donald B. McKellar, John, Archd., Neil and John B. Munro, — Campbell, — Leatch, Alex. Ferguson with their wives, sons and daughters and others whose names are not here mentioned. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. (Those attending the 1873 annual meeting at Mosa are listed.) Taking the meeting as a whole it was one long to be remembered, and no doubt proved of great benefit to both saint and sinner. Meetings of the brethren from the various congregations in these parts are held every three months at different points. The next one, in September, will be held at Aldboro. It should be stated that Bro. Colin Sinclair spends the most, if not all, his time in encouraging the brethren in that part of the country... He has a highly approved record among the brethren in those parts. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

BRO. JOHN F. ROWE'S VISIT TO CANADA. (Published first in the *American Christian Review*, June 10, 1873.) THE MOSA MEETING. We had an exceedingly pleasant meeting. The following preachers were present: the venerable and beloved James Black, D. Oliphant, Colin Sinclair, Robert Beaty, and Donald McKellar. Bro. Sinclair is a son of Dougald Sinclair, once so favorably known in Canada as a man of more than ordinary intellect, and as a preacher of power and influence, having obtained a fine education before leaving Scotland. The present Colin Sinclair is said to be a man of energy and character, a clear headed and effective minister of the gospel...overwhelmed with evangelical labors. There were two baptisms on Monday, when the general convocation broke up, the church to carry on the meetings for several nights. About five hundred people were present on Lord's day, one hundred and fifty whom were Disciples of Christ. On account of the smallness of the house, several hundred persons were obliged to stand without and listen through the doors and window... We never saw such eager and willing listeners, patiently sitting through two sermons on Lord's day, of one hour and thirty minutes each, and apparently never tiring... Nearly all the brethren in this region of Canada are Highland Scotch, many of whom, especially the older ones, can speak the Gaelic language well, if not better, than English... I shall long remember Bro. Robert Beaty as my travelling companion... *BI*, July 1873, 141-142.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. MEETING AT MOSA. Reported by C. J. Lister to "My Dear Brother Black," from Owen Sound, July 1875. I will take the liberty of giving you some details touching the one held at Mosa. Meetings commenced on Wednesday 9th inst., and continued over two Lords' (sic) days. That faithful and successful labour (sic), Bro. Colin Sinclair was there and spoke several times. The attendance was good from the beginning. On Monday morning 14th, Bro. Archibald Sinclair and Bro. D. B. McKellar gave two good speeches; besides doing most of the speaking in their respective localities they fill, acceptably, appointments abroad. The Disciples attending the meeting helped much to make them effective Twenty were immersed... I lodged with Bro Archibald Munro [who gave me] a "Highland welcome"... I wish Bro. Colin Sinclair would give us a scrap of news now and then in the *Index*. He is

doing a good work; he travels some 5,000 miles a year, preaching at different stations. Immerses quite a number through the year. Was holding a series of meetings at Rawdon on the C. S. R. R. Had immersed six or seven when the Mosa Meeting began. He commenced again at Rawdon before I left... *BI*, July 1875, 209-210.

C. J. Lister in a letter to My Dear Brother Black. The Church here [Lobo] enjoys peace. With sorrow I have to say, it is otherwise in Mosa. Those warm-hearted, kind and honest brethren are passing through a trial. "Behold how great a matter a little fire [or word] kindleth."... *BI*, July 1876, 197.

REPORT OF LABORS. From the *Living Laborer*. The second Sunday in May, the village of Glencoe was visited, where an appointment was filled in the Town Hall... Without our knowledge, a meeting was arranged for the afternoon at Mosa, and brief discourses was given at that point. This latter discourse was mainly to the believers who were pleased to assemble. "The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" is a theme everywhere worthy of study, and it is cheering to report that there are those in Mosa who have not lost their relish for this heavenly theme. *BI*, July 1876, 203.

CHURCH NEWS. E. S. [Edmund Sheppard] The annual meeting in Mosa on the second Lord's day in June. The writer, and probably Brethren Sinclair and Lister, are to be the speakers. Glencoe on Great Western, and Alvinston on Loop Line of Canada Southern, nearest stations to place of meeting. *BI*, June 1877, 190.

CHURCH NEWS. THE MOSA MEETING. By E. Sheppard. The attendance on Lord's day was good... The writer and Bro. Lister did most of the speaking. Bro. Oliphant, who was in Watford on the Lord's day, came over on Monday. There was quite a number of the Lobo and Aldborough brethren present. One immersion on Monday... [Sheppard] had to leave on Tuesday morning. Bro. Lister was to continue the meetings. *BI*, July 1877, 219.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. This is to certify that the Disciples of Christ in Mosa have been under the painful necessity of withdrawing fellowship with Donald B. McKellar (who once was an Elder in said Church), on account of his persistently resisting and defying the authority of Christ, in railing upon the church and slandering all brethren who could not submit to his opinions. A. Ferguson, J. J. McKellar, D. Sinclair, Elders. Mosa, Ont., April 20th, 1879. *BI*, June 1879, 191.

CHURCH NEWS. Elder Jas. Kilgour preached in May... (from Stanley) he went to Aldboro, and spoke at various points during the latter part of May and the first of June. At Mosa he met with a serious accident. Elder E. Sheppard, who was also at the Mosa meeting, writes to the *Standard* as follows: "Mosa—The biennial meeting in this township commenced on Saturday, the 7th of June, and ended the Monday night following. Bro. J. Kilgour and the writer were the speakers. Attendance large. Three baptisms on Monday morning. Bro. Kilgour intended to continue the meeting a week longer, but was prevented by a painful accident which happened after the Monday night meeting. He and Sister McTaggart, with a babe in her arms, were thrown with

great violence from the vehicle in which they were riding. Bro. Kilgour's collar-bone was broken and his head and chest severely (sic) bruised...Sister McTaggart though so badly bruised as to be insensible for some time bids fair for speedy recovery. I visited Bro. Kilgour on Friday, the 4th of July, and was glad to find that he is recovering... *BI*, July 1879, 212.

YARMOUTH HEIGHTS, YARMOUTH TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

TRAVELS, NO. 2. (D. O. to William Whitney, of Hillier.) Not far from the middle of June, a call was made at Dorchester. One meeting was enjoyed with the disciples, and then we passed onward to Yarmouth, where a single discourse was given. The brethren in Yarmouth are building a meeting-house this season—it will probably be ready to occupy in the month of October... Disciples such as Gilbert, Hughes Bently, Butchart, Ballah, Luton, McNeal, White, Stripp, Laughlin, Dean, Sherke, Inglis, and their relatives in the faith in Yarmouth and Dorchester, can by the help of the Lord's wisdom, effectually press the plea of the gospel upon the public heart. *MGW*, July-August 1865, 137-138.

NEWS. Brother Sheppard, writing from Yarmouth, Nov. 20th, says, "We expect to open our meeting house here in a week from next Lord's day. Very large meeting here yesterday." *MGW*, Nov.-Dec. 1865, 177.

To James Beaty, Jr. From Joseph Ash. DEAR BROTHER,—I learn by a private letter from Bro. Franklin, he is under promise to return to Dorchester and Yarmouth churches to labour three or four weeks then, and perhaps sooner, in St. Thomas—September and October will be the time. *BI*, Aug. 1874, 241.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES (Clipped from the St. Thomas *Home Journal*, Sept. 4th.) A few months ago, a strong religious interest was created by the church in South Dorchester under the pastoral charge of Elder Sheppard. Meetings for the preaching of the word were continued from week to week until they extended for a period of a month...and about sixty members were added to the church. Elder Franklin, for Cincinnati, was instrumental in this awakening...We understand that he has consented, and that he will preach a week from next Sunday at Yarmouth Heights, a mile east of town, at eleven a.m., and will continue to preach at intervals for the three succeeding weeks. *BI*, Sept. 1874, 288.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Franklin.—We regret very much that Bro. Franklin was not able to meet his engagement at Dorchester, as intended on the 12th of September, and to continue for three weeks, in consequence of the serious illness of Mrs. Franklin at his home in Anderson, Indiana...He was to have commenced at Yarmouth Heights, about three miles east of St. Thomas on the Sunday morning, September 13th...His place was happily filled by Bro. Colin Sinclair...Bro. Sweeney's meetings for that day [Sept. 12] were three. One at Dorchester in the morning, at Aylmer in the afternoon, and at Yarmouth Heights at night...The large Town Hall at

Aylmer was crowded to the excess in the afternoon...Bro. McDiarmid took part also in this meeting. Bros. Joseph Ash and John Ash from Rondeau, and Bro. T. H. Stripp from Buckhorn were also present. *BI*, Oct. 1874, 305.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Brother Sheppard reports seventeen additions to the church in Yarmouth Heights, on the 1st November, also one immersion in Dorchester since then. The interest in that locality seems to be unabated. *BI*, Dec. 1874, 360.

CHURCH NEWS. Dorchester and Yarmouth. We [one of the editors, e.g. McDiarmid] had the pleasure of speaking to the brethren in Dorchester at 11 a.m., and to the brethren at Yarmouth Heights at 6 p.m. on Lord's Day, the 14th of January; and it is a pleasure to speak to such a large, intelligent and attentive audience...*BI*, Feb. 1877, 60.

ST. THOMAS, YARMOUTH TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

TRAVELS, NO. 2. (D. O. to William Whitney, of Hillier.) Not far from the middle of June, a call was made at Dorchester. One meeting was enjoyed with the disciples, and then we passed onward to Yarmouth, where a single discourse was given...Passing up to St. Thomas, a few hours were spent agreeably with brother Hodge, who is loved... because of his long and close attachment to brother William Oliphant, who was laid in death with all our fathers in Sept 1856—a man of faith and affection, whose memory is cherished. *MGW*, July-August 1865, 137-138.

CHURCH NEWS. The brethren in and about St. Thomas are about to begin building a meeting house in the town, and Eld. E. Sheppard is going to move there and minister to them, so it is said. They have advertised for tenders. *BI*, March 1879, 95.

Elder Garvin will be in St. Thomas about the 10th of September, at the opening of the new meeting house there... *BI*, Aug. 1879, 242.

CHURCH NEWS. By C. S. [Colin Sinclair], Ridgetown, Oct. 13, 1879: We are pleased to learn that the meeting held by Bro. Garvin in St. Thomas has been a grand success. Twenty-four have been added to the Church. The meetings were continued for over three weeks with a constant growing interest. We are told that towards the close of the meeting every available spot in the house was filled. Bro. E. Sheppard has moved into town and takes charge of the congregation. We are thankful to know that his daughter, who was very low for months, is now recovering. *BI*, Nov. 1879, 348-349.

CHURCH NEWS. Bro. Sheppard baptized two persons in St. Thomas on Lord's day, June 27th. *CS*, July 1880, 217.

FIELD NOTES. (H. B. Sherman on his way to Ridgetown, because of poor train connections spends the Lord's day at St. Thomas.) On Lord's day morning I wended my way to the place of worship. I was early at the house, no one noticed me; and being a stranger to all, I was permitted to sit unmolested in the congregation, which was very small owing to the very inclement day. The church in St. Thomas should cultivate more sociability toward strangers. Had I not made myself known they would never have known who the big man was whom they eyed so closely. I found the brethren very clever when they knew who I was. The organ really sounded strangely in one of our congregations. They have no Lord's day school...There was a small audience at night to whom we spoke, but it was a poor preach. I took the train on the C.S.R.R. at 9:30 on Sunday night, (5 hours late) for Ridgetown where I arrived at 11 p.m...

(In a separate account from H. B. S.) Owing to delay of trains and failure to make connections we failed to reach our appointment at Ridgetown on the 23rd, and had to remain over Lord's day in St. Thomas. We had the pleasure of hear Bro. J. W. Stevens preach in the morning, and of speaking to a very small audience at night. The day was the most inclement of the season. Bro. Stevens is an energetic young man, but has not been there long enough to know how the work is likely to succeed...Bro. Stevens came from Prince Edward Island. *CW*, Jan. 1884, 2.

ITEMS AND NEWS. ST. THOMAS.—On the evening of the 7th Sept., there was a good number out, say 300 of an audience. Bro. Sheppard preached the Gospel to those present. The church is doing well. They propose to hold a series of meetings. A brother from Indiana is to be the principal speaker. *BI*, Oct. 1884, 315.

CHURCH NEWS. The church at St. Thomas will hold an annual meeting in September, commencing on 14th of that month. *CW*, July 1884, 3.

BLENHEIM, HARWICH TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes:—"Since I moved from Oshawa and made my home in the county of Kent, I have visited and labored with three congregations, and become acquainted with many brethren. They are a worthy band of loving brethren in these parts... The village of Blenheim (Rondeau, O.) is a thriving place in the middle of one of the finest portions of farming land known to me. It is rapidly growing in numbers and otherwise. There are a few disciples of the Lord here. All we need to set the cause of Christ in motion is a house to worship in. A few families of Disciples from the east have of late settled here"... *BI*, Feb. 1873, 56

BLENHEIM. *To the Editors, Worker*. From J. L. [James Lediard], Ridgetown. I have just closed a meeting in this place...10 miles west of Ridgetown with a population of about 2,000. We have had no church there in the past, but there are quite a number of members of the church in Ridgetown who are much nearer to Blenheim than to the usual meeting place, and regular services have been established with a view to their convenience to the spread of the truth in this field. For the past several months we

have held occasional services in the Baptist meeting house, kindly lent us by that people, an opportunity offered, however, of renting a good bring meeting house for a merely nominal rent; the Brethren took advantage of it and we held a meeting; there was but one addition...Bro. W. Campbell, of Rodney, spent two weeks with me there and did good service... *CW*, April 1885, 3.

For the Worker. By J. Lediard, Ridgetown, Oct. 20th, '85. Bro. C. W. Martz of Indianapolis paid us a short visit and preached here on the 2nd Lord's day in October, both morning and evening and in Blenheim in the afternoon. The brethren in both places were highly pleased... *CW*, Nov. 1885, 3.

SPRINGFIELD, MALAHIDE TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

THE SPRINGFIELD DEBATE. The place was Springfield, about twenty miles east of St. Thomas. The debaters were Professor Crawford and our valiant brother, John S. Sweeney of Kentucky, U. S., the hero of sixty-five debates with all kinds and classes of infidels and sectarians. Bro. Sweeney is comparatively a young man—probably between forty and forty-five years of age...He knows his Bible...in the original and translations...His opponent was Professor Crawford, a Professor of Theology in the Woodstock Baptist Institute...represented to be the ablest man in the Baptist rank in Canada. The debate was conducted generally in an excellent manner and with good effect on both sides...The whole country was thoroughly aroused...The debate continued for three days—on Thursday, Friday and Saturday...Bro. McDiarmid presided, with Mr. Wilson of Aylmer, as Moderators. The subjects for the debate were indefinite, and apparently purposely so. The Baptists drew them up and appointed time and place for debate, and would allow no modification or alteration on any point. There was only a few days before the time allowed, and Bro. Sheppard, who was to have been the debatant on the side of the Bible and simple Christianity, took it into his head that a stranger to the scenes and surroundings would be better...He purposely went to Kentucky and brought Bro. Sweeney right along against many adverse circumstances. The real subject, we believe, was the “Abstract influence of the Holy Spirit in conversion of sinners.”...The fact was universally admitted by all classes that the defeat of the Baptist and his doctrines was simply overwhelming. *BI*, Oct. 1874, 301-303.

NOTES AND COMMENTS. THE DEBATE. We were in error in saying Mr. Wilson was the chairman of the Moderators. W. E. Murray, Esq., of Aylmer, was Chairman, and Hugh McDiarmid on the part of the Disciples of the Lord and Thomas Baldwin, a Baptist pastor, on behalf of the Baptists were the other Moderators. *BI*, Nov. 1874, 334-336.

DORCHESTER. (Report requested by Bro. Ash by a brother whose name is not legible in the record available.) It is generally known that the brethren here [Dorchester] have engaged an Evangelist...The new place mentioned by Bro. Ash in the Feb. No. is about three miles east of Springfield. The meetings closed there on the

12th of Feb. Seven persons confessed and obeyed the Lord; making in all nine persons, brought into the fold at that place through the efforts of the Church in Dorchester. On the 12th of Feb. they met as a congregation... *CW*, April 1882, 3.

APPIN, EKFRID TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

By Joseph Ash. Young Bro. Wm. Campbell, who now lives in Appin on the G. W. R. has planted a fine congregation in that village, and has lately held a meeting of days in Rodney village and has seven additions to the church there, by the gospel rule. Bro. Campbell was for some time at Hiram College in Ohio, and in addition to an excellent vocal talent has a good educational qualification. Bro. Keffer and Bro. Campbell have arranged to exchange labors when convenient, which we think will be good for both churches. *CW*, Jan. 1883, 1.

AYLMER, MALAHIDE TOWNSHIP, ELGIN COUNTY

NOTES AND COMMENTS. "We publish a discourse by Bro. Sheppard on the 'Mission of the Holy Spirit' from the Aylmer paper. Aylmer as a field of labor for us was opened by the Sweeney-Crawford debate. This is the first of three discourses preached by Bro. Sheppard in that place. The second was on 'The power of the Gospel.' The last on 'Conversion'. Several of the leading people of the place insist upon regular meetings there..." *BI*, Feb. 1875, 41-42.

AYLMER DEBATE. This debate commenced on the 29th June at Aylmer, Ontario The following news item with reference thereto we clip from the telegrams of the *Daily Mail*, Toronto: "Aylmer, June 29.—A debate is in progress between Professor A. O. Burgess, President of N. W. C. University, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mr. B. F. Underwood, of Boston, Mass. The debate opened to-day at two o'clock, before a large audience. The propositions under discussion are:—First, 'The Christian religion, as set forth in the New Testament, is true in fact, and is of divine origin;' Professor Burgess affirming, and Mr. Underwood denying; second, 'The Bible is erroneous in many of its teachings regarding science, history, and morals, and is of human origin;' Mr. Underwood affirming, Professor Burgess denying. The debate is likely to last four or five days. The gentlemen are widely known as the ablest representatives who could be chosen on this continent to represent the Christian religion on the one hand, and Atheism on the other...*BI*, July 1875, 223.

LONDON, LONDON TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

David Oliphant, editor, writes (London, August 1855) an extended report on the visit to Canada of Alexander Campbell, his wife and youngest daughter to Canada: ...And

on Thursday, 16th, brother Campbell delivered his last address in Canada at London, the chapel of the New Connexion Methodists being opened for the meeting. The devout friends who worship in the Baptist in the Baptist chapel in London, not having become so candid as their brethren in St. Catharines and Toronto, could not regard it as either duty or honor to allow their chapel to be occupied by an auditory of neighbors who sought to listen to an hour's discourse from a Christian gentleman who, in his ministrations, begins with Paul, Peter, and John instead of with Knox, Fuller, or Wesley. It is presumable that these friends in London are the most competent judges of their own cause and how it ought to be guarded, fended, and defended; and hence, as the delicate chicken not yet fully out of the shell, should not be exposed to the natural air, so some of our devout but delicate Baptist brethren should not be allowed to hear for themselves the rude heresy of bibleodoxy. Brother and sister Campbell start to-day, Aug. 17th, for Detroit—to which point we shall accompany them, the Lord so permitting. *BS*, Aug. 1855, 208-212.

HARWICH, HARWICH TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

INTELLIGENCE. Brother D. Campbell, writing from Harwich, says:—"We are prospering as a church. The brethren are to build a house of worship. We number about fifty-five members." *MGW*, May-June 1864, 95.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Colin Sinclair held some meetings recently in Harwich. Five conversions. *BI*, May 1876, 139.

CHURCH NEWS. Quite recently Bro. C. Sinclair held a meeting of several days in the Township of Harwich, at a new point, which resulted in ten being turned to the Lord. Since then he has passed through a very severe attack of fever, and, subsequently, has been unable to attend to his regular duties...*BI*, Jan. 1877, 31-32.

SEVERAL THINGS. We learn that our young Brother, George Munro, who has been teaching in Harwich Township, at a point not far from Ridgetown, for some three years, has resigned his position to attend lectures at Bethany College. *CS*, Feb. 1880, 50.

SELTON, KENT COUNTY

To Correspondents and others. Brother McLarty's Indicator has been regularly sent to Selton. *Blr*, Oct. 1869, 80.

ALVINSTON, LAMBTON COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. We are pleased to learn that Bro. C. J. Lister has been preaching in Alvinston, County of Lambton, last month, and that at last account

four had been baptized... [C. J. Lister reports] Meetings have continued some three weeks in this village. Weather stormy, roads muddy, and small turnout. A few raps on the ecclesiastical bee-hive resulted in quite a buzz. Hope it will do no harm. Two have been immersed, and two intend to be. *BI*, May 1876, 139.

STRATFORD, PERTH COUNTY

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD. Four brethren, Macklin, Freemantle, Wright, Stanhope, and three sisters in Christ, Parkinson, Macklin and Wright, met at Stratford on Lord's day, the 2nd Dec., for the first time as a church... Only one of them, sister Parkinson, who formerly resided near Everton, had any enlarged experience in meeting as a congregation. Brother Macklin through reading and otherwise, came to the conclusion to obey Christ in baptism, and went to Komoka and was immersed over a year ago. Since then he has striven to enlist others in the good work, and has succeeded as above. These brethren collected together a number of friends to witness their conduct in breaking bread on the 9th Dec. Bro. Robert Beaty was there and spoke to those present... These brethren meet in the private house of bro. Macklin... *BI*, Jan. 1884, 29-30.

COMMUNICATION. Edgar Macklin writes, Stratford, 25th Dec., 1883: We had a most edifying meeting on 16th of December... Several came on Wednesday. We felt slightly diffident at first, but our spirits arose after a while... since you [Robert Beaty] were here ... We are to have a meeting regularly in the evening from this out... *BI*, Jan. 1884, 18.

ITEMS AND NEWS. By Edward Macklin, Stratford, Feb. 8th, 1884. Dear Index,—On Lord's day, 10th inst., we will hold, if the Lord's will, our first meeting in the room which we have been preparing down town... I see by last INDEX that "Kamick" has put a very narrow limit to the number of opposers of the co-operation. I would like to add my name to the number, and also to let the managers of this concern know that their services are not required in this reason... *BI*, March 1884, 94.

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD.—Bro. Macklin writes that we expect a preacher along shortly to try and gather in some harvest from the seed already sown. Our meetings are increasing in interest. There were more out to the meeting on the evening of Lord's day (18th July) than there had been for a long time. Our room was almost full... *BI*, Aug. 1884, 254.

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD.—A note from bro. Macklin tells us that bro. Oliphant has arranged to be with the church on Lord's day 30th Nov. The work here "is moving gradually onward." The Salvation Army has been reinforced by a drum and nearly all the denominations join in great union meetings. *BI*, Dec. 1884, 374.

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD.—*Dear Bro. Beaty*, (from Edgar Macklin)—I must report to you the best meeting we have had yet. Bro. Kilgour addressed on

Lord's day the largest audiences since our work commenced...As anticipated, we had a good time on next Lord's day when Bro. David Oliphant addressed us. Two were baptized on the 30th Dec., and we expect two more. We have rented another room on the ground flat, more commodious and convenient of approach. *BI*, Jan. 1885, 30.

STRATFORD.—Dear Bro. Beaty (from Edgar Macklin),—Bro. A. Scott has been holding a meeting and ten have obeyed the Lord in baptism...Bro. Hertzog was with us on Lord's day, March 1st...opposition is becoming active and open... *BI*, April 1885, 121.

ITEMS AND NEWS. JAPAN.—Bro. Edgar Macklin of Stratford writes, "I have heard today, (18th June,) from Japan, from my brother who, is well and highly pleased with the undertaking he has commenced." *BI*, July 1885, 218.

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD—(By Edgar Macklin.) We have had one confess...on Lord's day our hall was filled, many having to stand. Bro. Harding is a very fine man, and I believe he is the soundest preacher I have met...Lord's day after evening service I drove brother Harding to Woodstock to catch a train...to Detroit [burial of] Brother Sanderson...but we expect him here again today... *BI*, Oct. 1885, 319.

ITEMS AND NEWS. STRATFORD—(By Edgar Macklin.) One more has been added to the church. Bro. Lediard baptized her on Friday night. He spent last week with us...The lady baptized was the one who confessed when Bro. Harding was here. *BI*, Nov. 1885, 349.

PREACHING POINTS

WATFORD, LAMBTON COUNTY AND STRATHROY, CARODOC TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

LIVING LABORER [D. O.] As a partner in gospel labor with Elder McKellar, of Brooke, I spent the first Lord's day of 1877 in Aldboro... My second Lord's day... was in... the village of Watford, Brother Harvey having been very efficient in securing a reputable audience. Happy to take the hand of some at this meeting from Mosa. Strathroy was visited the following Lord's day, and one discourse was given to an assembly in the Firemen's Hall. Pleased to see a number from Lobo at the Strathroy meeting... Passing from Strathroy to London, I called briefly to see two families of the Campbells, near Coldstream, two families of the Sinclairs, three families of the Grays, and one of the families of McKellers. The new chapel at Lobo—styled by a Methodist preacher “a Disciple Baptist House” was seen as it appears outwardly... *BI*, March 1877, 86-87.

CHATHAM, KENT COUNTY

Letter to the Editor, H. Morison, Chatham, Mar. 14, 1853: I am still of the opinion that if we had here in our remote part of the Province a public proclaimer who would travel from place to place proclaiming the simple and undisguised truth as taught by Christ and his twelve ambassadors, much good could be done... *CB*, June 1853, 169.

NEWS ITEM. Unfortunately communication from Bro. C. Sinclair was mislaid, and cannot be found. We learn however that he visited Chatham a few weeks ago, and that a number of brethren came together to worship. This was their first meeting to break bread there. Bro. S. expects to visit again and hopes to see a church permanently established there. *CW*, April 1885, 2.

NEWS OF ACCESSIONS. (By D. O.) At Chatham we had the joy of immersing one who confessed faith in the Lord. *CB*, Oct. 1856, 322.

WARWICK, WARWICK TOWNSHIP, LAMBTON COUNTY

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. (Those attending the 1873 annual meeting at Mosa are listed.) In Warwick six disciples meet to obey their Lord; three of them Benj. Bentley, Wm. Gordon and Wm. Smith were at the Mosa meeting. Bro. Archd. McLarty who has lately returned from Manitoba was present. He met with a small number of disciples in the distant west in the name of Christ while he lived there. Robert Beaty was there from Toronto. *BI*, July 1873, 133-134.

CLARK'S SCHOOL HOUSE, HOWARD TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

BRO. COLIN SINCLAIR'S REPORT. Ridgetown, August, 1873. Immediately after my last report on leaving Rodney, I commenced a meeting in Clark's School House, four miles from my own home, which was continued for about four weeks with an increasing interest; but was compelled, owing to the state of my health, to discontinue them for the present. *BI*, Sept. 1873, 167.

BUXTON, RALEIGH TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes as follows:—For the information of the brethren, I beg to give a concise report of my labors in a locality, where the Disciples of Christ have not preached. Through Bro. Stephen Emmet, late of Omagh church, by request of Mr. King, I was invited to preach in the Presbyterian meeting house in Buxton, County of Kent, in place of Mr King, in his absence in the old country. I acceded to the invitation...I have been there, and held four meetings at periods two or three weeks apart. Two of those meetings were to fill Mr. King's appointments, and other two of my own, they having kindly offered the use of their house, when not occupied by themselves. My audiences were large on every occasion, and I am proud to say I seldom have seen better attention and order than there. It is generally known, I presume, that this place (Buxton) is the place where the "Elgin Institute" is. Mr King is the veritable hero of *Dred* in Mrs. Stowe's book. Many of the people of the village and neighborhood are colored, and were the slaves of Mr. King in the State of Louisiana, whom he brought here and gave them their freedom. About three parts of the audiences were colored. Mr. King's congregation are nearly all colored. I find them intelligent, orderly, well-behaved people, and listened to the simple teaching of Jesus, which I reproduced, with marked attention and interest...I go there again in three weeks, the Lord willing. I am wanted oftener, but cannot do so now. Bro. Emmet and family and four others meet in their own house every Lord's day to break bread. *BI*, Oct. 1873, 183.

EUPHEMIA, EUPHEMIA TOWNSHIP, LAMBTON COUNTY

ITEMS AND NEWS. JOSEPH ASH.—Our brother writes that he is sorely afflicted with pains. He says "our congregation at Rodney is doing well, bro. Campbell is healthy in body and mind." There were about 143 at the Lord's table at the annual meeting, seven had been immersed a short time before at Euphemia. The meeting was held about four miles north of Rodney. *BI*, Dec. 1885, 380.

MISCELLANEOUS, ELGIN COUNTY

More Good News. Brother Sheppard, in a letter just received, says—In addition to preaching in the West among our staunch co-operators, the Scotch Baptists [cf. Lobo, etc.], I now hold regular meetings in Sparta Village, Temperanceville, and on Talbot Street, four miles from St. Thomas [Yarmouth Heights ?]... *CB*, April 1855, 116.

C. J. L. [Lister] writes to My Dear Brother Black,—Since writing you I have been hold meetings in the Temperance hall at Fern Hill, and in a School House in Bro. James Dewar's settlement. Among the hearers were Old School Baptists and the "Regulars." The former gave a candid hearing. The prejudice of the latter take shape strongly in opposition. They have widespread influence in that part of Lobo... *BI*, Oct. 1876, 308.

ROND EAU, HARWICH TOWNSHIP, KENT COUNTY

ROND EAU. (Harwich Township, near Blenheim.) Joseph Ash, Jan. 26, 1874. We, although few in number in this village, have determined to build a meeting house so that we can meet and worship God together. We are about buying a good lot, and shall if the weather permits, get stone for the foundation this winter. We shall build of brick. In building a house it is for us a great undertaking, we being few in number...I believe the Lord will dispose the hearts of brethren to assist us. Tea meetings, socials, bazaars, or anything of that unholy kin shall never be resorted to by us to raise funds. *BI*, Feb. 1874.

GLENCOE, MOSA TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

REPORT OF LABORS. From the *Living Laborer*. [By D. O. and D.B. McKellar.] The second Sunday in May, the village of Glencoe was visited, where an appointment was filled in the Town Hall... *BI*, July 1876, 203.

LONDON, LONDON TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

REPORT OF LABORS. From the *Living Laborer*. [By D. O. and D.B. McKellar.] The Third Lord's day in May, Elder McKellar gave us a sermon at the Gore of London, which was followed by another on the fourth Lord's day in the same place. And in a fortnight afterwards, the esteemed Trotman, of London, also preached at London Gore. We have taken a lively interest in the people of the Gore of London, and when our body lies beneath the surface, some of the friends thee will reflect upon the soul-stirring realities we have handled in their midst. *BI*, July 1876, 203.

METCALFE, (LAUGHTON AREA), CARADOC TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

REPORT OF LABORS. From the *Living Laborer*. [By D. O. and D.B. McKellar.] The FIRST Lord's day in June, Elder McKellar had an appointment in Metcalfe in the Laughton vicinity, and we arranged to aid him in his labours in Metcalfe. But his aged father's illness prevented him from appearing at the place of meeting, and hence we spake to the assembled people without the presence and assistance of Elder McKellar. But Elder Collins, of Strathroy, had an appointment at the same point in the after part of the day, and it was pleasing to form his acquaintance. We found him frank and kindly; and in arranging for a future meeting, he freely allowed his appointment to be withdrawn for our appointment ... *BI*, July 1876, 203.

JULY AND AUGUST REPORT. From *Living Laborer*. After returning from the county of Wellington, and discoursing at Metcalfe, Ekfrid, Longwood, London Gore, calling meanwhile at Dorchester, I [D. O.] passed westward to the county of St. Clair in Michigan... *BI*, Oct. 1876, 301.

LEADERS

JAMES BLACK

C. J. L. [Lister] writes to “My Dear Brother Black,”—Since writing you I have been holding meetings in the Temperance hall at Fern Hill, and in a School House in Bro. James Dewar’s settlement. Among the hearers were Old School Baptists and the “Regulars.”... They have widespread influence in that part of Lobo...While in Aldboro I saw some of your old friends, indeed they are friends. Two brethren by the name of Munro, would be glad to see you. One of them said you were his first religious teacher. They are intelligent in the scriptures. I lodged with Bro. Archibald McKillop; the name is well known and highly respected. Then I saw Bro Purcel, Bro. McGugin, and a number of other whom you would like to visit...*BI*, Oct. 1876, 308-309.

OBITUARY. (By A. A. [Alexander Anderson], Hamilton, April 8, 1880.) Died, at her residence, in the township of Eramosa, on the morning of March 26th, 1880, sister Lois Black, wife of elder James Black, in the 71st year of her age...Sister Black was born in the Township of Wainfleet, on the 7th of March, 1809. Her father’s name was Norris Humphry, and her mother’s name was Lois Janson...when she was about 17 years of age, she resided with the family of Dr. Sumner, near Beamsville. Here she heard the Gospel...and was baptized [as a Baptist]...[here] brother Black became acquainted... they were married in February, 1828, she being then in the 19th year of her age; two years after this, they moved into Eramosa...In the spring of 1836, the writer of these lines moved into Eramosa...The Church then met in their house, many of the brethren came from a distance, and all on foot...and every Lord’s day Mrs Black had quite a company besides her own family to provide dinner for...Sister Black died of heart disease...leaves behind her husband and six sons...Nearly all her children are members...of the church. *CS*, May 1880, 157-159.

CHURCH NEWS. Elder James Black has just returned home from a visit in the west among his old friends and brethren. He visited St. Thomas, Rodney, Ridgetown, Lobo, Detroit and other places in the West. He was with brethren Kilgour and Sinclair at the June meeting in Rodney. *CS*, July 1880, 217.

DONALD B. MCKELLAR

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. This is to certify that the Disciples of Christ in Mosa have been under the painful necessity of withdrawing fellowship with Donald B. McKellar (who once was an Elder in said Church), on account of his persistently resisting and defying the authority of Christ, in railing upon the church and slandering all brethren who could not submit to his opinions. A. Ferguson, J. J. McKellar, D. Sinclair, Elders. Mosa, Ont., April 20th, 1879. *BI*, June 1879, 191.

EDMUND SHEPPARD

Edmund Sheppard writes regarding the passing of Helen Bentley, eight years old. *WT*, May 1848, 120.

NATURE AND GRACE, Nos. II, III, and No. IV. E. Sheppard, South Dorchester, submits articles to the *WT*, Mar. 1849, 63-65; April 1849, 93-95; and July 1849, 163-164.

ES to DO, from Gainsboro, June 3, 1853, (reporting preaching with Anderson and Kilgour in Gainsboro), ...during the eight days preceding the day I started from home to join these brethren (Monday, May 23rd), I immersed nine believers in South Dorchester in the name of Jesus. *CB*, July 1853, 196.

News of Accessions. The zealous fellow-laborer, brother E. Sheppard, of Dorchester, writes to us [D. O.] that he arrived at home in the first week of January from a tour of some seven weeks among the churches. He says:—"I think it would be better for the churches where we labored to report the result of the meetings than those engaged in the work...I would state, however, that the Lord has blessed the effort put forth in Eramosa, Erin, and King. In Eramosa thirteen were added. Brother Kilgour labored with me in Erin. Fifteen were immersed while we were there, two reclaimed, and one immersion since; making eighteen additions in Erin. We labored there a little over two weeks. Brother J. Black then accompanied me to King. Two were immersed on the afternoon of the day preceding the one on which I left; brother Black remained there..." *CB*, Jan. 1856, 34-35.

A Methodist preacher was recently baptized by brother Sheppard of Dorchester. *CB*, May 1854, 141.

CO-OPERATION IN CANADA. Noted: The treasurer's report for the period Jan. 31, 1859 to Jan. 31, 1860: 19 churches contributed \$885.34. No churches from SW Ontario were listed. E. Sheppard is among eight individuals paid for evangelism, receiving \$85.00 out of the total \$870.17 expended. *BF*, Nov.-Dec. 1860, 296.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING of the co-operation, convened...in Erin, Feb. 2, 1861. L. Parkinson reports: ...(having heard from brother Kilgour that he could not promise to travel for any definite period during the year now closed) we opened correspondence with brother Sheppard of South Dorchester, soliciting him to take the place of brother Kilgour as fellow-laborer with brother Lister. After a brief correspondence with him we were happy to find that he was not only willing but anxious to devote himself to the proclamation of the gospel exclusively, and resign his office of superintendent of schools. And as soon as the necessary arrangements were made he removed his family to Guelph and entered on the labors of an evangelist, much to our satisfaction and that of the brethren, about the 6th of April last. During the year they were able to visit most of the churches co-operating, but they could not remain except with a few of them long enough to hold protracted meeting...[Payments

made to four evangelists in 1860 totaled] \$1,098.73, of which E. Sheppard received \$401.00. *BF*, March-April 1861, 78.

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN RAINHAM. June 1861. Visiting speakers, Benjamin Franklin and A. S. Hayden, of Ohio, and J. M. Barlett of New York. Brother Sheppard spoke at the Sunday evening service. *BF*, July 1861, 171-173.

ITEMS. Bro. Sheppard is to visit Ridgetown to labor awhile. *BIr*, Oct. 1869, 79.

CORRESPONDENCE. "R" writes, Eramosa, Dec. 1869, to DEAR BRO. LISTER: Our much esteemed Bro. Sheppard has just concluded a series of meetings held with the Church in Eramosa, the immediate result of which is five additions to the cause... Blessed as he is with a ready utterance and a thorough knowledge of the Bible, he is thus enabled with a deep-toned eloquence to place the important subject of the great salvation, and the might issues connected with the reception or rejection of it, in such forcible and plain language that not one of his hearers can say, I did not understand him... *BIr*, Jan. 1870, 123.

ADVICES. The editor [C. J. Lister] writes regarding activities in various places, and includes: Bowmanville is now without a preacher who labors exclusively in proclaiming the Word. Bro. Sheppard having left, a vacancy is made in that place and Oshawa... The writer thinks that visiting that town before long, and should go thither with the expectation of finding the church, having enjoyed the labors of a brother so talented as Bro. Sheppard, considerably improved in spiritual things. *BIr*, Jan. 1871, 124.

BRO. SHEPPARD. Bro. Sheppard has left Bowmanville and resides in, or somewhere near London. I sympathise (sic) with him in the loss of a fine, promising daughter, who, in perspicacity and cleverness, had few equals. But he has consolation. She is safe. *BIr*, Jan. 1871, 127.

OBITUARIES. In London, on the morning of the 16th of February, at the residence of her father—Elder E. Sheppard—our beloved sister Jennie Sheppard fell sweetly asleep in Jesus. This lovely child was seventeen years and four months of age, but much beyond her years in intelligence and piety... On the 18th we committed her mortal remains to a silent tomb in South Dorchester... C. S. *BIr*, Jan. 1871, 127.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Edmund Sheppard of Dorchester, was lately in Toronto and preached four discourses in connection with the congregation on Richmond Street... He met with the congregation at Bowmanville on the Lord's day and delivered two discourses we understand, to large meetings. Bro. Sheppard is one of those few whose self sacrificing labors the world receives and benefits by, without fully appreciating them... Bro. Sheppard's life had been one of self denial and efficient and intelligent labor in the gospel. An educated and talented man in the sense of this world, he devotes himself to the truth with unwavering and pious devotion. *BI*, Jan. 1873, 46.

A BIBLE INSTITUTE FOR CANADA. *To the Bible Index*. Edmund Sheppard, March 17, 1874. The time has come when we, as a people, must arouse to a sense of our educational wants and make a determined effort to establish, in this province, an institution of learning. We need it in order that our sons and daughters may have their literary and scientific attainments accompanied with a sound religious training. We need it,—we *must* have it, to get (sic) our young men of talent, for the impartation of a good classical education, for the proclamation of the Gospel. And, in connection with it, the exercise of such liberality to support those who may be induced and qualified to go forth and proclaim the Gospel and teach the churches, that the stagnation in our much loved cause may, with God's blessing, be overcome, and an onward movement made to cheer our hearts, save sinners, and glorify God. The issue is before us. We must either do more than we are doing or be contented to see our country wholly given up to sectarianism... Contrast our inactivity with the energy of our brethren in the United States... they have colleges and hearts to support them. They have hundreds qualifying themselves in those colleges, and going forth, generously supported, to preach the Gospel... Teachers have been promised, and one good brother has offered to educate, at his expense, a young man of talent who is at present a mechanic... Will you, dear brother, write to the undersigned and give your promises for the support of the proposed institution, and offer your suggestion in regard to its location and manner of working... The writer suggests—1st, to rent, for the present, suitable buildings in or near Guelph, with a view to building as soon as we are able. 2nd, that if forty students, at forty dollars per term of ten weeks, could be obtained it would be a sufficient guarantee for commencement. This amount to include board, washing, and tuition; and that there be four terms in the year. 3rd, that it be open for both males and females. *BI*, April 1874, 122-124.

DIED. On the 22nd inst., our dear sister Alma E. Bentley, of South Dorchester... about 30 years of age—the wife of Bro. Isaac Bentley, my wife's youngest brother. She leaves one little boy... Mapleton, March 4, 1874. E. Sheppard. *BI*, April 1874, 128.

To James Beaty, Jr. From Joseph Ash. DEAR BROTHER,—As the large gatherings of the brethren for the proclamation of the gospel, the renewal and formation of acquaintances, called June meetings, have closed, I have passed in my mind conversations and plans you and I have had years ago, when we saw the coldness and laxity of the brethren; our Christian papers failed; the June meetings given up, a deep gloom followed which seemed to hover over every church nearly—what could be done to revive the cause, rebuild the harmony and confidences of the saints, stimulate them to renewed action and zeal. My suggestion was a periodical on a firm basis, and the renewal of our old June meetings, than a united and positive action sending out a host of evangelists, *well paid and sustained*. I remember well your cordial approval with this excellent addition, Yes, let us have June meetings, and more than one; let us have five or six. Not further to recapitulate, the paper is, and the June meetings are I hope, firmly inaugurated; the effect to me is cheering and encouraging in a high degree... *BI*, Aug. 1874, 240-241.

We regret to learn that Mary, daughter of Elder E. Sheppard, of Kingsmill, Ontario, Canada, is suffering from extreme prostration, though hopes are yet entertained of her recovery. This severe illness in his family prevents for the present Bro. Sheppard's removal to St. Thomas, whither he had engaged to go to take charge of the work in that place...*BI*, Aug. 1879, 256.

OBITUARY. (C. S.) Death has again visited the family of Bro. Sheppard, and taken... Mary, the second youngest daughter...on the 31st ult., after a sickness of about sixteen months. *CS*, May 1880, 160.

PERSONAL. We have learned through a private letter that Bro. E. Sheppard's health is very precarious. Bro. McDonald says, "we fear that his preaching days are over." Canada has none such to spare. *CW*, Nov. 1882, 3.

PERSONALS. It is rumored that bro. Sheppard is contemplating a move from Bowmanville to St. Thomas. *CW*, Oct. 1883, 2.

OBITUARY. SHEPPARD—At Bowmanville on the 27th February, Nancy, wife of Bro. E. Sheppard, on the 54th year of her age. She was buried at South Dorchester on the 2nd March...I remember meeting with brethren at her father's house one Lord's day over thirty years ago. Her father, Bro. R. Bently, and his wife were then earnest Christians...R. B. [Robert Beaty]. *BI*, March 1884, 95-96.

ITEMS AND NEWS. PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.—This congregation is getting along well, though the speaking ability of the members is not what they wish. Bro. Thomas Sisson, sr., who usually presides at their meetings is a man of good judgment. They had the pleasure of having Bro. E. Sheppard with them for three first days and the intervening weeks. There were two immersions...

BRANDON.—Bro. Sheppard while in the North West paid a visit to this place, but through a mistake there was no meeting held. Bro. Whitehead, formerly of Walkerton, was in Ontario at the time. There are several brethren in this locality. A little stirring up might result in collecting these together and establishing the Church... *BI*, Oct. 1884, 314.

JOHN BUTCHART JR

[Assistant editor with David Oliphant Jr of *The Christian Banner*.] NOTES ON A TOUR. On June the third...from King [by train] we arrived at Edwardsburgh, a station on the Great Western Railway, nine and a half miles east of London. From this point we journeyed on foot alone...to South Dorchester...The church here, by the labours and zeal of brother E. Sheppard...has increased to a numerous and noble band...There are six or seven places, many miles distant from each other where the truth is presented to the people frequently, and which are sometimes supplied to the number of three, by brother E. Sheppard in one day. There have been several persons added to this congregation lately by immersion: three on Lord's day the 1st, one on the 8th, and

two on the 17th inst.,... On Monday the 9th, we left Dorchester in company with brother Sheppard, on a tour among the brethren in the Townships of Aldborough, Howard, and Harwich. Having arrived in London in time for a train going west, we proceeded on to the Wardsville railway station. Here we turned southward into Aldborough; and passing through Wardsville and calling upon several brethren, we journeyed on to brother A. Monroe's at whose residence a meeting was held that evening, notice of which was circulated by the pupils of the school in the vicinity, and other juvenile messengers sent in various directions. Next day we proceeded onward to Howard and Harwich, where several appointments for brother Sheppard had been announced... The appointments which had been given out in Howard and Harwich, were well attended by attentive and intelligent audiences... The brethren of this region are widely spread, and do not see each other so often as would be desirable... Howard and part of Harwich present a an excellent field for evangelical labour; and if the brethren there were organized into a church, their influence would be increased... From Howard we proceeded in company with certain others to Aldborough, where we met brethren who had come from distant localities to attend a semi-annual meeting... Here we met with elder Dugald Sinclair, "a father of Israel," and his esteemed companion, who is a "mother of Israel,"... On Lord's day morning a large meeting convened, which was presided over by elder Sinclair, and addressed by brother Sheppard and also by elder Sinclair in Gaelic;... For the information of those who may not know much about these brethren, we would state that they have been and are still known as Baptists, (scotch Baptists we suppose) but they are really disciples of our Lord and Saviour... Their number we cannot state, but they are located in some seven or more townships, and enjoy the labours of elder Sinclair... They are now occasionally visited by brother Sheppard... On Monday... brother Sheppard proceeded towards St. Thomas, and we were kindly conveyed by brethren to the northern side of Aldborough, and sojourned with brother A. Monroe. Next day taking a seat at Wardsville station in a train going east, we proceeded to Eramosa... and permitted us again to enjoy the privilege of meeting with our aged parents, and other relatives, and many esteemed brethren. *CB*, July 1856, 120-123.

DAVID OLIPHANT JR

TRAVELS, NO. 2. (D. O. to William Whitney, of Hillier.) Not far from the middle of June, a call was made at Dorchester. One meeting was enjoyed with the disciples, and then we passed onward to Yarmouth, where a single discourse was given. The brethren in Yarmouth are building a meeting-house this season—it will probably be ready to occupy in the month of October... Passing up to St. Thomas, a few hours were spent agreeably with brother Hodge, who is loved... because of his long and close attachment to brother William Oliphant, who was laid in death with all our fathers in Sept 1856—a man of faith and affection, whose memory is cherished. *MGW*, July-August 1865, 137-138.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AND BAPTISTS. (A discussion re possible union between certain Disciples of Christ and Baptists in Ohio had several statements reported in *The*

Bible Indicator. Included were statements from Bro. King, the Canadian Baptist, David Oliphant, Bro. Rice, Bro. Franklin, Bro. Lard, and Bro. McGarvey. In the editor's REMARKS that follow, the opening comment is given: "Upon Bro. Oliphant's article, for certain reasons not necessary to specify, no comment is made farther (sic) than this, a change has either taken place with the writer or with the Baptists. That there was room is not dispute." *BIr*, Dec. 1870, 100-109.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE: THE MEETING IN MOSA. It was determined to continue meetings for several evenings with strong hopes of much good being done. The visitors on the afternoon of Monday with the exception of Bro. Black, the Elder and D. Oliphant of London. It was observed that Bro. Oliphant did not speak when asked, once a man gave as an excuse for not doing as requested, "I have married a wife and therefore cannot." Bro. D. O. enlivened the meeting by singing several hymns. *BI*, July 1873, 134.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. The *Messenger and Labourer* are now published weekly. We learn that the month of January was spent by Bro. Oliphant preaching in the region around the city. *BI*, March 1875, 76.

JULY AND AUGUST REPORT. From *Living Laborer*. After returning from the county of Wellington, and discoursing at Metcalfe, Ekfrid, Longwood, London Gore, calling meanwhile at Dorchester, I passed westward to the county of St. Clair in Michigan... *BI*, Oct. 1876, 301.

THE LIVING LABORER. (London, Sept. 15, 1876.) The August and September issues of the *Living Laborer*, Numbers 11 and 12, complete the sixth Volume, and these numbers we send to readers by the same mail...it was witnessed that the *Living Laborer* only be kept in the field until we could arrange for a larger and more efficient publication. To-day we speak with assurance of a paper to circulate in Ontario, which will "fill the bill," it is hoped better than any publication previously prepared and issued in Western Canada...[It is believed that Oliphant alludes to *The Christian Pathway* that Hugh McDiarmid proposed to launch.] *BI*, Oct. 1876, 299.

MARRIED. On the 15th August, at the residence of the bride's father, Elder David Oliphant, by E. Sheppard, Mr. Peter Simon McDougall, of St. Thomas, to Miss Cynthia Sophia Oliphant, of London. Bro. McDougall has been, heretofore, and efficient worker in the Yarmouth Sunday School: in union with his amiable and pious wife, his usefulness, we hope, will be *doubled* in the future. The "happy pair" took a marriage trip *to their home* in St. Thomas. *BI*, Oct. 1877, 319.

OLIPHANT.—It will cause sad reflections in the minds of a very large number of brethren throughout Canada and the United States to hear of the death of Brother David Oliphant. For many years he was connected with papers published here and circulated among the brethren. Latterly he wrote in several papers over the signature of "Living Laborer."...The spirit departed on the 17th March, 1885, his age being 64 years. *BI*, April 1885, 127.

DIED. Mr. D. Oliphant, of London East, departed this life March 17th. He was well known to Many of the Brethren as a preacher and as editor of the Living Laborer. *CW*, April 1885, 3.

COLIN SINCLAIR

Reporting from Ridgetown, March 14th, 1870 “C. S.” [Colin Sinclair] writes: February 15.—I left home to hold a few meetings with the brethren in Yarmoth (sic), East of St. Thomas. Went upon an exchange of time with Bro. Hughes who labors between that and the Dorchester Church. Things are not all as they should be with these churches there are some men like Diotrephes of old who love to have the pre-eminence...Both of these congregations have suffered much from this element...I am happy to say Bro. Hughes is much esteemed and loved by these brethren...The meetings were continued for two weeks. The weather was cold and stormy, but the brethren were in earnest and on the whole the meetings were well attended. Four confessed faith in Christ and submitted to Him in the institution of baptism. *BIr*, April 1870, 174.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “We have not heard of the recent work of ...Bro. Colin Sinclair, [his] labors of love should not be overlooked.” *BI*, Jan. 1873, 46.

WHAT IS SAID OF “BIBLE INDEX.” *Bro. Colin Sinclair*, of Ridgetown, writes: “The brethren appear to have lost all confidence in Canadian publications. I hope the confidence may yet be restored. If we take the first number of the BIBLE INDEX as an ‘index,’ I think we will have a paper that will be a credit to our brethren. May the Lord help the effort.” *BI*, April 1873, 88.

BRO. COLIN SINCLAIR’S REPORT. Ridgetown, August, 1873. Immediately after my last report on leaving Rodney, I commenced a meeting in Clark’s School House, four miles from my own home, which was continued for about four weeks with an increasing interest; but was compelled, owing to the state of my health, to discontinue them for the present. *BI*, Sept. 1873, 167.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. MEETING AT MOSA. Reported by C. J. Lister to “My Dear Brother Black,” from Owen Sound, July 1875: I wish Bro. Colin Sinclair would give us a scrap of news now and then in the *Index*. He is doing a good work; he travels some 5,000 miles a year, preaching at different stations. Immerses quite a number through the year. Was holding a series of meetings at Rawdon on the C. S. R. R. Had immersed six or seven when the Mosa Meeting began. He commenced to again at Rawdon before I left...*BI*, July 1875, 209-210.

CHURCH NEWS. We [McDiarmid] went West to Ridgetown on the 15th of January to see Bro. C. Sinclair, whose health, as our readers know, has been very poor for two or three months. We were glad to find him improving in health, and to learn from the statements of physicians that he may recover. He has done a noble work for the

Churches of the West. While his labours have been largely given to one congregation, yet he has preached the gospel in all the regions about. *BI*, Feb. 1877, 61.

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS. Bro. C. Sinclair seems to be a fixture at Ridgetown. He is called to stay with the Church there another year as pastor, or “acting elder,” or local evangelist or something. He has done a good work there during the last ten years, call him what you may. *BI*, Feb. 1879, 62.

EDITORIAL DOTS. We have learned from a private source that Bro. C. Sinclair has preached his farewell sermon at Ridgetown, where he has lived and labored for many years. We know not what his future course is to be, but will say, happy is the field that secures his labors. *CW*, Feb. 1883, 2.

CHURCH NEWS. Elder James Kilgour is now in Ridgetown, filling the place of Bro. Sinclair, who is in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. *BI&CS*, May 1882, 138.

PERSONALS. Bro. C. Sinclair from Ridgetown held a meeting at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba recently, with three additions. He is now at home again. *CW*, July 1882, 2.

DUGALD SINCLAIR

Letter to the editor, from D. Campbell, Harwick (sic, Harwich), 16th Jan. 1853: Regarding us as a church, we are only about fifteen or sixteen members between Howard and Harwick. We hold D. Sinclair of Lobo as the under shepherd to feed the flock of Christ. As we have no regular House of worship, we meet weekly at one of the brethren’s houses to worship the Lord. *CB*, March 1853, 85.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING at Erin, Feb. 1, 1861, by L. Parkinson: There was also a very promising church organized in the township of Howard, composed principally of old disciples, formerly known as Scotch Baptists, and in connexion with our much esteemed and venerable brother Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo, and a few young disciples baptised (sic) by a brother Thomson from Kentucky, and our evangelists... *BF*, March-April 1861, 78.

OBITUARY. I [editor] have to record the decease...of our venerable and beloved Brother Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo. His early education was Presbyterian or Congregational, but he broke through everything for Christ and the Bible. His burial with Christ was followed by frowns and jeers, but “none of those things moved him.” He preached with vigor, energy, and zeal, Christ and him crucified, for more than 60 years. His piety, honesty, and faithfulness made him a terror to evil doers; while his urbanity, kindness, and hospitality made *his* home *yours* while you stayed...His advice and counsel, accompanied with tears, would melt the heart, and up to the last his mind was busy in devising means to benefit the church. He was a good Gaelic and English scholar, and read with ease the Greek. So critical and studious in the Scriptures, that he furnished the Bible Union with some valuable thoughts... *Br*, Nov. 1870, 92-93.

OBITUARY. On the 6th of December last, Brother John Sinclair, of Sarnia, fell asleep in Jesus. He was the second surviving son of the late Dugald Sinclair, of Lobo...by the advice of physicians spent the following winter [1878] in the State of Kansas... returned to Ontario last June, and died at his mother's in Lobo...leaves a widow and seven children to mourn his loss...Brother S., for some years held the position of Registrar for the County of Lambton...Our aged sister Sinclair, of Lobo, and her esteemed family have been called upon again to sorrow on account of the sudden and unexpected death ...Maria Donalda Sinclair departed this life on the 29th January, ult. Her disease was cancer in the foot. *CS*, March 1880, 95-96.

OBITUARY. Sister Catharine Sinclair, relict of the late John Sinclair of Lobo—departed this life on 26th of January, in her 73rd year. She made a public profession of the gospel in Scotland in 1826, and came to this country in 1831...for many years, their house was the *meeting place* of our brethren in the township...(C. S., Ridgetown, March 9th, 1880). *CS*, April 1880, 128.

JOSEPH ASH

CORRESPONDENCE. J. Ash, writing from Rondeau, March 1870, reports on a three month tour in the state of Michigan just completed. Included was a visit to Lapeer to visit a sister and family.—Near North Branch, Lapeer Co., I found a small body of brethren, several of whom formerly lived in Canada; they are of the name McKillop. These faithful brethren, though few in number, keep up meetings in a school house...I met with them on Lord's day... *Blr*, April 1870.

CORRESPONDENCE. J. Ash reports his experience while in Mishawaka, Indiana where he reports on the preaching of Bro. Hendryx, “pleased,” and their church music, “not pleased.” On entering their meeting house, a plain, neat building, with small steeple, I found a good audience gathered. My eye soon ran over the congregation, and I decided I was with an intelligent, orderly people. I felt happy among them. I saw something in the corner in size and shape like a “sewing machine.” I could not think they had need of any such machine in the meeting. My dreamy and wandering thoughts were soon brought to a close. I saw five or six persons in the corner, and as the hymn was given out those five or six began the music of the church with an organ. My hear sank...I did not even try to sing, and would not...This was the first time I had met with brethren in my travels where they used the instrument. I was much perplexed how to act. (Ash was called upon to make some remarks at a subsequent prayer meeting.) The organ and anti-organ classes were clearly visible when I made those remarks...The next Sabbath evening I was appointed to preach for them. We had good singing and no playing. I was sorry to know the state of feeling in that large and influential church on account of the organ. It appears it was hoisted in there by one or two individuals, contrary to the feelings of a good many, probably a large majority. I was told some old brethren had never entered the house since it was put in. Others

went because they had no better place to go to, &c, &c. Their energy was dried, their zeal gone, in place of which sorrow filled their hearts. *BIr*, Oct. 187076-77.

CORRESPONDENCE. J. Ash writes of his travels in Chicago. On 25th January, I left Mishawaka, [Indiana] on the 6 o'clock train for Chicago. He reports staying with a friend, Henry Hartwick, and visiting the First Christian Church of that city, ministered to by Elder J. S. Suriney. He spoke of a second church led by a Bro. Henderson. A third church was identified, located in the west side of the city, and is called the Scotch church, because the leading men among them are Scotch, and also many of its members, who are more numerous than the previous two churches mentioned. "I had no time to visit them. They have no settled minister; meet in the old-fashioned way to bead bread, read, sing, pray, exhort, and also preach the gospel. That brethren coming into the city who are opposed to the 'Expediency and Progress' movement god directly to the west side." These three churches are not in fellowship with each other. "I was truly sorry and surprised to see a melodeon, or organ, and choir in Bro. Suriney's meeting; and also to learn that they go in for all the modern, fashionable ways of the proud, godless sects—Church fairs, festivals, pew auctions, &c." *BIr*, Jan. 1871, 116-117.

WORD OF ADVICE. Joseph Ash, Rond Eau, Oct. 28, 1872, directs a letter of Eli D. Barclay upon word that he has been appointed to a professorship at Bethany College. He is concerned about the "heresy of 'expediency and progress,'" or the "new interest movement." "I fear that restless spirit is going to give the churches a vast deal of trouble and bring our grand plea for the restoration of primitive Christianity into disgrace...From the first day, I encouraged you to devote your time, talents, and influence, to the work of the Lord as a preacher of righteousness I had great and growing hopes for you. I had hoped too, that your native country Canada, would receive the benefit of your labors...It is lamentable that we are constantly raising talented young men who find it to their honor and interest, to leave their native land so full of attractions and beauty, and spend their lives among a strange people...I look upon it that a new era in our church affairs in Canada is about to be ushered in, or needs to be ushered in, and I wanted you to become one of the principal actors...In a letter to me written in 1832 by the late A. Campbell, the founder of Bethany and Bethany College, he said, 'May the Lord make you a blessing to many.' So I would say to you, and if these words affect you as they did me, you will double your diligence and try to make them true." *BI*, Jan. 1873, 42-43.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash writes:—"Since I moved from Oshawa and made my home in the county of Kent, I have visited and labored with three congregations, and become acquainted with many brethren. They are a worthy band of loving brethren in these parts. The congregation meeting at Ridgetown, where I have my membership, numbers about 100. They have a good house to worship... Bro. Colin Sinclair preaches two Lord's days out of three. The other one-third of his time he spends with the Churches in Aldboro. Some ten or twelve members removed from Ridgetown to Manitoba during the last year, which has diminished our numbers some...Ridgetown is south from Thamesville, on the Great West Railway, it is also 10

miles from my home. The congregations in Aldboro are in a steady, healthy state. Though not so numerous in their membership, yet they are strong. One church is at Eagle on Talbot Street, another back near the River Thames...The village of Blenheim (Rondeau, O.) is a thriving place in the middle of one of the finest portions of farming land known to me. It is rapidly growing in numbers and otherwise. There are a few disciples of the Lord here. All we need to set the cause of Christ in motion is a house to worship in. A few families of Disciples from the east have of late settled here"... Bro. Joseph Ash, of Rond Eau, met with the brethren on Shuter Street, Toronto on Lord's day, 2nd February, and delivered two discourses replete with "the truth as it is in Jesus..." *BI*, Feb. 1873, 56.

NOTES BY THE WAY. Joseph Ash reports travelling south with his ailing son, John. They visited the Plum St. church in Detroit, staying with A. Linn, the offices of the *American Christian Review* in Cincinnati (where they found that a round trip ticket from Cincinnati to St. Augustine, Florida costs \$57.40), and Lexington where they visited Moses E. Lard [who spent some time in Bowmanville during the American civil war] and John S. Sweeney [who debated Crawford in Ontario]. *BI*, Jan. 1875, 26-27.

MY VISIT TO CANADA. By Geo. W. Colston, Atlanta, Ill., July 6th, 1875. I left the garden spot of America (Logan Co., Ill.) May 27th, 1875...arrived at Chatham at 7:30 a.m. next morning, took a Hack, and after a ride of 12 miles was safely landed at the hospitable and comfortable dwelling of my brother-in-law Joseph Ash—found the family all well excepting his son John A., who was taken ill about one year ago; he spent the winter in the sunny south in hope of regaining his health, yet that fell disease, consumption, baffled the skill of human wisdom; he returned the last of May much worse than when he left home, he lingered some five weeks and calmly passed over the river to join a host of near and dear ones who passed over before him. He was a very promising young man, of extraordinary business talents, was a favourite among all his acquaintances; but he has left a sorrowing father, and relatives to mourn his loss; but John obeyed the gospel while with me in the State of Tennessee, was baptised by Bro. Talbot Fanning, in June 1866. This makes 13 sad trips Bro. Ash has made from his own dwelling to the grave; he has buried three wives and ten children, yet like Job of old, "he maintains his integrity"... *BI*, Aug. 1875, 233.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. Bro. Joseph Ash is now living on a farm. His address is Lyons P. O., Elgin County, Ontario. *BI*, Nov. 1875, 328.

PERSONALS. Bro. Joseph Ash, from Lyons, was with me [H. B. Sherman] through the entire meeting at Selkirk. He delivered two or three good discourses during the meeting and assisted in many ways by prayer and exhortation. He was a charter member of the first Church organized in Canada on the "Bible alone." He is now 74 years old, but as straight as an arrow and as active as a man of 40 years. *CW*, July 1882, 2.

Joseph Ash to Bro. Beaty, Rodney, 29th April, 1883: By this you see I have got to my new abode. I was at meeting to-day. It was a good large meeting. Bro. McDonald, of

Port Hope, was here, but could not speak much, as he is suffering, and under medical treatment. Bro. W. Campbell and self did most of the speaking. Bro C. intends removing to this place soon. Notice in the INDEX my change of residence. The church here is in a good spiritual condition, moving on harmoniously. *BI*, June 1883, 189.

ITEMS AND NEWS. WM. FORRESTER.— Our brother passed through this city [Toronto] on the 29th December to his home in Pickering, after a week's trip west of this...Detroit...He also visited Bro. Ash at Rodney. We are sorry to learn that Bro. Ash is not strong in the flesh. He is still anxious for the advancement of the gospel among men...*BI*, Jan. 1884, 30.

GOSPEL SUCCESS. Brother Ash was hurt recently by a fall in his barn, but the latest report from him was that he was recovering. *CW*, March 1884, 2.

ITEMS AND NEWS. JOSEPH ASH.—Our brother has been for sometime at St. Louis, Mich., taking the waters at that place. He thinks he is receiving great benefit and is being relieved of the sciatica. *BI*, May 1885, 155.

APPENDIX

SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO RESTORATION CHURCHES LISTED
 CHRONOLOGICALLY BY REUBEN BUTCHART, *HISTORY OF THE
 DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IN CANADA, FROM 1830.*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Page</u>
1818		Aldborough	Elgin	384
1820		Lobo	Middlesex	393
1829	Morpeth P.O	Howard	Kent	467
(1847		North Easthope	Perth)
1850	Mapleton	S. Dorchester	Elgin	453
1856	Ridgetown	Howard	Kent	497
1862		Mosa	Middlesex	476
1864	Yarmouth (Heights)	Yarmouth	Elgin	483
1865	Eagle	Aldborough	Elgin	384
1866	Rodney	Aldborough	Elgin	489
1873 (1890)	Blenheim	Harwich	Kent	547
1879	St. Thomas	Yarmouth	Elgin	483
(1882	Springfield	Malahide	Elgin)
1883	Appin	Ekfrid	Middlesex	541
1885	Aylmer	Malahide	Elgin	542
(1885	Euphemia	Euphemia	Lambton)
1885	Stratford	(4 twps)	Perth	576
1887	West Lorne	Aldborough	Elgin	582
1890	London	London	Middlesex	563
1892	Glencoe	Mosa	Middlesex	554
1893	Harwich	Harwich	Kent	587
1894	Northwood	Harwich	Kent	587
1896	Iona	Southwold	Elgin	559
1896	Inwood	Brooke	Lambton	560
1898	Selton	Howard	Kent	576
1897	Alvinston	Brooke	Lambton	542

(Parenthesis, (-), indicates locations not mentioned by Butchart.)