

HALDIMAND COUNTY CHURCHES: EXTRACTS FROM THE PERIODICALS

Special News

To the brethren and churches in Eramosa, Erin, and Esquesing. Narrative, No. II

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At Font Hill, south-east of Jordan, Niagara District, and at Rainham, Talbot District meetings were also held. To the latter place, twenty five miles west of Wainfleet, I enjoyed the company of brother Thomas Bradt, whose zeal for the cause is exhibiting itself in all that region. We remained there long enough to speak five times to the public, where we found the hearers both numerous and attentive. On leaving we received various requests to return. The friends who attended gave heed to the things spoken with more or less interest.

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I am, with Christian affections,
D. Oliphant

Lancaster, N. Y., 11th March

The Witness of Truth, March 1949, p. 70-71

Report from Recent Excursions

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Almost three months have transpired since leaving Oshawa. After making some two or three brief calls at various places, subsequent to the Jordan debate, and spending nearly a week in Rainham, we crossed over to Erie county, New York state, and renewed our acquaintance with some of the brethren in that section.

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Conductor

Oshawa, 17 April

The Witness of Truth, April 1949, p. 90-93

A Meeting Proposed

Wainfleet, June 4th, 1849

Dear Brother Oliphant:--I embrace this opportunity of expressing a few thoughts upon paper to you. It is now nearly three months since we saw each other face to face, and I still remember our visit to Rainham, and hope that we may make a similar one, and that we may not only see the people coming to hear, but to obey the word of the Lord for their salvation. Brother Clendenan has been up to Rainham, to instruct the people concerning the great importance of becoming obedient according to the gospel. I learn that they were highly pleased with his discourses.—We contemplate having a general meeting in the month of August if it meets your approbation, and we think of calling on brother Hayden, and would invite as many brethren from the various churches as could attend.--I have nothing special to write in respect to the

cause in this place, only that we have many dear friends and some bitter enemies. I have thought sometimes that the gospel will make men better or worse. But these necessary evils make us think of the frailty of human nature. I must close my letter, and would remind you of the friendly regard I have for you, hoping that we may not only enjoy each other's company here, but also in heaven.

Your friend, T. Bradt

We earnestly trust the brethren in Wainfleet will have a happy, a useful, a most influential meeting on the 24th of August—the time agreed upon for the meeting to commence. If application be made immediately, it is probable that brother Hayden will make it his duty to be in attendance. We recommend him, should he come, to make arrangements to visit Jordan also. It is among our designs to see that our brother of Euclid does not labor alone, should he journey to labor in Wainfleet.

D. O.

The Witness of Truth, July 1949, p. 168

Special News

Wainfleet, Aug. 29th, 1849

Dear Brother Oliphant:--Favor mercy and peace be multiplied. Our big meeting having terminated, I presume you and the friends at large desire to hear something respecting it. The confluence was considerable—persons being present from Rainham, Bronte, Chingacousey, and from various other distant places.

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A. Clendenan

The Witness of Truth, October 1849, p. 239

Our Evangelists' Labours

The brotherhood of Western Canada will perceive by the following letter where brethren Kilgour and Anderson have been requested to commence and prosecute their labours:--

Oshawa, 24th Nov., 1849

Dear Brethren Anderson and Kilgour:--It is among my duties and pleasures again to address you. The brethren chosen to direct your labours as the Evangelists of the congregations, having met together at Pickering on the 18th of November, desire through me to point out to you the field they consider best for you to occupy, at least during the first few months from the beginning of your travels. . . .

On taking leave of Eramosa, you will please proceed south and southwest to Waterloo and Rainham, with the intention, after making a visit to these two places, of visiting the churches in the Niagara District, and subsequently all the churches from Hamilton and Dundas to Picton. The object of this visit to the churches is two-fold. First, to give the brethren generally an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with those whom they engage to

sustain in heralding the news of the gospel; and in the second place, to enliven, interest, and excite the brethren everywhere to a higher point of religious warmth and exemplary fervor in all that pertains both to their own advancement in truth, holiness, and love, and their greater influence and missionary activity in the conversion of wandering strangers and their return to the gospel habitation. It is contemplated that you will remain two, three, or four days, more or less, with the brethren at each locality, in this your first tour; and in passing along, you will please make particular enquiry at each point you visit where brethren are located respecting the state of the public mind at a distance from the place where the brethren meet, and the chances of success in the event of holding meetings at certain places and points away from the direct influence of the church. With this information, obtained in passing from church to church throughout the province, you will, at the close of said visit, be able to direct your labours to the best possible advantage in localities where brethren in their church capacity are not in the habit of labouring.

. . . In journeying from Berlin to Rainham, if you find it not too great a circuit, or not too far out of a direct course, it may be well to administer comfort to the little number of "little ones" in North East Hope. If, also, you could make it in your way to see how the brethren in Norwich progress, all the better. Upon visiting Rainham, you will not meet with a church; but a few brethren and friends there will assist you in the necessary preparations to hold meetings where some labour has already been bestowed, a few miles east of the village of Walpole.

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D. Oliphant

The Witness of Truth, December 1849, p.283-285

Wainfleet Nov. 20, 1849

Dear Brother Oliphant:--It always affords me pleasure to announce progress of the good cause. Opposition to the gospel of Christ has run very high here this summer. . . . To complete our joy two more who were formerly connected with the Baptist church in Rainham, made application for union, and were accordingly united with us on last Lord's day. May heavenly peace and love attend all the dear children who "seek for glory, honor, and immortality."

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Yours, A. Clendenan

The Witness of Truth, December 1849, p. 286

Special News. Evangelists Tour—Report No. II

Dear Brother Oliphant:--

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We returned through the Townships previously mentioned, and held one meeting in passing. At Mount Pleasant we left for home, to leave our winter conveyance and take our

saddles. We have again set out and are near Bronte at the residence of brother W. Bradt. We leave here by the end of the week for Jordan, the Lake shore, Wainfleet, Rainham, Mount Pleasant, Windham, Hamilton, Dundas, and the Pine Woods on the Brock Road.

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Yours in the good cause,

J. Kilgour
A. Anderson

The Witness of Truth, March 1850, p. 67-68

The Evangelists.—Brother Bradt, of Wainfleet, in a late communication, says, “Our brethren left here on the 16th (March) for Rainham, to commence their labours there. So far as their labours are concerned here, we believe they have made a good impression. Although we received no additions to the church, yet we can truly say that our spiritual strength is renewed; and O that the Lord had more such labourers in the field. We hope a return of our brethren as soon as practicable.”

The Witness of Truth, April 1850, p.96

Special News. Evangelists’ Tour—Report, No. V

Oshawa, June 10th, 1850

Dear Brother Oliphant:-- . . .

In reference to Report No. 3, we can inform the Brethren through you that we wrote it and got it mailed. In it we stated that we visited Bronte, Beamsville, and Jordan. While there we immersed one. We also visited the Lake Shore, being between these two places, Wainfleet, Rainham, Walpole, Hamilton, Dundas and the Brethren in Flamboro West; in the most of those places we had large meetings. In Beamsville and Rainham, we were kindly treated by our Baptist friends; got the use of their meeting house and an unextorted promise that if we ever should visit those parts again we should enjoy the same privilege. It is decidedly cheering to behold Christian frankness out growing a suspicious reserve, giving a healthy and hopeful indication that those holding the “one Lord, the one faith, and the one Baptism” were hastening towards a oneness of affection and action. The Lord grant that this may be speedily consummated among all those that are his.

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James Kilgour
Alex. Anderson

The Witness of Truth, June 1850, p. 142-144

Wainfleet, Oct. 7th, 1850

Dear Brother Oliphant:--Our big meeting having terminated I take the pen to inform the brethren of the result. The speakers present were brethren Anderson, Kilgour, and A. S. Hayden—the latter accompanied by his amiable consort, sister Sarah. The commencement of the meeting was rather unpleasant, owing to the rain—but soon the clouds breaking away, the sun made its appearance, which much revived our spirits. We were favoured with quite a full hearing—persons being in attendance from Bronte, Rainham, Jordan, and other places. We also had with us a brother and sister from Williamsville, N. Y.

. . . You will rejoice with us upon learning that eight were baptized, and three others were added who had been previously immersed. This doubtless will appear very surprising to those who returned home before the meeting closed! One of the number baptized is an individual of Rainham—may he rejoice and be steadfast in the Lord.

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Brother Anderson and Kilgour have gone to Rainham, but purpose returning shortly to hold meetings among us. The Lord bless their efforts.

As ever, A. Clendenan

The Witness of Truth, November 1850, p. 262-263

Wainfleet, Oct 16th, 1850

Dear Brother Oliphant:--Since writing my last to you, the evangelists have returned from Rainham and are again with us. They enjoyed a very refreshing season there. Our Baptist brethren having kindly tendered their meeting house for the occasion, audiences large, orderly, and attentive—a lively interest and a most favourable impression—were the consequences. Three were immersed, and the prospect for many more is most flattering. Why should such a field be abandoned?

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As ever, A. Clendenan

The Witness of Truth, November 1850, p. 263-264

Special News. Evangelists' Tour—Report, No. VII

Bronte, October 28th

Dear Brother Oliphant:--We embrace the present opportunity of reporting our labours for the past month and a half. . . .

We visited Rainham after leaving Wainfleet. Our Baptist brethren there kindly offered us the use of their meeting house, which we accepted. We were there and in the village of Walpole (about three miles distant) for a week and a half. We had nearly the same congregation during this time. The audience was large and very attentive. We held forth upon the most important points of the great salvation in the best manner we possibly could. The

bonds and scriptural grounds of Christian fellowship, the importance of Christians being united in order to convert the world, and that this devoutly to be wished for consummation could only be attained by returning to the ancient or apostolic order of faith and practice,—were dwelt upon among these good friends. The effort produced we considered good; for often did we hear many of them declare that they knew of no scriptural reasons why they and the disciples should not be united. Neither did we. What we frequently said here, we desire to say to all our Baptist friends in Canada—they do not know us, neither what we believe nor teach, or are contending for; and just so soon as we get their attention and make known the great truths we are contending for, so soon will the stiffness and apparent suspicion on their part be destroyed, and the distance between us be shortened. In our travels, many is the cheering indication we perceive tending to confirm this conviction. The apostles and prophets are the only heaven-approved foundation, Christ Jesus being the chief corner stone. To this platform all who fear the Lord will return, and take up their stand.

The effect produced upon the community who favoured us with their presence and attention was also good. Three individuals in Rainham (as already reported) made the good confession, and were immersed by the authority of the Lord Jesus,—and others were almost persuaded to be Christians. We returned by Wainfleet and held some meetings.

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Your brethren in the Lord,

J. Kilgour,
A. Anderson

Erin, Nov. 15th, 1850

The Witness of Truth, December 1850, p. 285-288

Travels Among the Churches. No. II

Report from Oliphant. Visited Jordan first day of May. Spoke on Sunday the 4th at their meeting house. Brother Jones now preaching there. Oliphant went to Wainfleet, then Rainham, about 25 miles northwest. Spoke in Baptist meeting house. Bros. Yeager, Holmes, Culp, and Hoover have left the Baptists and are building a meeting house, due to be completed in Sept. On May 25th Oliphant in Toronto, with Lesslie and Scott.

Christian Mirror, No. 6, 1851, p. 143-46.

Religious Intelligence: Letter

Amos Clendenan reported attending “big meeting at Jordan.” Stayed with Wm. Bradt in St. Catharines before going with Bros. Brown and Strickler to Jordan. Visitors came from Wainfleet, Rainham, Windham, Williamsville, NY and Clarence NY. Elder Brown, A. P. Jones, and Butchart from Eramosa all spoke. Seventeen baptized, including Amos’ brother. Eight more baptized the following day.

Christian Mirror, No. 6, 1851, p. 165-166

New Meeting House in Rainham

Wm. Bradt reported more baptisms in Jordan, making 35 in all. Leonard Yager wrote Oct. 16th about opening of new meeting house in Rainham. Anderson of Eramosa preached. *Christian Mirror*, No. 6, 1851, p. 167

Our Meeting in Erin

At a meeting of the Provincial Co-operation of the Disciple of Christ, for the spread of the Gospel, held in the village of Erin, on Saturday, the 12th June, 1852, Brother Alexander Anderson was appointed *Chairman*, and James Lesslie, *Secretary*.

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The names of the churches and of the brethren representing them were then called for, and were as follows:--

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Rainham.—Brothers Asher Holmes and Leonard Yager.

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The Chairman then called the attention of the brethren to the duty of deciding whether the existing organization for the purpose of sending out of Evangelists should be sustained, modified, or changed.-- A discussion then arose upon the question, in which most delegates took part. The church at Rainham was desirous to aid in any arrangement to send out a sufficient number of Evangelists into the field, and particularly into that neighborhood. . . .

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The enquiry was then submitted, Where shall the next meeting be held? when it was Resolved, That it be held in the Village of Williamsville, in the *Township of Rainham*, on the third Friday in June, 1853.

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The meeting closed with devotional exercises about 9 P. M.

Alexr. Anderson, Chairman
J. Lesslie, Secretary

Erin Village, June 12, 1852

Christian Banner, June 1852, p. 163-167

Labours of Evangelists. Report No. VII

Dear Brother Oliphant—Having at the request of the Co-operation met at the Township of Rainham, we held a series of meetings in that place to advocate the cause of the Redeemer. Though the season of the year was very unfavorable for obtaining a large audience on week-day evenings, we are happy to state that we were heard with attention by those present.

It is also with much pleasure that we acknowledge the kindness of our Baptist friends who allowed us to occupy their meeting house on three occasions while we were there; and

that they manifested, in other respects, a friendly—even a brotherly—desire that God will promote the cause which we advocate.

After continuing the meetings for eight days, we brought them to a close on Lord's Day, the 11th instant, when our hearts were cheered by two females submitting themselves to the claims of their Redeemer in baptism.

Praying that God's blessing might rest upon our affectionate brethren in this place for their Christian kindness towards us, we have left them for the present, and have arrived in Wainfleet, where we hope to have the opportunity to become acquainted with the Lord's people, and to proclaim the Gospel to sinners.

Edmund Sheppard
James Black

Wainfleet, July 15th, 1852

Christian Banner, June 1852, p. 168-169

Labours of Evangelists. Report No. VIII

Dear Brother Oliphant.—On Thursday evening, July 13th, we commenced a series of meetings in the midst of the excellent church at Wainfleet, animated by the company and Christian sympathy of brethren T. Bradt and A. Clendenan

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Parting with our beloved brethren here, we were conveyed to Welland Port (the Narrows) where we spoke in the Presbyterian meeting house on the following (Monday) evening. Thence, by the Christian kindness of brother Dennis, we journeyed back to Rainham, at which place we again addressed the people on Tuesday evening, the 21st instant. At the close of the discourse, an interesting female having risen to request baptism, she was buried in the calm and glossy bosom of Lake Erie "in the same hour of the night," amidst the rejoicing of saints and of angels.

James Black
Edmund Sheppard

South Dorchester, July 23rd, 1852

Christian Banner, July 1852, p. 192-193

Dear Brother Oliphant.--

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A few of the brethren from Rainham were with us, and gave additional interest to the occasion. The Lord grant that the meeting in September next may be as cheering and successful.

A. Clendenan

Wainfleet, July 22nd, 1852

Christian Banner, July 1852, p. 193

Dear Brother,--Thinking that you are probably ever anxious to know how the churches are prospering and enjoying themselves, I take this occasion to write and say that peace and love prevail amongst the brethren here. We have received a visit from brothers Black and Sheppard, through whom we have been much edified and confirmed in the ways of righteousness and true holiness; and in addition to those who obeyed, I think many good impressions were made on the minds of others, which will be like the bread cast upon the waters and gathered after many days. It is good to have visits from the brethren occasionally, to show us our weakness and the want of diligence in the search of the Scriptures of truth.

Yours most affectionately,

Leonard Yager

Rainham, July 26th, 1852

Christian Banner, July 1852, p. 194

Labours of Evangelists. Report No. IX

After leaving Rainham, we directed our course Westward and arrived at South Dorchester, where meetings were held until Monday, August 3rd. . . .

James Black

Edmund Sheppard

Christian Banner, August 1852, p. 227

Labours of Evangelists. Report No. XI

Brother Oliphant:--Our meeting in Wainfleet commenced according to appointment, on Friday the 24th ultimo, and was concluded on Monday 27th, at noon. Brethren Brown of Newstead, N.Y., Anderson, and myself, were the speakers. Through the whole of the meeting, especially on Lord's day and Monday, we were much cheered with the presence of a goodly number of brethren and listeners from Jordan, Rainham, and all the country round; some from N.Y. State, and two brethren from P.E. County.

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James Black

A. Anderson

Christian Banner, October 1852, p. 283-284

Wainfleet, October 7th, 1852

Dear Brother Oliphant,--Having a desire to communicate to you the result of the meeting in Wainfleet, I must say that we had a joyful time. . . .

Brethren Black and Anderson after leaving Wainfleet, started for Rainham to hold a meeting of several days, which commenced Thursday evening following. We attended part of

the meeting, and had the pleasure of seeing six more confess the Lord, and one added formerly a Baptist.
 Your Brother, T. Bradt
 Christian Banner, December 1852, p. 339

Labours of Evangelists. [1]

Bowmanville, Dec. 1st, 1852

Dear Brother Oliphant:--Though brother Anderson is not along with me, I am not willing to let another Number of the *Banner* be published without a report of our labours.

In company with brethren from Rainham, who attended the Wainfleet meeting, we proceeded to Rainham, and as soon as we could we commenced a series of meetings with the church there. We were much encouraged by the cordial co-operation of the brethren and by the confidence we had in their Christian character, that any additions to their number would be trained for glory, honour, and immortality. The attendance was good, and I believe the people of Rainham cannot easily be made to believe that we are Campbellites. They gave us an honest hearing, and we gave them an honest exhibition of the truth. The result was as has been reported. The brethren were much strengthened and encouraged by the union of Deacon Overholt, who for years tried to bring his Baptist brethren to the scripture standard of Christianity instead of the views and customs of any party.

I cannot but regret for their own sakes the stubborn adherence of some Baptist churches to what they call Baptist principles, when in reality we find among Baptists as far as I can trace them back in modern times, many of the views on account of which they call us heretics, and for embracing these views they separate their own best men from the body.

On our return from Rainham we spent a week at several points in the Niagara District, where I trust good has been done.

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James Black

The Christian Banner, January 1853, p. 28-29

Elders. No. I

We offer the following as introductory to a few articles on the office and duties of Elders:--

Rainham Centre, Nov. 18th, 1852

To Brother Oliphant: Editor Christian Banner: Cobourg:--I take this opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of nine numbers of the Christian Banner, sent to me by yourself for some other kind friend or brother, for which I feel truly grateful; for they greatly edified and strengthened me in the truths of the gospel, and I shall circulate them among my friends and neighbours, hoping they may be equally benefitted. I must also inform you that my former prejudices have given way to the light of divine truth. When my understanding was opened by the truths of the gospel I then endeavoured to set those truths before my fellow creatures, but this soon

brought down the frowns of my brethren, and they commenced labouring with me and demanded of me a confession or an acknowledgment, and a renouncement of the principles I entertained, which of course I could not do; and accordingly I left the Baptists and united with the Disciples, where we have peace and union, and we meet every Lord's day, and endeavour to edify each other in hymns and psalms and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts to the Lord. There seems to be no backwardness among the brethren. Many of them are able in the scriptures. Next Lord's day we expect three to be immersed. The church has appointed two Elders, but they are not willing to attend to the ordinance, having some doubts whether an unordained Elder should perform that rite. The brethren have sent for an administrator. Would you have the goodness to give your views through your very valuable paper upon this matter. The brethren will not move one step without a "Thus saith the Lord." Your suggestions, drawn from the word, might not only be a benefit to the church in Rainham, but many others.

By giving our attention to the above you will oblige your unworthy brother in Christ,

Aaron Overhott [sic]

The Christian Banner, February 1853, p. 43-44

Personal Defence

Mr. D. Oliphant,--Sir:--

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I will now leave him to his own reflections, and turn my attention to your sonorous commentary, on a garbled extract of a private letter. I wrote to your Christian brother in Walpole, alias Asher Holmes in Rainham, who, probably, sent the letter to you to get it printed in order that he might be able to read it; but instead of printing it and sending it back to him, you concluded to publish it, and then explode at it. But as all was mere euphony, no great harm was done. It seems that you delight in publishing my private letters. Very well; they help to fill up the paper, though I confess, frankly, that I would be better pleased if you would published the whole, postscripts and all. . . .

N. L. Holmes

Chippawa, 7th Dec. 1852

The Christian Banner, February 1853, p. 51-52

The Meeting in June

For the Christian Banner

The brethren and friends are reminded that the annual meeting this year will be held here, commencing on the third Friday in June. In order to make it interesting and profitable to us all, the brethren in this vicinity would earnestly invite the brethren and friends at a distance to come and exchange sentiments, and exhort and edify each other.

We invite the speaking brethren D. Oliphant, J. Black, A. Anderson, J. Kilgour, J. Lesslie, T. C. Scott, J. Doyle, E. Sheppard, and others whom we have not the honor of being acquainted with. We believe it will be the means of doing honor to the cause of Christ to have a goodly number of speakers, all having the one faith, and one hope, and one design in sounding out the word of Truth.

Brethren coming by way of Hamilton can take the stage to Jarvis, which lies west of Williamsville some eleven miles. The Rainham brethren will have teams there awaiting their arrival on Friday, and also at Dunnville, which lies east some seventeen miles; and those coming from the west can take stage at Port Dover on Friday morning at 6 o'clock. And those waiting at Dunnville (Saturday) can take stage at 6 in the morning, the stage running within a few rods of the Meeting House.

Williamsville, 2nd May, 1853

Asher Holmes

Just as we were preparing a notice of the June Meeting for this Number, the above came to hand; and it is so definite and suitable that as the apostle says "we need not to speak anything." It would doubtless minister to the joy of all could the brethren of Nottawasaga, St. Vincent, and Owen Sound find their way to Williamsville in Rainham. Brethren Trout and W. A. Stephens, we doubt not, will do what they can to send themselves and the brethren with them to the meeting. And it is probable brother Platt will do and say all that is requisite to be done and said to secure his own and others attendance from the region of Picton. It may be, too, that brother Morison of Chatham can attend. To all the holy brethren grace and peace!

D. O.

The Christian Banner, May 1853, p. 139-140

We are happy to learn that brother Edmund Sheppard, of Dorchester, has arranged to visit Norwich and Rainham at regular periods for at least a number of months. D. O.

The Christian Banner, June 1853, p. 170

Labours of Evangelists. [6]

Gainsboro, 3d June, 1853

Brother Oliphant:--I am now engaged for a short time in preaching the gospel in these parts in conjunction with brethren Anderson and Kilgour. . . .

I will also mention that I have paid two visits to the Lord's people in Rainham during the spring. When last there one confessed the Lord and was immersed.

Yours &c.,

Edmund Sheppard

The Christian Banner, July 1853, p. 196

Yearly Meeting

The annual meeting in behalf of co-operating churches of Disciples of Christ in Canada was held this year in Williamsville, Saturday afternoon, June 18th. Brother J. Kilgour was called to preside, D. Oliphant appointed secretary. . . .

J. Kilgour, President,
William Oliphant, Secretary,

Eramosa, June, 1853

. . .

The preceding minutes could not appear in our July Number, as the matter of said No. was in the printer's hands before the meeting took place. But the above is not an account of the general meeting which commenced on Friday and terminated on Monday. There were saints and sinners then and there in attendance who will never forget those days. The influence of the assembly and the speaking, will doubtless be felt in the Williamsville community for years, and not a few who were strangers to the Disciples, coming from a distance, will tell with earnestness and interest the things they saw and heard at the June meeting of 1853.

We thank brother Clendenan for the following communication, which sets before us briefly the generals and the interesting particulars of the meeting:

Wainfleet, June 24, 1853

Dear Brother Oliphant:--Being earnestly solicited by some who possess my warmest Christian affection to write a narrative of the Rainham meeting—I consent to forward a communication relative to this matter for the pages of the *Christian Banner*. The Wainfleet church was duly prepared for this joyful occasion, having been cheered by the labors of the evangelists a short time anterior to the annual meeting. You were not present I believe at its commencement but you may rest assured that it had a most happy beginning.

Brothers Anderson and Kilgour presiding, the holy exercise was opened by brother J. Stevens of N.Y., who was followed by a goodly number imparting exhortation and comfort to the brethren. We were much edified by the remarks of brothers Taylor and Vinekie of N. Y. The scene was gladdened by the arrival of many Disciples from Dorchester and a few from Wainfleet.

Saturday morning brought many cheerful countenances from Wainfleet, Eramosa, Jordan, Toronto, and various other places near and remote. It was plainly discernible that a good meeting must be the result. By simply naming the public brethren in attendance on this occasion your distant readers will readily perceive that the meeting could be no other than one of the happiest description:--they were the following: D. Oliphant, J. Stevens, A. Anderson, J. Kilgour, T. C. Scott, J. Mitchell and E. Sheppard. No effort possessing such an amount of talent and piety could be otherwise than a successful one. At the close of this day, three came forward for baptism. How happy we were.

On Saturday morning a very great multitude were assembled there—the opening address was given by brother Sheppard, followed by others who occupied the day in a profitable manner. You know I love sacred music. The singing—yes, the *singing*—warmed my heart and brought to my remembrance the holy songs of Zion sung by sweet celestial voices, replete with harmony and melody. What more delightful—what more heart-stirring—than to hear sister voices properly trained, singing in sweet and melting strains the love of our dear Redeemer! Ye highly favored ones, cease not to touch the hearts of sinners by your subduing strains and entice them to the gospel of the glorious Savior. “Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary,” and certainly he loves you also, for the rich service performed by you in his kingdom. Brethren and sisters, everywhere, if you desire sacred music, acceptable, cheering, and captivating, please have recourse to A. S. Hayden’s *Sacred Melodeon*, and your wish will be gratified. At the close of this day attending Angels swiftly bore the happy news causing the heavenly hosts to burst forth in simultaneous rejoicing, that four precious souls were persuaded to leave the dominion of Satan with all its enchantments, and enter the kingdom of their Saviour. Could language express our delight at that moment?

Monday morning, the last day of the rich heavenly feast, found us once more together. I need not affirm that our happiness was greatly augmented by the antecedent proceedings and enjoyments. Exhortation, rich, soul-stirring, and subduing, were presented to the solemn audience. Our hearts were filled with joy. The effort against the Enemy of souls was a most successful one—to God be all the praise. We felt resolved, the Lord helping us, to be more faithful—more devoted to the Redeemer’s cause in future-time. We evidently saw what mighty results could be achieved were we sufficiently liberal in sustaining faithful and pious evangelists to proclaim the word to a dying world. Twelve o’clock closed the scene when “the general assembly and church of the first born who are written in heaven” beheld the salvation from sin of three mortal souls who resolved to go to the Saviour for pardon and protection. I may not say that the obedience of one of the three affords delight to the good people here, but causes deep and pungent wailing among Satan’s generals stationed in Wainfleet. Thus it will be seen that ten were immersed in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins.

Permit me in conclusion to say that the highest credit is due to the friends in Rainham for their good order and amiable behavior manifested by them throughout the meeting.

A. Clendenan

The Christian Banner, August 1853, p. 219-223

Funds Received and Expended for Evangelizing.

The Treasurer in Account with the Churches Comprising the Provincial Co-operation.

Monies received from the 11th June, 1852, to the 15 June, 1853:--

Balance in hand June 11th, “52£5 11 9

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Church in Rainham 4 10 0

The Christian Banner, September 1853, p. 249

Labours of Evangelists. [7.]

Having been requested by the co-operation to spend a few weeks in labouring in the cause of our good Master, in the Niagara District, we left our home and families in order to carry out their desires, and to discharge the obligations that rest upon us to preach the word, and thus carry the good message of salvation from the Saviour to dying sinners. . . . We next went forward to Rainham, where we continued until the June meeting.

As brother Oliphant was at the June meeting himself, we expect him to give any further description that might be useful.

It will be observed that the dates are not given in the foregoing;--they are omitted to avoid lengthening the report. The meetings commenced at Jordan on Wednesday, May 18th, and extended to the June meeting. . . .

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James Kilgour
Alexander Anderson
Edmund Sheppard

The Christian Banner, September 1853, p. 250-251

Auxiliary Bible Union in Canada. Address to the Brotherhood.

Eramosa, March 22nd, 1854

To The Disciples of Christ in Canada;

Dear Christian Friends:--You are aware that the meeting of the friends of a pure version of the word of god, called by the circular of brother Mitchell in the Christian Banner, took place at the Disciples' meeting house, near Norval, Esquesing, at the time appointed. On account of the unfavourable weather the attendance was not so large as it certainly would have been in fine weather, but under the circumstances it was such as proved so very satisfactory that we all feel a deep interest in giving a translated Bible to every nation on earth. The brethren present represented the churches of Bowmanville, Oshawa, Toronto City, Pickering, Esquesing, Jordan, Wainfleet, Rainham, Eramosa, Erin and Owen Sound, and in my opinion may be taken as an index to the views and feelings of the brethren throughout the Province; and if that be granted, we are all of one heart and one mind on this important duty.

. . .

I am, beloved Christian friend,
James Black

The Christian Banner, May 1854, p. 133-135

Rainham, 15th March, 1854

Mr. D. Oliphant: Dear Brother:--I have some good news for you. After my health was restored, I visited Townsend according to your request, and the first Lord's day after I returned home, John Boutcher came down to Rainham and made the good confession, and was buried in the likeness of Christ's death, to walk in a new life.—May the Lord help him so to do.

Yours in the good hope,

A. Holmes

The Christian Banner, May 1854, p. 140

Religious Intelligence

Rainham, 17th May, 1854

Mr. D. Oliphant:--My Dear Brother:--It seems very long since I was in your company at Villnova. Since that time I have wished to see you again in Rainham.

We are all well and enjoying many blessings of God's favour, for which we feel thankful. There has been little or no alteration here since I wrote to you. We still continue to meet every Lord's day to edify each other by reading God's holy Book. We have had one addition, who I am happy to say is quite intelligent in our creed book (the Bible).

The loud peal of opposition is falling back upon itself, and I think is likely to die. We are all in peace as far as I know, and it is hopeful we may continue so.

I have made two visits to Townsend recently—the first was in March, the meeting was in a bye place, and the roads being very muddy there were only a few out. The second visit was in April, Lord's day 23rd, when we attended a meeting conducted by elder J. Van Loon, jr., in the forenoon and in the afternoon I addressed quite a large number considering the roads; and they gave good attention to what was said. . . . After meeting one made the good confession and was buried in the likeness of Christ's death and rose to walk in a new life. Her companion is a member of the Baptist church. May the Lord enable her to adorn the profession she has made.

In the good hope to meet again,

A. Holmes

The Christian Banner, July 1854, p. 195

Meeting in June and Various Reports.

Everton, 4th July, 1854

Mr. Editor—Dear Brother—I am requested by the co-operation to forward to you the following documents for publication in the Christian Banner:--

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Reports from the Churches

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Rainham :--present number 39, by baptism 2; withdrawn 3, A. Overholt and L. Yager, Elders; A. Holmes and B. Culp, Deacons.

...

James Mitchell, Secretary

The Christian Banner, August 1854, p. 222-223

Evangelist's Fund—The Treasury

Eramosa, 20th July, 1854

Dear Brother Oliphant:--For the information of the brethren I transmit for publication in the "Banner" an account of the receipts and disbursements of the provincial Board of the churches of Christian Disciples, forming the co-operation for the spread of the gospel in Canada West, from June 1853 to June 1854 inclusive.

The Treasurer in Account:

June 15 th , 1853, cash in hand at date	\$22.5
Received from the church in Rainham	44.50

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The Christian Banner, August 1854, p. 225-226

Labors of Evangellists. [5.]

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When September commenced I passed up by railway to Rochester, thence to Buffalo; crossed the swiftly rolling River to Fort Erie, Canada, and took a seat in the cars for Dunnville. Within a few hours, brother H. Thompson got up a meeting, and I spoke to those assembled, on the prevalence, origin, nature, effects, and remedy of religious divisions, perhaps I should rather say irreligious divisions. Making my way to that part of Rainham where the brethren meet in their own pleasant Meeting House, some four meetings were held. Audiences good. A number of hearers like one of the kings that Luke mentions, were almost persuaded to be Christians.

Cayuga village, the county seat of Haldimand was next visited, where two little meetings were held. Some seed in this new field was scattered, but whether upon the beaten path, thorny, stony, or fruitful ground, is not now to be told. Brother and sister Campbell, of Cayuga, who manifested much kindness, will notice and nourish any germ that may sooner or later spring up.

Back I came again to Dunnville, and held forth during three evenings—two of them unfavorable for good assemblies, the other altogether favorable and a fine audience. Excellent attention to the things spoken. Strange things were brought to the ears of the people of Dunnville; for never before had they heard such discoursing. Neither Adam Townley the Churchman nor the orator Rice the Wesleyan had ministered the like things to the auditors; and

it remains to be seen what they may resolve in the premises. Let them open not the 39 articles, nor the 26 rules, but the articles of the inspired Matthew, Luke, Paul, John, Philip, and Jude, with Stephen, James, and John Mark, and then as wise men judge of the doxy.

The company of brother A. Holmes, of Rainham, was enjoyed while laboring at Cayuga and Dunnville, ministering good cheer.

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D. O.

The Christian Banner, September 1854, p. 276-277

Labors of Evangelists. [8.]

Wainfleet meeting having closed on Monday, Oct. 16th, the following Saturday, the 21st, brethren William and Thomas Bradt, with their sister companions, brother and sister D. Moore, sister Oliphant and myself preceded to Rainham. In the evening a meeting was held, and on the Lord's day a meeting in the forenoon and another in the evening. Good congregations, considering the season. On Monday a length meeting was the order of the day, brethren W. and T. Bradt, A. Holmes, A. Overholt, and one or two others taking part in the exercises.

Brethren Thomas Bradt and Moore turned their faces homeward on Monday after the close of the meeting, while brother William Bradt remained until the middle of the week that, by request, we, together, might hear and consider sundry unsanctified particulars which have been made the occasion of inharmony among those who were previously harmonious.

The next Lord's day, 29th, brother Asher Holmes and I were in Townsend; and, marvelous to relate, one meeting was held at Jerusalem! Notice of our meeting had been given only a day or two previously-- the day was rainy and lowery-- the settlement not thickly populated; still the friends who assembled were addressed for a full hour, during which time various reflections were offered for the candid consideration of hearers, which, it is hoped may yet minister benefit.

The evening afterward, a meeting was held some four or five miles from Jerusalem settlement, at the five Bridges, where a large assembly was addressed. A long discourse was delivered;--we shall be surprized if much good follows—for I discovered only a very few who appeared to give any degree of interested heed to the things spoken.

Returning eastward to Rainham a Lord's day was again spent with the brethren; two discourses meanwhile delivered among them; and three discourses east of Rainham Centre to large audiences and attentive hearers.

Making a move toward home, brother and sister Graybriel were visited on the Lake Shore in Wainfleet and while there two evenings were occupied in speaking to the people

assembled at the stone Bridge or Humberstone. And further I report not at present. D. O.
The Christian Banner, November 1854, p. 306-307

DISCIPLES' AUXILLARY BIBLE UNION.

It will gratify and edify a goodly portion of the readers of the *Christian Banner* to learn that the Bible Union of the Disciples in this Province continues to prosper. With much pleasure the names of the following friends of the Union and friends of the primitive gospel are chronicled in this work as officers of the Society:

President, James Black.

Vice President, Thomas Bradt.

Treasurer, Peter Laird.

Secretary, James Menzies.

And the following constitute the Board of Management:--

Asher Holmes, James Kilgour, Alexander Anderson, Jacob Snure, Leonard Yager, H. Thompson, H. McMillen, C. J. Lister, J. Van Camp, A. Burke.

These officers were chosen at the late meeting of the Auxilliary Union held in Wainfleet at the time of the General Meeting.

The Society was formed in the month of February, 1854, and between that period and the first annual meeting in June, same year, the amount paid into the treasury of the Union was \$274. This was decidedly encouraging for a beginning. During the past year, between June 1854, and June, 1855, the sum of \$310 was raised by this Auxilliary to help forward the work for which it was organized. Trusting and praying that the current year will witness increased liberality for a cause so sacredly noble, and hoping that grace, mercy, and peace may attend the efforts of all who are specially engaged in the official activities of the Society, we omit further chronicles until further records may be required. D. O.

The Christian Banner, July 1855, p. 196-197

A Word About Some of the Churches.

From brother Overholt we have intelligence to the effect that the brethren in Rainham "still keep up their weekly meetings" for the purpose of keeping the 'ordinances of the Lord's house.' The friends of the reformation in that locality have need of a large share of prudence, zeal, patience, and perseverance. With much confidence we look to brethren Holmes, Overholt, and Yager to "take heed to themselves" in teaching, watching, counselling, and praying for the upbuilding and welfare of all.

. . . Greatly disappointed have we been in not being able, ere this, to see the joint heirs with Christ in Wainfleet and Rainham.

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D. O.

The Christian Banner, September 1855, p. 255-256

Bible Union in Canada West

Brother Oliphant: Dear Sir:--I am requested to send you, for publication, an abstract of my account with the Bible Union of the Disciples of Christ, in Canada; as some of the churches were not represented at the meeting just now closed in behalf of the Bible Union, the managers had to remain as last year.

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Abstract of Secretary's account with Bible Union of the Disciples of Christ in Canada, for the year ending June 20th, 1856:

	£	s.	d.
June 20, 1855, by balance on hand at last report,	6	11	0
By cash from St. Vincent,	2	10	0
...			
" " " Wainfleet and Rainham,	5	5	0

The Christian Banner, July 1856, p. 126-127

First Epistle of J. C. Stark

Buffalo, Nov. 10th, 1856

Dear Brother Oliphant:--I have closed my labours in Canada where I spent eighty-one days, spoke seventy-six discourses, and had fifty-three additions to the good cause. During my stay I travelled over five hundred miles, visited four different congregations, besides met many good brethren between places of stopping.

. . . At Rainham are brethren of whom I cannot now speak particularly, for the time would fail to tell of Asher, and Leonard, and David, and John, and many others, favored Benjamin not excepted, whom we learned to love in the Lord. . . .

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Your brother in Christ,
J. C. Stark

Brother Yager, of Rainham, writes: "Our worthy brother Stark commenced his labors here on Lord's day 19th Oct., and remained with us until Friday the 31st, in which time there were sixteen who made the good confession, one restored, received two from the Baptists, and one from the Methodists, making in all twenty to our former number."

The friends in Rainham have thus been greatly cheered and strengthened, and the brotherhood will rejoice with the.

The Christian Banner, December 1856, p. 384-385

News of Accessions.

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At Jordan, Canada, one was recently added to the brethren. Brother A. Holmes intimates that one or two have confessed in the region of Rainham. . . .

D. O.

The Christian Banner, May 1857, p. 158

Timely Aid.

Thanks to a goodly company of true-hearted friends for their exertions to assist the Christian Banner; thanks in the name of the gospel. . . .

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. . . Two devoted brethren, one in Wainfleet and the other in Rainham, have lately stretched out their hand of help and promise still further assistance.

D. O.

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The Christian Banner, January 1858, p. 31-32

Annual Co-operation Meeting

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Board of co-operation, convened according to appointment in Bowmanville, on the 6th of Feb'y, 1858.

James Black being chosen to preside, and T. C. Scott secretary, the reports were received from the various churches represented at the meeting, which were as follows;

Church in Cobourg, 23, added since last Feb., present number 37.

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Rainham, 6-added, 1 exp., " 69

...

Moved, That brother Van Camp visit the churches East of Toronto in behalf of the Union; brother Black West of Toronto; brother Anderson in the Counties of Niagara and Haldimand; and brother Sheppard the churches west of Berlin.

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Jas. Black, Chairman,
T. C. Scott, Secretary

The Christian Banner, March 1858, p. 95-96

Religious Intelligence.

...

Our good brother Hillock, writing from Jordan, 16th March says—"My labors having terminated in this country, I can merely say since I left you I saw six introduced into the

kingdom of the Redeemer, one of whom was in Jordan, one at Wainfleet, three at Rainham.”

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D. O.

The Christian Banner, March 1858, p. 97-98

Report of Committee Referred To

To the churches of Disciples of Christ in Canada West co-operating to spread the gospel through our country by sustaining Evangelists:--

...

... We had also the pleasure of sending Bro. A. Anderson for one month to labour in the churches of Jordan, Wainfleet, and Rainham, part of the time in Company with Bro. Lister.

The labours of all these brethren were by the blessing of God eminently successful, and much appreciated every where, and the calls for visits of the Evangelists were not so numerous or so urgent since the commencement of our co-operation effort. The places visited during the year were, Owen Sound, Derby, St. Vincent, Garafraxa, Erin, Eramosa West, King, Cooksville, Jordan, Wainfleet, Rainham, Cobourg, Bowmanville, Clark, Charlesville, Butterfield, Oshawa, Brooklin, Pickering, Scarboro', and some of these places were visited twice.

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A. Anderson, President

James Black, Secretary

Eramosa, Feb. 4th, 1859

Banner of the Faith, March & April, 1859, p. 89-90

Record of the Departed

Some of our readers are called to mourn. . . .

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Another sister still:--says brother A. Overholt, 'With deep sorrow I record the death of sister, wife of Benjamin Culp, of Rainham, village of Selkirk, which occurred on the 17th of July. She was a member of the christian church, and lived a consistent life while in health, and until near the verge of the grave her place was always filled in the house of God.'

Banner of the Faith, December 1859, p. 288

Meetings in Heavenly Places

For the Banner

It is refreshing to witness the annual gathering of the saints in order to the advancement of Messiah's kingdom.

... On the 15th inst., individuals from various parts of this province and from foreign lands convened in Eramosa in order to enjoy a pentecost bearing some resemblance to the primitive one. . . . It was a most magnificent affair—all in heaven sympathized with and favored

us. Angels viewing the scene, exulted in songs of rejoicing in supernatural regions far beyond the sun, the moon, and stars. The Apostles, alias their writings, were with us; also eminent men—chief brethren, not a few, were on hand to speak, and thousands as hearers attended, while a crotchet—a single note—making the resemblance more striking, discordantly sounded! The preachers and leading men in attendance were: Hayden, Belding, and Jones of Ohio; Oliphant, Sheppard, Anderson, Black, Kilgour, Lister, Scott, Parkinson, Sinclair, Ash, Farewell, Menzies, Butchart, Stephens, the McMillens, Trumpour, Mitchell, Burke, Ross Beaty, of Trafalgar, Yager, Honsberger, Overholt, Hoover, Gray, of Detroit. Snure, Wardell, Elliot, Bentley, &c.

. . . An interesting lady from Cayuga solicited baptism. It was an object pleasing and imposing to behold her facing a congregation so vast, to confess the Lord Jesus Christ! Why does brother Jones keep her standing so long? Still she bravely endures it. On Lord's day the assembly was prodigious—numbering, as some supposed 4,000 souls. . . . This being accomplished, we assembled once more, and pensively taking the parting hand, we separated, to meet again the Lord willing, in Rainham, bordering on Lake Erie, the 3rd Friday in June, 1861. Thus peaceably, happily, and gracefully, closed the yearly meeting.

Amos

Banner of the Faith, July & August, 1860, p. 178-181

Tongue, Press, and Purse, in Christ's Work

One of the pleasant and profitable meetings we have attended within the current year was held in Wainfleet, July 23d. Messengers chosen by five churches were present and partook of brotherly words and brotherly joys. Brethren Dean and Buck from Townsend; brothers Snure and Stewart from Jordan; the beloved Wardell, Culp, and Hagerman from the vicinity of Beamsville; the good friends Holmes, Honsberger, Overholt, and Culp from Rainham; and the esteemed Bradt, Thompson, Moore, and others of Wainfleet, with D. Oliphant of Brighton, gave one another renewed assurance of earnest fellowship in the work to which the Lord has called us by his gospel as disciples bearing his hallowed and happy name.

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It was finally agreed that a meeting should be held at Rainham, August 4th, to open the creed of the church of Christ to examine what is taught and exemplified in respect to the practical fellowship necessary to evangelize, including the business of contributing, sending forth laborers, and the various helps and aids they need while actively proclaiming the good message of spiritual and eternal life.

The brethren were together four hours. Those who came the farthest to the meeting affirmed that they were never better rewarded. All, we believe, were refreshed and strengthened; especially did all determine by heaven's help to work with greater activity and in larger liberality to proclaim Jesus to those who are dead in trespasses and ruined in sin.

Peace and love to all the elect in Christ Jesus,

D. O.

Banner of the Faith, July & August 1860, 198-200

Things in Rainham.—The division which existed among disciples in Rainham on the margin of lake Erie is so far cured that there is now one meeting instead of two orders of meetings. More upon this subject hereafater.

D. O.

Banner of the Faith, July & August 1860, p. 209

Visits and Labors

Within the past three months we have seen Beamsville, Jordan, Wainfleet, Moulton, Rainham, Cayuga, South Cayuga, Mount Healy, Villanova, Townsend, Sandhill, Nottawasga, Collingwood, St. Vincent, King, Charlesville, and Clark. . . .

In making our way toward Rainham, although a double invitation had been extended to us, the question of entering that vicinity at all was debated prayerfully in our own mind. Division existed; good men were partizanized against each other; and could we be of any service there? was the question. Could we so exhibit among them Jesus and his legislation as to effect anything? Could we so act that a faithful account might be rendered to the Lord of All? Four courses of action we looked at with care to see which was best: 1. To pass by Rainham without calling upon any one; 2. To go there and labor at the usual hour on Lord's day in the forenoon as we did previously; 3. To meet and work with those who assembled at another hour of the day; 4. To visit Rainham and labor in the name of the author of the gospel, making a thorough and impartial effort to test who were disciples of Christ.

Weighing all things as wisely as we could at the time, in view of the present and of the future, it was decided to take the latter line of action. It was understood by impartial friends, that things could not be made worse than they were. Arrived on the spot, it seemed proper to parcel out labor into three departments. Our first step – to bring the friends together to see if they would, in general terms, agree to walk by the divine statutes—was more easily effected than we allowed ourselves to hope. At this stage of the proceedings the Oliphant stock, as it regards labors, went up above par. We knew it could not remain at such a premium: for, as we advanced, it was certain that the spiritual loyalty of every man would be increasingly tested, and partizan feeling, wherever it existed, would be made manifest.

The second step—to seek and consider the roots of bitterness which grew into alienation and division—produced no unusual result. To think of one's self as having committed error, is not pleasant; to humbly confess an infirmity or a fault, is harder still. Old Adam is always unpleasant when he has not his own will. But we all lived through these trials, and passed to the third department. Here it became duty to specify a number of things

unfavorable to John J. Warner as a public servant. So much had been affirmed against him, that it would have given us great joy to have been able to take him by the hand and do our best to sustain him amid opposition. We dare not do it. Jesus our Lord, by his word, would not allow it. Neighbor Warner, we noticed on reading him, possesses sundry traits which are really valuable; but his self-will and unbalanced speech and behaviour are utterly against his loyal service in the gospel as a proclaimer. It is twenty-two years since he became a Disciple; and so imperfectly has this long period been employed, that he has not yet learned some of the plainest lessons pertaining to the law of brotherhood and gospel fellowship. John Warner takes counsel chiefly from John Warner, and acts out his own will. His object may not be amiss; we say nothing against his intentions, for Christ's government in the church judges no man's motives; but one thing we can say in the full assurance of faith, that, until he reforms, the Lord's oracles are quite against him as a public man.

For two nights and part of another we heard all that he was pleased to say without interruption; he was at length called to order, and not giving heed to it, we had an opportunity of obtaining one more proof that he possessed not the qualities to labor publicly in the name of the Redeemer. Then brethren Wardell, Bradt, and Oliphant, acting with one mind, without a vote, separated John J. Warner from among the general servants of Christ; and submitted our action to the congregation to learn if any one had an objection or reason against it. The congregation having approved of this act, no brother objecting, it became the act of the congregation. The case was so clear to our mind, that if the Master had spoken directly from heaven while we were acting upon it, our convictions could scarcely have been stronger.

But neighbor Warner was not the chief obstacle to prosperity in Rainham. His separation, therefore, while a blessing in view of the churches generally, could do little (at present) for the friends in that vicinity. Personal watchfulness, individual examination, with private prayer from two to five times per day, would be a benefit to some well-meaning men and women in Rainham. Will they try the medicine?

Of four classes of evidence against friend Warner, the main reliance was placed upon his words and manners before us all while pleading in his own favor. The testimony of seven proclaimers out of the province, the testimony of witnesses in the province, the testimony of his particular friends relative to his public and social labors, which, when examined closely, was against him; all this testimony was, finally, regarded as redundant—we had quite enough evidence unfavorable to him in what he said in the presence of us all.

He told us that preach he would His words were: 'I will preach.' As this is a free country with the liberty of free speech, no one, we trust, will attempt to prevent him; nay, we would extend to him the choicest good-will as a man and a neighbor; but at all risks, and whatever the present consequences, there must be a clear understanding that a preacher so moulded and qualified is not approved by the holy oracles, and hence not to be acknowledged by the

disciples of Christ. The oracles of Jesus constitute our creed; and the instructions of this true guide let us all keep humble enough to follow.

Neighbor Warner has promised us his opposition. This vow he will do doubt fulfil. He will find others in Rainham and elsewhere who will assist in this work; and if the work will pay, now and hereafter, let us hope they may attend to it with persevering fervor. Personal opposition is, with us, a very poor article—entirely contrary to the spirit of our Lord; and hence while opposing what we understand God to oppose—pride, selfishness, partyism, and every sort of disloyalty to the heavenly government—it is part of our daily prayer to be able to cultivate the happiest personal good-will toward every one in the whole living family of man.

D. O.

Picton, 8th Oct.

Banner of the Faith, September & October 1860, p. 250-253

Co-operation in Canada

The Treasurer in Account with the Churches of Disciples of Christ, from 31st of January, 1859, to 31st of January, 1860:--

...
 Received from Church in Rainham 25.00

Banner of the Faith, November & December 1860, p. 296

Report of the Annual Meeting of the Co-operation, Convened according to Appointment in the Disciples' Meeting House in Erin, on the 2nd Feb., 1861.

Brother A. Farewell being chosen chairman, and brother Jas. Menzies, secretary, the reports were received from the various churches represented at the meeting, which were as follows:

	Present No.
Church in Butterfield, three added, one expelled, Bible School	33
... " Rainham, Prayer Meeting and Bible School	25

The Treasurer in Account with the Churches of Christian Disciples co-operating for the spread of the gospel, from the 31st of Jan., 1860 up to the 31st of Jan., 1861, inclusive:

...
 From church of Erin 60.00
 ...
 " Rainham 25.00

Banner of the Faith, March & April 1861, p. 76-79

Information Wanted.

Dear Brother Oliphant:--I am in doubt if I yet understand your views of certain things which we have disputed about. I understood that you maintained that churches had no authority neither *judicial* nor *executive*, see Banner, vol. 12, p. 332, not even authority to do their duty. But it appears to me from your late conduct at Rainham that I misunderstood you, or that you have changed your mind, and I wish to know which. The church at Rainham appears to have exercised both *judicial* and *executive* authority.. . .

. . .

James Sillars

Beloved Sillars:-- . . .

Touching Rainham, three friends of Jesus, having no authority, found the disciples there openly and publicly divided, and hence living rebelliously. We ascertained the roots of bitterness; read from the oracles the law of the Spirit; and persuaded the loyal and true among them to stand with one another in constitutional union. Not having the slightest ecclesiastical authority, none of it was used, or if so, we have not yet ascertained it. We will oppose churches ourselves the moment it is discovered that we exercised either our own or any man's authority.

D. O.

Banner of the Faith, May 1861, p.93-95

June Meeting.—The annual meeting is to be held this season in Rainham, or more properly the village of Selkirk, township of Rainham. It begins as usual on the third Friday in June. Those journeying from the west by rail, may halt at Cayuga Station, on the Buffalo and Brantford Road; those journeying from the east by rail, may make Dunnville Station on the same Road their stopping place. From the enterprise of the friends in Rainham, it is taken for granted that all who land at either of these points on Friday will be helped forward to Selkirk—some fifteen or eighteen miles from either Station named. From what we know of the friends there, a kindly welcome will be extended to all classes attending in order to receive benefit from the beginning.

D. O.

Banner of the Faith, May 1861, p. 108

The June Meeting

Rainham Centre, 24th May, 1861

Brother Oliphant: Dear Sir:--I take my pen this morning to let you know the arrangement in reference to our June meeting, which will take place in the village of Selkirk, in Rainham, on the third Friday in June. We give a general invitation to brethren to attend this meeting and help make it an interesting one and one long remembered. Of course, sisters, you are included in this invitation, for without your prayers, influence, and presence, we can do but little. We look for many brethren and sisters to come to this meeting. Don't disappoint us.

The speaking brethren are especially requested to attend. Brother Franklin, Editor of American Christian Review, is expected. Brethren W. A. Belding, J. H. Jones, and A. S. Hayden are also invited.

In consequence of the Cayuga Bridge being away, and being both dangerous and difficult to ferry across, I would just say to those who wish to come by the cars, that they had better try to come to Dunnville station, as early in the day as possible, where there will be teams to take them to the place of meeting on Friday and Saturday. Trains going east—first Express, will leave Paris at three o'clock 45 minutes, and arrive in Dunnville at 8.30. The next Express leaves Paris at ten minutes past twelve, and arrives at Dunnville at 2.38. The Express leaves Buffalo in the morning at nine o'clock and twenty-five minutes, and arrives at Dunnville at 10.36.

D. C. Honsberger

Banner of the Faith, June 1861, p. 144

The Annual Meeting in Rainham

The readers of BANNER OF THE FAITH no doubt desire to hear the result of this meeting. We are happy to say that it will long be held in remembrance by all who graced it with their presence. On Friday the attendance was considerable by brother and friends from various parts of the land. Our worthy brethren Kilgour and Menzies presided over the meeting with ability and discretion.

It was a special gratification to see the faces of those chosen men whose praise is in all the churches—Benjamin Franklin and A. S. Hayden, of Ohio, and J. M. Bartlett, of N. Y., the last accompanied by his Christian consort. These brethren gave short appropriate addresses to the assembly, and the exercises were closed by a similar address from brother Joseph Ash, of Oshawa. Thus passed over the afternoon of the first day. On Saturday the audience was large and attentive. Brethren Franklin, Bartlett, and Hayden occupied the day with discourses, eloquent, instructive, and persuasive. Brother Franklin fully sustained the reputation he has so justly earned throughout the land. Brother Bartlett and Hayden had been in Canada on former occasions, but this was Elder Franklin's first visit to our Province. *He was warmly welcome by all hearts.* In the evening a discourse was given by our good and faithful Brother W. T. Horner, who is so favorably known as a ready writer by the brethren every where. His presence was agreeable to all the brethren.

The singing was conducted by brothers Abraham Suarts and Norris Black, who acquitted themselves in this service with care, taste, and power. Brother Hayden has a vast advantage over other men. He can gratify by both speaking and singing—can touch and melt the heart by the rich strains of captivating song. Begone ye 'cornets, flutes, harps, sackbuts, psalteries, dulcimers, organs, melodeons and cow-bells from the assembly of the saints, when so sweet a singer in spiritual Israel as brother Hayden is present! Dear sisters, if that voice gave charms so rich, soothing, and exquisite, what will be the effect from the united and sonorous voices of the

redeemed on mount Zion, arrayed in robes of celestial brilliancy, singing that 'new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders?' O how happy that multitude when 'God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain!' As a foretaste of bliss so soul-reviving, the Lord graciously grants us the society of his beloved children in this world. How pleasant then during this meeting to behold such veterans for the truth as brethren Black, Lister, Kilgour, Oliphant and others that might be named! Brother Wm. Beaty of Trafalgar and his brother James were present. The face of Elder Beaty was also seen. But time, space, and the editor's patience would fail to mention the names of all the happy friends in attendance. It might be stated here that the Association of our Baptist brethren was in progress at the same time, some four miles distant. It was numerously attended and resulted no doubt to the gratification of very many present. These meetings made the burden of entertaining strangers heavy, but nobly did brethren and friends acquit themselves.

On Lord's day a vast multitude came together in the new shed well fitted for our reception; more substantial than a tent. That 'mighty man of power,' B. Franklin, gave the first address—argumentative, searching, powerful. Brother Hayden served at the Lord's table. O the solemnity connected with this holy institution! The afternoon's address afforded conclusive evidence that brother Hayden is still in possession of his former power to enlighten the mind, to touch the heart, and to melt the eye in tears. Who can hear appeals so touching, so soul-stirring and subduing, and remain behind? Two were immersed the same hour in lake Erie. In the evening brother Sheppard addressed the audience. It was a source of regret to many that brother Oliphant opened not his mouth during the meeting. The voice of a soldier so well proved, faithful, and athletic as he, will never fail to interest an assembly that can discern talent and merit. The same remarks will apply to brother Lister, who, with his consort, was present to the close—brother Oliphant however departed before its close, because of sickness in his family, brother Horner going with him.

Monday morning brought a host of glad hearts and anxious hearers together. After the usual singing and exhortation we were addressed by Brother Franklin who acquitted himself in a manner more easily felt than told. Behold the tears streaming down the cheeks of scores in the audience! How touching the appeals, how melting the reference to the dear Saviour's suffering—his trial, his crown of thorns, his carrying the cross, his crucifixion, and the insults heaped upon him throughout the heart-melting scene. Say sinner, can't you love and obey such a Saviour? O ye saints, will you not gladly devote all you possess to the cause of a Redeemer so good, so dear, so lovely! Turn from the vanities of a gay world, suppress the desire for carnal gratification to please so kind a Saviour. A most pathetic appeal having been made by brother Hayden, two precious souls presented themselves for baptism, after which the parting song being sung the meeting was brought to a happy termination—to meet again, the Lord willing, in South Dorchester on the third Friday in June, 1862.

we dare not stand all the day idle, nor a part of the day idle, but the Lord has made it privilege, profit, and pleasure to work, and while increasingly engaged it will be wise to be able to certify that our love is as strong as our logic.

D. O.

* *Perchance some of the churches of disciples in Erie county, N. Y., will be disposed to co-work with the congregations within the old Niagara District, Canada. The politics of the gospel go over state lines with perfect ease.

Banner of the Faith, May & June 1863, p. 87-89

Evangelist's Advices

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Elder Black, Brother Burn and the writer then proceeded to Wainfleet, where we found a large meeting convened. Several such were held. We have always had a good time in Wainfleet. Thence to Rainham, where meetings were continued two weeks; no immersions. Some meetings were held in the Brigg's Settlement, at the request of Bro. James S. Karr; this Bro. lives four miles up the Grand River from Dunnville. Any Bro. who would hold good meetings in that place, would unquestionably help the cause, and no man would be better pleased than Bro. Karr; while one was working here, Bro. Black went to Vienna, and preached effectually to the people. . . .

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. . . Called at Bro. Boyer's, who kindly sent an appointment to Uxbridge for me, to which place I have been several times, and where I am now laboring.

L.

Uxbridge, 24 May, 1862

The Adviser, June 1862, p. 12-15

Monies received for the co-operation for 1852, since our annual meeting.

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Church in Rainham10.00

The Adviser, March 1863, p. 160

Evangelists' Advices

...

Since I parted with Bro. Lister, I spent some time among the Brethren in Rainham, and in company with Bro. Sheppard in the townships of Lobo, Mosa and Metcalf, and recently in the City of Toronto.

When in Rainham, some one of the Elders of the Church always assisted me, and though the Church and myself regretted the absence of Bro. Lister, and especially so, because he was

called home on account of Sister Lister's sickness, I did not feel lonesome. It is always refreshing to meet worthy and intelligent Brethren and Sisters as the majority of the Church there are. They have passed through trials well calculated to improve them, and I believe they have not been lost upon them. When there, some of the nights were very wet and dark and but few attended, but generally we had good audiences. I spoke twice in a free meeting house, where Bro. Honsberger has regular appointments, and the appearance of things is very encouraging. May he soon see great good resulting from his labours so faithfully and judiciously put forth. . . .

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James Black

Eramosa, 21st Dec., 1863

The Adviser, December 1863, p. 109-110

Meeting at Clinton

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. . . After the meetings during the day, the speakers were dispersed to hold forth the word of life in different localities in the evening. Mud Creek School House, St. Ann's and a School House in Bro. Wardell's section were the localities chosen. On one of those occasions, Bro. Anderson had the pleasure of seeing one immersed and of having another who had previously obeyed, express his desire to unite with the Disciples. We were glad to see so many old and tried friends to the cause, at the meeting. From Culp Settlement, Jordan, St. Ann's, Gainsboro', Wainfleet, Dunnville, Pelham and Smithville, there were many, and some all the way from Selkirk. Bro. Swartz was the chief singer.

L.

June, 1864.

The Adviser, July 1864, p. 15

The Dorchester Meeting

It being understood that Bro. Franklin had decided to visit Canada this season, the brethren in South Dorchester wisely determined if possible, to have him attend their meeting, which commenced on Friday, 5th of June. Among those present from a distance we noticed Brethren from Detroit, Ridgetown, Clinton, Eramosa, Pickering, Wainfleet, Selkirk, &c.

Bible Index, July 1874, p. 203-204

The Smithville Meeting

At Smithville, a few miles from Beamsville or Grimsby Stations, on the Great Western Railway, a meeting, the last of the series arranged for Bro. Franklin, was held on the first Lord's

day in July. . . . There were present Brethren from Wainfleet, York, Rainham, Selkirk, Pelham, St. Catharines, London, Culp's settlement, and Toronto, and various other localities. . . .

Bible Index, July 1874, p. 209-210

East Aurora, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1874

Bro. Clendenan,--

I have spent several weeks in the Province of Ontario, with churches at Jordan, Lake Shore, Selkirk, Smithville, and Wainfleet. Had a protracted effort at Selkirk of two weeks or more, resulting in three accessions. It was during the busy season among farmers, and yet the audiences were comparatively large, and attention very good. Some of the brethren came eight and twelve miles to attend our meetings during the week. The brethren were aroused and enlisted, and we trust much good seed was sown, on soil that will not permit it to be taken away. To God be all the praise.

. . .

Geo. Lobingin

Bible Index, October 1874, p. 307-308

What Are We Doing?

We find on looking over the INDEX for the past year that the number of additions to the Churches in Ontario as reported in its pages is a little over two hundred. This report may be summarized as follows:--Additions at Bowmanville, 3; . . . Selkirk, 3;

Bible Index, January 1875, p. 2

News of the Brotherhood

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Bro. Leonard Yager kindly writes from Selkirk, Feb. 25th, 1875,--"Bro. Hertzog, of Buffalo, N.Y., has been labouring here in the Rainham church, for the last ten days, and through his great ability and ardent labours, has effected to convince and induce thirty-seven precious souls to confess the Lord, and a few restored, and still the work is going on."

Bible Index, March 1875, p. 73-75

News of the Brotherhood

Bro. Aaron Overholt writes from Selkirk, March 18th. "We have had a glorious meeting here which commenced on the 15th of February and continued over two Lords days. It was conducted by Bro. Hertzog from Buffalo. The immediate result of his labours were fifty-one additions, forty-eight of these baptized, three from the Baptists. Bro. Hertzog is a good warm hearted logical preacher, and has infused into the hearts and souls of the disciples more Christian love, union, and fellowship, than we have experienced for several years. His labors have been blessed to the joy of many precious souls who have been under sectarian bondage,

and are now rejoicing in the liberty of the Gospel. Bro. H. preaches the Gospel in it purity and simplicity so that those who had for many years been under sectarian influences were induced to put on Christ by baptism. Among those baptized were four grandfathers—two of them over three score years and ten—three grandmothers, twenty-nine heads of families, and I think but three under eighteen years of age. It was truly a pleasing sight to see grey headed fathers and mothers go down into the water. Bro. H. ought to be kept in the field as an evangelist, and the Church that has him employed should send him out.”

Bible Index, April 1875, p. 106-108

General Assemblies

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The brethren at Rainham, (Selkirk P.O., Ontario), we learn from Bro. Nathan Overholt, has arranged for a meeting commencing on the 18th of June; Bro. O. G. Hertzog, chief speaker. Let those brethren intending to go from a distance drop a line to Bro. Overholt; the station is seven miles distant, name time of arrival. . . .

DATE	PLACE	CHIEF SPEAKER
May 30	Dorchester.....	Prof. O. A. Burgess
June 6	Jordan.....	Benj. Franklin
" 13	Meaford.....	Benj. Franklin
" 20	Rainham.....	O. G. Hertzog
" 27	Everton.....	_____
July 4	_____	_____

The meetings generally commence on the Friday or Saturday before, the above dates being Sundays, and continue over Monday, let the blanks be filled in the above list before 25th April, and send us word.

Bible Index, April 1875, p. 108-109

Communications

To the Editor of the Bible Index:

Please announce that the Brethren in Rainham intend holding a June meeting at Selkirk, commencing on the eighteenth to continue over Lords day. Brother O. G. Hertzog is to be the principal speaker. Friends and Brethren from a distance are cordially invited to attend. The nearest station from here is Nellis’ corners seven miles distant on the Air line. Those coming in the train will drop us a line the time they will be at the station, and we will meet them.

Nathan Overholt

Selkirk, March 23rd, 1875

Bible Index, April 1875, p. 110

Beloved Brother Black—

...

The Church in Rainham have been greatly cheered and strengthened by the labors of Bro. Hertzog. 51 additions in all; 48 of whom were immersed. May the Lord bless those brethren. May they be clothed with humility as with a garment, and strive to shine as light in the world holding forth the word of life.

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Yours fraternally and faithfully,

C. J. Lister

Bible Index, April 1875, p. 111-112

News of the Brotherhood. General Assemblies

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13	Meaford	
20	Rainham	O. G. Hertzog
27	Everton	_____
	Prince Edward Co.	G. Clendennan

... Rainham meeting is seven miles distant from Nellis' Station on the Canada Southern. Persons should write to Nathan Overholt (Selkirk P. O.,) of the time of their arrival and they will be met and conveyed to the meeting. ...

Bible Index, May 1875, p. 135-136

News of the Brotherhood. General Assemblies.

... Bro. O. G. Hertzog will be in attendance at Rainham. ... The places, dates, and speakers, are now understood to be as follows

- June 6 Jordan Jno. F. Rowe, M. A.
- " 13 Meaford J. H. Jones
- " 20 Rainham O. G. Hertzog
- " 27 Everton
- " 27 Hillier, P. E. County . . G. Clendenan

... Rainham, seven miles from Nellis' Station, on the Air Line Railroad; ...

Bible Index, June 1875, p. 169-170

General Assemblies

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At Selkirk, commencing Friday evening 18th June, Bro. O. G. Hertzog from Buffalo was the chief speaker. He was accompanied by his wife. On Saturday, morning and evening, by Bro. Hertzog; on Saturday afternoon, Bro. John Dean. About 250 present. At the evening meeting short speeches were called for from volunteers; a Methodist clergyman said he was blessed by the morning "sermon" and had gained new ideas, but was sorry there was so little Holy Ghost preached; he was afraid hell was ignored, as the word "condemned" was used instead of "damned." Bro Hertzog that night left little room for doubt on that subject. The Methodist being the only volunteer, Bro. T. C. Scott from Toronto was called upon, and delivered a five minutes exhortation. On Lord's Day morning, an immersion; followed by the morning meeting, when fully 1000 people were present, under a temporary shed erected for the purpose, Bro. Hertzog, speaker. After refreshments, supplied liberally by the Local Brethren to all present about two hundred Disciples partook of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon an increased number of hearers, and another discourse by Bro. Hertzog, and another discourse in the evening to a much larger audience; the place being well lighted. On Monday morning another meeting and discourse or "Sermon" as our informant calls it, by Bro. Hertzog; afterwards ten were immersed. There was to be another meeting in the evening. The meetings were exceedingly orderly and the audience attentive. The Brothers and sisters of the neighbourhood, Overholt, Yeager, Hoover, Shevelier, Royer, Derby, Phillip, Robotiell, Cunningham, Dr. Fry, Kellan, Ness and others were kind and zealous in their services to the strangers present, and made their visit very pleasant. Spirited and excellent singing was a marked feature throughout. Bro. Yeager and wife came from Mosa in their carriage, 150 miles. Brethren were present from Wainfleet, Grand River, Culp Settlement, Smithville and Toronto. Those from Toronto were Bro. Scott and wife, B. Culp, J. W. Culp and Robert Beaty. A Baptist Elder, Pugsby, attended all the Meetings, and gave his own up on Sunday; he is friendly, and was delighted at the progress made, another Baptist and Methodist Clergyman created a stir by having a joint protracted meeting, converts to go to which denomination they choose. Canvassers were set to work to coax converts and bring them to the faith of the canvasser; this caused dissension and marked disgust in the minds of many. It was an effort to counteract the effects of the gospel among the people, but did not succeed very well. Among the baptized was a lady about 74 years of age.

Bible Index, July 1875, p. 204-205

Meeting at Mosa

Owen Sound, July, 1875

My Dear Brother Black:--Since I had the pleasure of seeing you at "Hardscrabble" many things have taken place interesting to both of us. The meetings at Jordan, Meaford and Rainham cheer our hearts. . . .

Fraternally and faithfully yours,
C. J. Lister

Bible Index, July 1875, p. 209-210

News of the Brotherhood

. . .

Bro. Robert Beaty at request of the Congregations in Clifton and Selkirk visited them within a few weeks, and large meetings were convened to hear the gospel.

. . .

G. C.

September 1st, 1875

Bible Index, September 1875, p. 274

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. . . While we are at this matter, we must say that while we appreciate Bro. Burr as much as any one can, for his work's sake and the truth's sake that dwells in him, we do not see the accuracy of speaking as he does of Bro. A. O., of Selkirk, who has been, we think, a forty or fifty-year Disciple of great worth and faithfulness; . . .

Bible Index,
Toronto, Ont.

Post-pay and Register.

Bible Index, December 1875, 354-355

News of the Brotherhood

Bro. A. O. writes from Selkirk that Bro. Hertzog is holding a series of meetings there, and that the congregation is prosperous and the Sunday School flourishing. . . .

W. K. Burr

Nov. 1st, 1875.

Bible Index, December 1875, p. 360-361

News of the Brotherhood

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We learn that altogether fifty-one were added to the Lord at the meeting held by Bro. Hertzog, at Sweet's Corners. At the meetings in Maple, Township of Vaughan, thirteen were added. Bro. Hertzog was the chief speaker.

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Bro. Hertzog has been preaching at Sweet's corner last week, immersed seven. There is a great interest. The meeting is to be continued.

D. C. Honsberger

Selkirk, P. O., Feb. 21, 1876

Dear Index,--A very interesting meeting is in progress at Sweet's Corners, six miles below Selkirk. Two meetings are held each day with crowded houses, and with those added at Selkirk last Sunday there has been thus far nineteen enlisted into the army of the faithful. There is here an open door, but many adversaries. The meeting will continue as long as the interest demands, and we feel the Lord is with us, and that the Church will be greatly augmented ere we close. Very truly,

O. G. Hertzog

Rainham, Feb 23, 1876

Bible Index, March 1876, p. 75-76, 78

Obituaries

Bro. Aaron Overholt, of Selkirk, Haldimand Co., Ont., on the 22nd January, 1876, died in his 71st year, of neuralgia of the heart. He had just returned from making several calls on brethren about six o'clock p.m., and expired some ten minutes after at his own home with his son-in-law, Dr. Fry. Bro. and Sister Fry were ever ready to minister to his comfort. Sister Overholt and beloved wife of the subject of this notice was taken to the land of the blest some twelve years. She had been truly a mother in Israel, and a most amiable and affectionate wife and kind mother, ever ready to look after the poor and needy. She has been spoken of to the writer as a peacemaker in the Church. She was then a member of the Baptist Church. She had united with the Disciples several years before her death. Their children are all married and live the life of faith in Christ Jesus, were ever kind and dutiful to their parent. Bro. Overholt's loss is much felt, not only by his children and grand children, but also by the Church here. His seat that was ever filled is now vacant. His voice that was but a few days before heard in song, exhortation and as he presided at the Lord's table is now only lingering in our memories, yet, while in deep mourning, we are cheered with the gladsome words of the Apostle Paul, "To be absent from the body and present with the Lord is far better, and sorrow not as those who have no hope." We verily have a strong hope that our Bro. is heir to all the promises of the gospel. This cheers our hearts, though tears of sorrow, love and sympathy are flowing. The

deceased was a kind father and affectionate husband, active and energetic, always ready to defend what he thought right; was not in favor of making any compromise with the sects nor brethren who bring innovations into the Church of Christ, and do not respect the silence of the Word of God as well as its commands. The *A. C. Review* was a welcome visitor to him, because it ever stood for the Bible supremely. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for many years, and a deacon. When our brethren first began to preach here, he went to work with such honesty and candour to convince them of their errors that he soon learned the truth more perfectly and united with us some twenty-four years ago. Soon after he was appointed one of the elders. He was ever dutiful, though lately the responsibilities of the position were more heavily felt by him. His love for the Lord and zeal in the cause increased to the last. We can truly say he died at his post in the triumph of faith.

D. C. Honsberger

Bible Index, March 1876, p. 95

News of the Brotherhood. General Assemblies in June

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Third Lord's Day.—At Selkirk, near Lake Erie. The nearest way from Toronto is either by way of Hamilton and Port Dover railway or by Niagara and Erie railway and boat.

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The meetings generally commence on the Saturday previous to the Lord's Day mentioned and continues over Monday at least.

Bible Index, May 1876, p. 139-140

News of the Brotherhood. July and August Report.

From the continuous meeting in Erin at the close of June, noticed in last issue of the *Living Laborer*, Elder Hertzog passed over to Aurora, Elder McDiarmid visited Rainham, and Elder Franklin journeyed to Meaford on the Georgian Bay. . . .

At Rainham, two confessed the Messiah, as reported to us by Elder McDiarmid. No report of additions has been received from Aurora. When Elder Hertzog wrote, the prospect of immediate success was not bright.

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In company with the esteemed Wilcox, brother Black and I turned eastward; and when at the residence of the generous Wilcox, near Duplain, Clinton county, after nearly a day's ride, he and others circulated an appointment for me to discourse to the people. Here I found, not the lost tribe of Israel, but a tribe of converted Gentiles from Canada—the family of Moore, the family of Foss, the family of Teeter, and others from Wainfleet and Rainham. Sister Teeter was formerly a Wardell; and it is known in some parts of Ontario that the Wardells with their immediate connexions are numbered by the hundred. They practically illustrate one injunction

from heaven: "Multiply and increase and replenish the earth," or at least certain sections of the earth in Canada and Michigan.

Bible Index, October 1876, p. 300-303

Editorial Remarks

A Discussion.—A public discussion on the design of baptism and *unconditional election*, is to begin on the 29th of May, at 10 A.M., in the village of Selkirk, Ont., and to continue several days; the debaters are E. Edwards of the Baptist Church, and the writer. It is to be hoped that the hearers will learn just how things are.

Bible Index, April 1877, p. 112

Church News

I spent two weeks, in March, in a meeting with the brethren, at Selkirk. Two were baptized and five, who had been for some cause neglectful of duty, returned to their former place in the fellowship of the church. Others expressed their purpose to do likewise. The brethren there are generally alive to the interests of truth. The spirit of enquiry is widespread in the community and in the church. May peace and love abound.

H. M.

Bible Index, April 1877, p. 122-123

Editorial Remarks

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The discussion, heretofore announced, is to begin in Selkirk the 29th of May. The subjects are, "The *design* of baptism" and "*Unconditional election*."

Bible Index, June 1877, p. 173

The Selkirk Discussion

According to notice, the discussion on the Design of Baptism and Unconditional Election, began in Selkirk, Township of Rainham, on the 29th May, at 10 a.m. and continued three days.

Mr. Silcox, Baptist preacher, of Cheapside, and Brother O. G. Hertzog, acted as Moderators, Mr. R. Thompson, Methodist preacher, occupying the chair.

The debaters, Mr. E. Edwards, Baptist in charge here, and Brother H. McDiarmid, of Toronto, both appeared in good spirits, and manifested every confidence in their respective positions. The brethren having spared no pains in fitting up and seating the enclosure from the shed to the meeting-house, roofing over the open space with loose lumber and carpeting beneath with gravel from the lake shore, the situation was rendered very comfortable, and was spacious enough to accommodate a thousand hearers.

The meeting being opened by prayer, and the propositions read by the chairman, Bro. H. McDiarmid was introduced to the eager audience as affirmant of the proposition. About this time it might be noticed by a casual observer that of those agreeing with the negative many began to unfold clean sheets of note and sharpen pencils, evidently to make note of the weak points of the affirmant, and become a sort of reservoir to the exponent of their views on this proposition. This was commendable, and looked business like. Affirmant, however, laid out his work so systematically, and proceeded so methodically in the opening and developing of his plain task, that little chance of success was promised in attacking his positions. In the course of the first address, and I might say during the first day, the subject was handled with moderation on both sides with one or two exceptions, Mr. Edwards showing a little heat sometimes, and roaring like his national emblem, at the bare bones flung out to him by his opponent. Every thoughtful observer, however, could sympathize with him under such discomfiture, for while he was hungry for "*errors and fallacies,*" as he put it, he could get no food for his starving defense.

As might be expected under these circumstances, he chose the better-part of valor, and was discreet enough to avoid Bro. H. McD.'s arguments, and proceeded to make his attacks on arguments of his own proposing, and fill up time by quoting some fifty passages of Scripture that mention faith, such for example as that in reference to the jailor, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." To this and other arguments of like import Affirmant replied in sweeping style, showing that the narrow idea set forth by Mr. E. of salvation by faith in these passages would cut off repentance as well as baptism. The Baptist friends went home the first day claiming a victory on these fifty passages, and came back in great numbers the next day. Men who a few days before thought it wrong to debate, suddenly became converted, and began to quote, "contend earnestly," etc.

In the afternoon of the first day, Bro. McD. casually remarked that he and his opponent "better let the common version of the Scriptures stand, as neither knew a *very great deal* about Greek. Mr. E. accepting this in good faith as a confession of ignorance of the Greek language, began to claim for himself considerable translating powers. Bro. McD. allowed the matter to go unnoticed the first day, and as a result it was circulated about that he did not understand Greek, while his opponent understood twenty languages. Thus did Mr. E's friends keep themselves encouraged, and it was well. But a reversal came.

On the morning of the second day the eager throng began to fill up every available accommodation, till even on the overlays of the shed were perched anxious hearers. McD. was again introduced, and to dispel the impression made in reference to Affirmant's disability to translate Greek, passed a few pointed jokes that effectually disabused the minds of the audience, and rather turned the matter, at his opponent's expense, by exposing Mr. E's translating and Greek criticisms. He then went into the subject in good earnest, completely demolishing every objection put by Mr. E. in his previous address. Mr. E. in the course of his reply laboured hard to involve Acts ii.38 in ambiguity, stating that the Greek word *eis*,

translated *for*, was of doubtful import, as it had several meanings in the original, and that he had fifty passages to contradict four or five, and then exultingly asked the intelligent audience which shall we take, “these fifty passages that are clear and unmistakable, or Dr. McD.’s four or five obscure ones.” This, of course, was a choice morsel for the less learned and unphilosophic, and did grand work for him among his more immediate adherents. However, the Affirmant settled that conviction so far as the intelligent and unprejudiced were concerned, by taking Mr. E’s choice translation of *eis in order to*, and showing by his own translation that baptism was a condition in order to remission, and then proceeded to show that he had a better use for Scripture than to make one part contradict the other or involve it in obscurity, and intimated somewhat humourously, that he thought his friend Mr. E. was getting a “little involved” and “somewhat obscure,” and not Acts ii.38. He then closed his last address on this question, making many fine points that needed only opposition to exhibit their strength and truth. But the closing speech of the opponent, like all the rest, was one of policy, that shed its fragrance most on those akin in thought. He was wise enough to talk of everything else but the arguments, and not show his own weakness by attempting to grapple with them. At the close of this proposition our Baptist friends showed some commotion over quotations from Dr. Hackett and others that were rather telling. Many of the friends of the *negative*, now began to say the debate would do no good. It was apparent that they were not satisfied with the work done by Mr. E.

After dinner the second proposition was introduced, “That high mystery” of “Unconditional Election to faith, obedience, and salvation.” Mr. E being now affirmant, introduced this high mystery, as it is called in the creed, and I believe the creed to be nearer right in this expression than in many other, for it is a high mystery indeed, and Mr. E’s defence was quite as mysterious. I tried to catch the thread of his logic, but concluded that it filled up the measure of the Scotchman’s definition of metaphysics—“something to be understood neither by him who hears nor by him who explains it.”

He quoted, as usual, nearly every passage in which he could find the word *Election*, whether election to temporal office, or blessings, or election of saints, as such to eternal life. He then took a ramble through the prophets and, to his own discomfiture, quoted from Ezekiel xvi, to show that God chose somebody out of their blood; but Mr. McD., in meeting him, read from the connection, and showed that the parties chosen afterwards fell away, also that other cases of Election referred to by Affirmant had no reference to eternal salvation at all, and besides were not “unconditional” and that those elected to eternal life were elected not only on the express condition of faith and obedience, but that their remaining in that elected state depended also on the very condition of continued faith and continued obedience. His evening reply was a grand flight of most withering logic. It rung out merciless destruction to the “high mystery” of unconditional election to the satisfaction of nearly all present, Baptist excepted. After dismissal, “full many a heart beat ruthlessly,” and went home to return no more, and to

return to their former convictions that this contending earnestly for the faith in public debate did more harm than good. Although a large number of Mr. Edward's friends did not find it in their hearts to be present that last day to hear the conclusion of the whole matter, yet the attendance continued large, as many new faces were visible. But to be brief, the third day's work went on much the same as the previous afternoon—a sort of Sciomoky, till Mr. McD. finding but little to defeat, undertook to amuse himself and the audience by exhibiting a few literary fossils from the fifth page of the Baptist's confession of faith—Mr. C. H. Spurgeon's edition. This, as might be expected, created a good deal of commotion and consternation on the part of our Baptist friends, cries of "Bible," "no creeds allowed," and many other protests were entered, till he relieved the Chairman from deciding whether he could read from the Confession or not, by saying that he would consent not to read any more from it on the ground that it was not a fit document to be read out in meeting in this enlightened age; and then in half fun and half earnest remarked that it had been said that you could not tell what the Disciples believed, as they had no creed, but he knew of a people, not far off, who had a creed, whose faith could not be known as they would not allow the creed to be read. Of course he meant nothing special by this.

During the remainder of the discussion, Mr. E. seemed rather to try to talk up his time than to try to prove anything, until his last speech when he threw all his weight into the scales, and made what I have chosen to christen his *diametrical concatenation of divergencies tending everywhere*, for it consisted in a grand delineation of the ability, duty, necessity, &c., of all to come to God and be saved, and closed by stating that God elected his chosen ones independent of man's little weathercock will in the matter at all. Mr. McD., replied in such certain and unmistakable logic that the simplest mind could not fail to see the fallacy and contradiction of his opponents flimsy stuff. He closed a grand victory for truth and a grand vindication of the character of the Divine Creator most satisfactory, not only to our own people, but to the lovers of truth generally. The result of the debate and the meetings carried on at the same time by Bros. O. G. Hertzog and H. McD., was nine additions, four of whom were from the Baptists. Truth never suffers by investigation but like the finest gold shines brightest when most burnished, and is best refined and purified from dross when subjected to the heated furnace. The general good has been well served by the debate, and although science and truth are handmaids, that have been widely separated by superstition and error, yet the day star, in this place, begins to rise and dispel the darkness that mist and ignorance and narrow-mindedness have hitherto cast around them. May God prosper the cause of truth and bring together all sober, earnest lovers of light and righteousness in one grand brotherhood in Christ.

Yours truly,
Veritas

In Memory of Annie Matilda

Died.—Anne M. Knisely, aged three years, of diphtheria, 21st May, in the village of Selkirk, Ont.
Bible Index, July 1877, p. 224

Church News

Bro. A. Wilcox recently closed a meeting in Lobo. . . . From there he is going to go to Selkirk. Bro. Wilcox preaches regularly in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. We are glad he chose to spend a few weeks in Canada. First class reports of the instructive and interesting character of his preaching have reached us.

Bible Index, October 1877, p. 309-310

Church News

I was with the Church at Selkirk in a meeting of over two weeks, in the last of January and first of February, preaching nearly every evening. Three were baptized and two others returned to the church after an absence of years.

H. M.

Bible Index, March 1879, p. 93-95

News Items

Bro. Herzog is now at Garafraxa holding a meeting. Five were added in Selkirk during his recent visit there.

Bible Index, April 1879, p. 122-123

Obituary

Sister Lydia Miller, daughter of Samuel Miller, of Selkirk, on the 25th.

Bible Index, April 1879, p. 126

June Meeting in Culp Settlement

We had the pleasure of attending the June meeting of the Disciples of Christ in the Niagara District, held this year in what is known as the "Lake Shore Meeting House" in the township of Clinton. The members from the sister congregations at Smithville and Jordan were almost all present, with quite a number from Hamilton, Selkirk and Wainfleet. . . .

Alex. A. Trout

Toronto, June 18th, 1879

Bible Index, July 1879, p. 214-215

Church News

Selkirk, November 22nd, 1879

Dear Editor,--Not having seen any report from this locality for some time, I shall presume to inform your many readers that the Church of Christ at Selkirk and Sweet's Corners have recently imported a minister of the Gospel in the person of N. P. Lawrence, who is now labouring amongst us in word and doctrine, and we trust ere twelve months hence we may be able to report having gathered in at least a few of such as shall be saved.

J. F.

Bible Index, December 1879, p. 380

Selkirk

My Dear Bro. Beaty.—Bro. Sherman was with us just two weeks. The meetings were well attended most of the time, but there were no additions. Eighty-five dollars collection was taken up at the close of the meeting for evangelizing purposes. Bro. S. left here, for Tonawanda, 22 February to hold meetings there. Owing to the disturbed state of the public mind, politically, it was almost a foregone conclusion that the effort here would be a failure to some extent. However it did good.

E. E. Phillips

Selkirk, 1st March 1883*Bible Index*, March 1883, p. 93

Gainsboro and Wainfleet.—The churches here are progressing slowly. . . . There is an effort now being made, commencing with Selkirk and the Lake Shore, to form a co-operation and employ Bro. Sherman. Bro. S. could do a great deal of good in this region. The churches have not all yet decided their course in the matter. Selkirk starts with a promise of \$200 per annum. Bro. Sherman is to be in Wainfleet in the Spring for a few weeks. . . .

C. J. L.

Bible Index, April 1883, p. 124-125

Acton Meeting

Pursuant to the call that was published, the consultation meeting convened at Acton on the 12th of this month. The meeting was called to order by bro. James Kilgour, by whose suggestion bro. R. Royce was chosen Moderator and bro. A. Yule from Aurora, was chosen Sec.

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The officers and managers for the first year are as follows: --J. Lediard, Hillsburg, President, A. Yule, Aurora, Secretary and Treasurer, H. T. Law, Meaford, George Barclay, Toronto, and J. Fry, M. D. Selkirk. These five brethren will have the oversight and management

of the work. The business meeting adjourned at 4 o'clock p.m., to meet at the call of the managers.

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Bible Index, July 1883, p. 217-218

Items and News

Wainfleet Meeting.—Bro. Sherman came on time and worked well while here. The only complaint I hear from the brotherhood is that he did not remain a few days longer, as he had such a good hearing. On Sunday the house was packed and some 200 were outside. Bro. Pardee, from Suspension Bridge spoke in the afternoon and on Monday evening. And so ended what we call our June meeting. There were five additions, three of whom were candidates for baptism. Disciples were here from Cayuga, Rainham, Dunnville, Lake Shore, Smithville, Jordan, Gainsboro, &c.

C. J. L.

Bible Index, July 1883, p. 223-224

Items and News

Ontario Co-operation.—A meeting of the management of this “organization” was held in this city on the 21st August. There were present Bro. Lediard of Hillsburg, Yule of Aurora, Law of Meaford, Barclay of Toronto, and Fry of Selkirk. As we learn, it was understood that Bro. Sherman was selected as the man they were to employ. The question arose as to where he would be sent, whether first to what was called weak churches, or go to strong churches first, that he might enlist enough of the brethren in the enterprise to pay him. It appears the brethren at Selkirk some time ago collected money, intending to send some person into a new locality, in their own county, that he might spend a certain time in preaching to the people who had not heard the truth before. It was therefore decided that this money should be first used, and a commencement made in some part of Haldimand. Future action according to developments.

Bible Index, September 1883, p. 285-287

Gainsboro—The church in Gainsboro commenced a series of meetings about the 1st week of Sep. They were continued between two and three weeks. No additions. Bro. Silas Moot assisted at the commencement. Bro. Hertzog gave us three and Bro. Sherman two excellent discourses. These were heard by large and attentive audiences, and the wonder is that some did not confess the Saviour.

Bro. Sherman delivered some discourses in Selkirk, also in Wainfleet, and is now in Smithville. He goes to the Lake shore next week and may go to Jordan. Thence to Prince Edward's county.

C. J. L.

Sep. 25th, 1883

Bible Index, October 1883, p. 309

Items and News

Selkirk.—The congregation here keeps up well in numbers. There are energetic men among them who desire to promulgate the truth and build up themselves. Bro. Robert Beaty, of Toronto, was with them on the 2nd Sept., and spoke to large assemblies. Many outsiders were present.

Bible Index, October 1883, p. 315-319

Items and News

Meetings at Selkirk.—On Lord's day, 7th October, large meetings convened morning and evening in the commodious church at this place. In the afternoon, Sister DeLaunay, Missionary to Paris, France, addressed a very large audience for an hour and a half in a most interesting and instructive manner. She awakened to much earnestness and eloquence as she progressed in her theme, detailing the nature and character of her work and that of her husband, Professor DeLaunay, both of whom have now been in Paris for nearly seven years. The obstacles they meet with are numerous and very peculiar, and it requires unflinching faith, undying zeal, and unrelaxed energy to carry on gospel work in the midst of so much that is perversely religious and ignorantly infidel. The great obstacle is the charge of the Parisians that God sells his religion and they do not want a God of that sort. This might be said of more places than Paris, and it is making its share of infidels too. Madame DeLaunay left on the Monday for St. Thomas, and we presume she is now in Cincinnati, and will soon leave for her foreign home. Bro. James Beaty spoke at the morning and evening meetings. The brethren here deserve much credit, especially Dr. Fry, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Derby, Mr. Miller, and others who are most active in the good work.

Bible Index, November 1883, p. 348-351

First Meeting of the Co-operation at Aurora—Delegates Present

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Report of nominations—J. Lediard, Hillsburg, president, H. S. Law, Meaford, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Mundy, A. Yule, Aurora; Dr. Fry, Selkirk; Geo. J. Barclay, Toronto, Geo. McGill, Bowmanville, form the board of managers for the coming year. . . .

Bible Index, July 1884, p. 215-216

Items and News

Bro. Hertzog passed through the city en route for home from Garafraxa where he has, with the brethren there, held a successful meeting resulting in twenty one baptisms with a fair promise of others to follow. . . . Bro. H began a meeting in Selkirk 29th of June.

Bible Index, July 1884, p. 222

Obituaries

Shavelear.—Died at Selkirk on the 13th Feby., sister Shavelear, wife of bro. John Shavelear, aged 48 years. She had been ill for about three years. In the early times of that church she united herself to Christ, being immersed into Him. She had been over 25 years active in her duty. In the last few days before her death, when brethren came to see her, she would ask to be raised to a sitting posture and then would exhort and beseech them to steadfastness, to avoid the innovations that were leading congregations from the Lord to men's fancies, and to submit only as christians to what He appointed. Her own faithfulness to the will of her Master was seen in the fact that she would attend to the meetings on the first day even when she had to be carried. The funeral took place on Lord's day, 15th Feby. A telegram had been sent to bro. Dr. Fry, who for 20 years had been a resident of Selkirk, but who has been living in Toronto for some months, to be present at the burial. He attended to the services at the graveyard. The large number collected then went to the meeting house, where bro. E. E. Phillips spoke on the church, what it is, and the means of entering, followed by bro. Fry on the duties of church members, having first directed attention to the christian life of the deceased.

Bible Index, March 1885, p. 95

Free Thought Debated

Editors of the Bible Index.—No doubt many brethren and readers of the Index, who did not attend the debate at Welland, would like to hear something about it, and to know how Bro. Walker succeeded. . . . Many of our Brethren from Selkirk, Beamsville, St. Thomas, Jordan, and Gainsboro, Smithville, Wainfleet, and many from various parts of Canada and the United States were there. . . .

Bible Index, April 1885, p. 117-118

Items and News

Selkirk.—Bro. Dr. Fry who has removed to, and is now residing in, Toronto, was on Lord's day 19th April with the brethren at his old home and addressed them. He feels great interest in this congregation where he has spent so many years of his life striving to persuade all to love the Lord alone, and not be lead off from the only Lawgiver, by substituting their own pleasures for His law.

Bible Index, May 1885, p. 156

Items and News

Selkirk.—Brethren in this place requested Robert Beaty, who went there to the funeral of Sister Pedlow, to remain over Lord's day. They announced a meeting for Saturday evening and two for Sunday. On Saturday the house was fairly filled. On Lord's day when the brethren met to break bread there were more, and in the evening the seats were crowded and many stood outside at the doors and windows. No congregation of the same number could have shown more attention and apparent desire to hear. This disposition on the part of the public there makes the state of affairs more painful. Some to please the world and to show their love to it by obeying its commands, and example, placed an organ in the house. One who was not a disciple said, "the whole affair was brought about by two infidels." Another outsider said an Episcopalian made the organ praise. The organ party called a meeting by a written document stating that they would reorganize the church. They reinstated one who had been removed from an official position. Besides they cut off those who did not agree with them. The Lord in His prayer limited union to "be one in us." In the case before us union was limited to be one in the organ. These meet at 11 a.m. The rest, determined to worship in spirit and in truth, and to sing as part of that worship in obedience to the Holy Spirit by praising God with the lips, meet at 2.30 p.m. Of course this causes much personal feeling, which may be difficult to heal even though the idol worship were abolished. The pain, the anxiety and the tears of those who love the Lord and who serve Him would melt any heart with common feelings. It is a hard matter to fight the flesh with its frailties, the world with its schemes, and the devil with his desperate malignity, but when brethren join the world to give up the church which Christ built and build, or become "reorganized" on a principle they establish it is a matter that nothing will cure but a return to the teaching of Christ in its integrity. My God support the faithful. The brethren who reorganized commenced a June meeting on Friday evening 19th June and continued Saturday, Lord's day and Monday. Bro. Aaron Walker, who held the debate with Mr. Watts, the free thinker at Welland, was speaker.

Bible Index, July 1855, p. 219-220

Obituaries

Pedlow.—Died at Selkirk on the 10th of June, sister Christena wife of brother Robert Pedlow in the 29th year of her age. She leaves behind her three children, one two weeks old, and a sorrowing husband, whose confident assurance in her happiness gives him comfort. Bro. Pedlow telegraphed, asking Robert Beaty of Toronto, to be present at the funeral, which took place on the 12th. The number that collected to express sympathy was so great that the meeting house could not contain the whole of those who assembled. R. B. addressed them for a considerable time. It would be impossible to meet a more attentive audience. They appeared to be afraid to lose a sentence.

Bible Index, July 1855, p. 224

Items and News

Selkirk.—Bro. Dr. Fry, who was for many years one of the chief men among the brethren at this place spent two Lord's days with them lately. He has resided in Toronto now about two years. He brings back encouraging news. From conversations with some of those who were instrumental in creating the difficulty introducing the organ, he thinks, though some spoke with a good deal of sharpness, that they feel there was an error and would like it was [sic] removed. All men err, but the power of the truth is the only thing that can make them confess. They who judge or condemn themselves shall not be judged. If Bro. Fry is right in his ideas what a glorious triumph it would be for these brethren to be able to overcome themselves so as to turn the idol out, and confess to God by that act their mistake, and unite with their brethren in serving the Lord in spirit and in truth. The angels would rejoice at the sight, and God's name would be glorified.

Bible Index, December 1885, p. 381-382

Obituary

Bradt.—Dear Editors.—The question is frequently asked why an obituary notice has not appeared concerning Elder Thomas Bradt, who died 12th Aug. last? Bro. Sherman preached the funeral sermon. It was supposed he would have written and he thought other brethren would have attended to it. Though late it is well to refer to his life. He was one of the old pioneers, being 60 years in the Master's vineyard. He was immersed at Mud Creek, Township of Louth, by Elder Strait and afterwards remained in Wainfleet where he founded the church of that place, and resided 30 years. He then moved near Cayuga and lived there 15 years, dying at the ripe age of 75 years. He ever cherished the writings of Alexander Campbell and B. Franklin. His work was well and faithfully done and a knowledge of his Lord's wishes. He saw all his intelligent family obey the gospel. During his Christian life he never faltered and died in the full hope of a triumphant resurrection.—Wm. H. Swayze.

Bible Index, March 1886, p. 96

Items and News

Selkirk.—In the beginning of March a child brought by bro. and sister Overholt died and bro. Dr. Fry persuaded bro. Lediard, who was in Toronto at the time, to go there and speak at the funeral. A great many were present. At the conclusion he gave out that a meeting would be held in the evening. He addressed that night a very large and attentive audience, the house being crowded.

Bible Index, April 1886, p. 123

Items and News

Selkirk.—Bro. Dr. Fry, who for a very long time was one of the chief men among the brethren at this place, but now of Toronto, must occasionally go back and meet the church. On the second Lord's day in June he was there and talked to them on the theme, "The Bible is the book for man." He portrayed its advantages to man in the various positions in this life, in death, and in preparation for the life to come. Afterwards, he says, he gave an invitation, when the hearts of those Christians present were made glad by two brethren, both heads of families, coming forward and confessing Christ, determining to walk with the brethren towards that city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God. The crown is before them but it requires faithfulness to obtain it.

Bible Index, July 1886, p. 218

Items and News

Selkirk.—Meetings at this place commenced on Lord's Day, 12th June, and continued every evening for about two weeks. There were three meetings each first day. The brethren were much built up in consequence of what was done. Bro. Ellmore, who did nearly all the speaking writes 22nd June and says:—"Our meeting in Selkirk continues with fair interest. We have had visiting brethren from different points as follows:--Brethren Joseph Ash and S. Keefer [sic], from Rodney; bro Robert Beaty, from Toronto; bro. N. Wardell, from Smithville; also brethren from Detroit, Hagersville, Simcoe, York, Dunnville, and Sweets Corners. Up to date we have had eight accessions, six by immersion, two by letter and prospects favorable for more. I go, Saturday, 25th, to Omagh, and shall remain some days."

Bible Index, July 1887, p. 216

Items and News

Selkirk.—The brethren at this place have had a happy rejoicing. Bro. Dr. J. Fry writes "To the Bible Index,--Our meeting commencing on May 26th closed on the 3rd June with thirty additions, seventeen heads of families. We had a good meeting. Brethren from all the adjoining churches were with us." Robert Beaty, of Toronto, spent Sunday the 16th June with the church. Brethren here have had great difficulty in maintaining the faith once delivered, instead of the schemes of the world. Bro. Keffer, of Welland, has frequently been with them, helping to instruct the people in the way of the Lord. He was present several nights with Bro. Campbell, of South Dorchester, in the series of meetings names above, and which has given them great encouragement to go on in fighting the good fight.

Bible Index, July 1889, p. 219

Items and News

Selkirk.—In a note from bro. Dr. Fry to bro. Geo. J. Barclay, he says, “I write to let you know we are having a grand meeting. Ten to date have confessed the Saviour, and still there are more to follow. Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Aylmer, is holding the meeting.”

Bible Index, June 1890, p. 185

Items and News

Beamsville.—The brethren at this place commenced a series of meetings on Lord’s Day, the 15th June. Many brethren from Jordan, the Lake Shore, Gainsboro, Wainfleet, Selkirk and Stouffville were present. The congregation at Smithville turned out *en masse* and met there. Three meetings were held on that day. Certainly not less than 250 partook at the Lord’s supper. Brethren Keffer, Bradshaw, Thompson, Nathaniel Wardell, of Smithville; Dr. Fry, of Selkirk; James S. Bell, of Pekin, N.Y., so well known to the readers of the *Christian Leader*; and Robert Beaty, of Toronto, took a public part in the meetings. . . .

Bible Index, July 1890, p. 219

Items and News

Baptism.—Bro. D. Campbell writes from Rainham that he immersed five persons near Port Burwell and one near Norwichville.

Bible Index, November 1892, p. 344

Items and News

Attercliffe.—Dear Bro. Beaty.—I am not much accustomed to writing, but if you would please report through the Bible Index the Christian love the Toronto brethren have manifested towards the congregation of Disciples of Christ in this place, you might say we are only babes in Christ, the most of us are only a little over a year old in the Master’s service. . . . Bro. Fry, of Selkirk, is laboring with us for this coming year; he preaches here every two weeks, driving twenty miles, so you see he sacrifices a great deal coming so far, when he is needed so badly at home. He has the cause at heart, and I trust he may accomplish much and that he will be rewarded. He is working amidst opposition. . . .

Yours in the faith,

Thos. Harris

Bible Index, April 1893, p. 216-217

News Notes

Good reports came from Bro. Sherman’s meeting at Beamsville. Twenty-eight additions to the church there and a good interest. There is danger of Bro. S. falling in love with

Beamsville and Selkirk. The brethren hope to hear glad tidings from Rosedene and Cobourg during November also.

J. C. W.

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News Items

Dr. Fry reports our esteemed brother Phillips, at Selkirk, declining in health, so that he has given up speaking. This is sad news to us, for Bro. Phillips is a true Disciple and would do great good by speaking if his health would permit. We sincerely hope to hear that he is improving.

Christian Worker, November 1882, p. 3

Reminiscences No. 9, or History of the Rise and Progress of our Cause in Canada, by Joseph Ash.

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The next church I speak of is Selkirk, formerly called Rainham. About 1841 several prominent members of the regular Baptist church heard the Disciples preach in different places, had received their testimony and became dissatisfied with the Baptist doctrine and usage. It is a law of our nature that when we become dissatisfied with anything, we have, we cannot rest easily until we become satisfied by obtaining something more congenial and satisfactory. This, it seems, was the state of mind of those Baptists. They saw something in the gospel as presented by the preachers they had heard that was so vastly different from anything called gospel they had ever heard from Baptists that they could not rest without hearing more. And from all I have been able to learn Amos Clendennan was sent for and was the first one to preach the ancient gospel in Rainham. In 1851 bros. Anderson, Kilgour and others preached there but I think they were not the ones that organized the church. Those members of the Baptist church referred to called a meeting in 1861 for the purpose of formally separating from the Baptists. Some of them (several of which still live) were Leonard Yager, Benj. Culp, Jno. Hoover, Jonas Hoover, Jesse Hoover and others. They met, perhaps, in Yager's house to arrange as a church. This was done, strange to say, in the presence of their own Baptist preacher, who approved of their action—a noble man truly. If I am not mistaken in my memory, Amos Clendennan was present at this meeting, preached that day and rendered all the assistance he could. I think I had it from bro. Yager last summer, that he and bro. Jesse Hoover were the first elders.

This church has passed through some severe trials. Their experiences should be a warning to other church and individuals. In 1856 I was in Ohio with bro. A. B. Green, who spoke to me about a certain individual, a glib-tongued person, who had been associated with a church near by, but had gone into the doctrines of soul-sleeping, destructionism, communism, working of miracles, and so on. For those things, and others he had been excluded from the church and

silenced from preaching among them. This man was just then arranging to go to Canada. Bro. Green said he would most certainly do harm wherever he went, and advised me to caution the brethren in advance of his arrival against receiving him. I did so to most of the churches. But Wainfleet and Rainham I think I did not notify, and here is where he went to. Although this queer spirit had done so much harm, I am happy to know the Selkirk church is now in a prosperous state, and Jno. Warner's name has nearly vanished, and he himself has slender footing, as I witnessed last summer. In recuperating this church I am told some very unwise action was taken on the part of others perhaps quite unintentionally. There are many strong members belonging to this church, and it carries a powerful influence over a large tract of country.

Bros. Anderson, Kilgour, Shepherd, Black and Lister have all labored in word and doctrine to a considerable extent there, besides others. This is the point of the late bro. B. Franklin's first visit and labors in Canada, and I think Smithville was one of the last. In connection with this church bros. Hertzog and Lister deserve special mention. Lister for labors extending over many years with good success and Hertzog for a series of successful meetings in which very many were brought into the church. He said to me that Selkirk was one of the grandest spots of his life. His preaching was so true feeling and good that large numbers were brought into the church most of whom are faithful true Christians. The twenty days I spent there last year is one of the greenest spots of my life. My heart leaps with joy when I remember those happy days spent in the immediate company of bro. Sherman, among the brethren and at our home at the house of our excellent bro. Dr. Fry. Bro. H. McDiarmid spent a considerable time preaching here with good success, the particulars of which I have somehow failed to obtain for which I am very sorry.

It was in this church that a legal question arose of who among us are "legally qualified to solemnize matrimony." Quite a little stir was raised over that question which finally culminated in the passage of a bill by the Ontario legislature more particularly defining who are qualified.

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Ontario Co-operation of Disciples of Christ.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ,--You will be interested to know, that the work, of preaching the truth, through the instrumentality of this Co-operation will be commenced at once. The committee of management have engaged the services of Bro. H. B. Sherman as Evangelist and he will commence this work immediately on his return to Canada.

It is intended to hold the first meeting in a group of churches embracing Wainfleet, Jordan, Selkirk, and some others in that locality, and also to work in a new field, the Brethren in Selkirk are anxious to see opened in their immediate neighborhood, closing his labors in this

field he will pass on to other points as may be deemed advisable.

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Jas. Lediard,

Hillsburg, 4th Sept. 1883

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Resminiscences No. 20, or History of the Rise and Progress of our Cause in Canada, by Joseph Ash

In my last (No. 19) I finished my history of churches and now desire to speak of how the cause of Christ has spread in Ontario apart from Church organizations. . . . We have churches in the following cities, towns and villages. Cobourg, Port Hope, Bowmanville, Oshawa, Toronto, Aurora, Collingwood, Owen Sound, Meaford, Stratford, Guelph, Warton, St. Thomas, Stouffville, Jordan, Smithville, Walkerton, Stayner, Erin, Acton, Hamilton, Welland, Selkirk, Priceville, Ridgetown, Rodney, and some others. . . .

Joseph Ash

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The Field and Workers, H. M. E.

Bro. W. F. Neal is laboring at Meaford, Ont.; Chas. W. Petch, at Selkirk, Ont.; . . .

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The Field and Workers

Report of the Work at Selkirk, Ont., since June, 1903—I attended the June meeting at Beamsville and enjoyed it very much, after which I assisted Bro. M. Watterworth in a week's meeting at Sweet's Corners, near Selkirk. I then spent three weeks at home visiting the churches at Griersville, Meaford and Cape Rich. I found them all at work as usual, and I was pleased with the steady progress they were making. About July 15th I moved to Selkirk and began an effort to strengthen the church and build up the cause here. The growth of the church in grace and knowledge has been steady, but sure, since I came. They have four meetings a week now, to one previous to my coming here. On Jan. 3 we began a protracted meeting, which will continue indefinitely. The interest is growing and the attendance is very good. We hope for good results. On Sept. 20th I began a meeting at Byng, which continued for three weeks. At the close of the meeting a man and his wife said they wanted to be baptized, but something was in their way just then. They promised to come to Selkirk and be baptized, but I have not heard from them yet. I shall try to sow the pure seed of the kingdom and pray God to give the increase. That is all we can do. May the Lord help us all to be faithful and steadfast unto the end, for we "know that our labor will not be in vain in the Lord."—Chas. W. Petch.

The Bible Student, February 1904, p. 1

[Note]

We understand that the Society faction at Selkirk, Ont., have closed their house and are quarrelling. Probably a little “sanctified common sense” would be in order just now.

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Bible School Jottings, by the Editor

Bro. T. W. Bailey, of Clarksburg, Ont., Bro. D. S. Black, of Glencoe, Ont., Bro. C. W. Petch, of Selkirk, Ont., and Sister Elford, of Meaford, were visitors at the Bible School during the past month.

The Bible Student, March 1904, p. 1

Obituaries: MILLER—It is with sadness that I pen the death of our dear Bro. James Miller. He was born Dec. 23, 1840, and passed peacefully away Feb. 12th 1904. He leaves five sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. They hope to meet their father at God’s right hand, where parting will be no more, as they are all members of the Church of Christ. The congregation here will miss Bro. Miller as he was one of its “pillars.” He told me he had asked his children to be faithful to their Lord, telling them that God would bless them in serving Him; that God had blessed him financially as well as spiritually since he entered His service. He was a good councillor. On Lord’s Day he was faithful to meet with those who love the Lord. The Bible was his guide. He has finished his work here and gone to his reward. Bro. Fry and Bro. Petch, of Selkirk, officiated at the funeral. Bro. Petch spoke from the ninth chapter of Hebrews, to a well-filled house. He showed himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Brethren, pray for us, that we may be faithful to the Lord as our departed brother has been.

THOS. HARRIS

Attercliffe, Ont.

The Bible Student, March 1904, p. 4

The Field and Workers

The church at Selkirk, Ont., under the leadership of Bro. C. W. Petch, is, we understand, preparing to do some home mission work in the way of holding some tent meetings during the summer.

The Bible Student, May 1904, p. 3

Obituary Notices

Moote.—Mrs. Pheobe C. Moote peacefully entered into rest on March 10th, 1904, at Dunnville, Ont., at the age of 65 years. She was stricken down with a violent attack of LaGrippe, which turned to pneumonia; and after much suffering she was released from her earthly home, to be, as we hope “clothed upon with her habitation which is from heaven.” She had been a

member of the Church of God for over thirty years. I conducted the services at her late residence, on March 12, after which the remains were interred in the Dunnville cemetery. Let us “watch at every season,” for we know not how soon we may be called.

Chas. W. Petch

The Bible Student, May 1904, p. 4

[Note]

Bro. G. B. Hancock will begin a meeting at Selkirk early in July.—Chas. W. Petch.

The Bible Student, June 1904, p. 4

Annual June Meeting, O. E. Tallman

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L. E. Huntsman officiated in the afternoon, and short talks were given by Bros. Geo. Gamble and J. Dean, of Fenwick; Wm. Forester, T. T. Reilly and Jas. Stewart, of Toronto; John Yake, of Stouffville; O. E. Tallman, of Smithville; Ellis Claus, Valdosta, Ga.; Chas. Claus, St. Catharines; Chas. W. Petch, Selkirk; S. M. Jones, Beamsville; and W. F. Neal, Meaford.

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On Monday morning at 10 o'clock Dr. John Fry, of Selkirk, led off with a short exhortation, and then called on several of the brethren for a few minutes each.

The Bible Student, July 1904, p. 3

Publisher's Department

Bro. G. B. Hancock will begin a meeting with the church at Selkirk, Ont., about the third or tenth of this month.

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[Note]

Bro. Chas. W. Petch, of Selkirk, Ont., will, ere this reaches our readers, be laboring among the brethren at Cypress River, and Austin, Man., where he expects to spend three months in evangelistic work.

The Bible Student, July 1904, p. 4

Obituary

McIntee—Little Donald E., aged 6 months passed away on the 12th ult. at the home of his parents, Jordan, Ont., and was laid to rest in the Jordan church cemetery on the 14th. Chas. W. Petch, of Selkirk, conducted the funeral service.

The Bible Student, October 1904, p. 4

Selkirk Items

The work here is progressing slowly at present. The church is not in a very encouraging condition. Time alone will remedy some things.

On Oct. 11th, one noble young man, of Dunnville, confessed his faith in Christ, and as the natural darkness was stealing around us, he was “delivered and translated into the kingdom of God’s dear Son,” by being buried with his Lord in baptism and rising to walk in newness of life. He will worship with the few at Byng, who are endeavoring to hold fast what has been delivered to them.

One young lady, Bro. Wm. Johnson’s second daughter, was added to the “one body” in the Lord’s appointed way, on Aug. 13th, about one month after I closed my meeting at Austin. She attended every meeting, but her obedience can be attributed to the religious training received in her home. The Bible training there was regular and thorough. Reader, if you are a parent, “go thou and do likewise.”

The Bible Student, November, 1904, p. 4

Married

On the 21st of November, at the residence of the bride, by J. Fry, M. D. Miss Marie B. Holmes, of Selkirk, daughter of J. W. Holmes, M. P. P., to Frank Dewitt Fry, B. A., of New York, youngest son of Dr. J. Fry, of Selkirk, Ont.

The Bible Student, January 1905, p. 4

Selkirk Notes

I left Selkirk on March 7 and moved to St. Catharines to continue the work of “holding forth the word of life” in this city. Many of the brethren in Selkirk showed their love to us when we left; some being displeased because we would not stay longer, but “I must preach the gospel to other cities also.” Any loyal evangelist passing through will be welcomed by the brethren at Selkirk who meet at 2:30 p.m. My prayer is that “all things (there) will work together for good to those who love God.”

Chas W. Petch

The Bible Student, April 1905, p. 3

Obituary

Miller.—Brother W. M. Miller departed this life November 2nd, at the age of 68 years. He leaves a wife, one son and three daughters to mourn their loss. He was poorly for some time but firm in the faith. Jesus has gone to prepare many mansions for those that love and obey His word. May God bless the sorrowing family. They all have made the good confession and been baptized. May they all meet where parting will be no more. It seems hard to give up our loved ones, but God’s will must be done. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Fry, of Selkirk. He spoke from the

25th chapter of Matthew, of the ten virgins and urged that when the bridegroom cometh we will be found prepared to meet Him—have oil in our lamps. He spoke to a full house. May good be done by the words spoken. Thomas Harris, Attercliffe, Ont.
The Bible Student, December 1905, p. 3

Beamsville News

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Bro. J. D. C. McMurchie's meeting at Selkirk closed a short time ago. He had a very good meeting, and good audiences. He preached fifteen discourses, and the visible result was that three made the good confession, and were buried with their Lord in baptism. Bro. McMurchie is one of the Beamsville Bible School students. We are now beginning to see the results of the Bible School. How could anyone oppose such a good work. Brother, did you oppose the school? If so, don't you think that you should confess you did wrong? Brother, can you send some one to the Bible School this year? If so, you will be rewarded for it.

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Churches of Christ, Annual Meeting, Toronto, June 1, 2 and 3, 1907

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The following list, in alphabetical order, gives the numbers as nearly as possible from the various outside congregations, viz: --

Beamsville 10, Carman, Man. 1, Detroit 5, East Toronto 12, Fenwick 3, Glencoe, 1, Griersville 1, Hamilton 14, Jordan 5, Jura 1, Meaford 17, New Ontario 1, Pine Orchard 3, Pickering 1, St. Catharines 5, Selkirk 2, Sherwood 6, Stouffville 3, Smithville 5, Wardsville 1, Wychwood 25.

The Bible Student, June 1907 Annual Meeting—Extra, p. 1-2

Chas. W. Petch, Evangelist

The subject of this sketch, Bro. Chas. W. Petch, was born near Meaford, December 6th, 1878, and is 28 years of age. He was raised in a pious Methodist family and was baptized at Meaford at the age of 17. In July, 1899, he was married to Ada M. Elford, an exemplary Christian girl, whose influence as a self-sacrificing and loving wife has greatly aided him in his struggle to gain an education and prepare himself for his life's work. Four sweet babes have since blessed and brightened their home.

After receiving a good public school education, Bro. Petch spent two months at Meaford High School. Soon after their marriage, he attended the Nashville Bible School for two sessions, and the Carman Bible School, Manitoba, one session. During this time he completed a six years Bible course and followed other studies as would best fit him for his work. He loved to study and still has a desire to return to school; but the work has so demanded his time that he has not had opportunity.

Bro. Petch labored in Manitoba a year and four months in all, at Selkirk, Ont., for near two years; afterwards at St. Catharines, for 20 months greatly edifying the church and increasing the members by one half. From there he moved to Fenwick where he expects to make his home for some time. During the past winter he preached some at Tintern, closing a successful meeting there this spring with six additions. On June 9th he began a meeting at Griersville, his home congregation, which resulted in adding eight to the One Body.

Bro. Petch will hold meetings at Woodgreen and Beamsville during the summer. He has given special attention to teaching the church and has shown ability as peacemaker among brethren.

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The Co-operative Fund

The Bathurst Street elders acknowledge with thanks receipt of following contributions to this fund

John Yake, per receipt	No. 1	5.00
Church at Selkirk per receipt	No. 2	4.15

Communications have been received from other churches saying they are heartily in favor of the movement and that they will send contributions.

The Bible Student, August 1907, p. 8

Obituary

Elizabeth Lehman Kindy was born Feb. 26th 1845, died July 28th 1907. She leaves beside an aged mother, two sisters, six brothers, her husband, and ten children, six sons and four daughters.

She became a member of the Church of Christ at Stouffville, Ont., at the age of nineteen. Those who knew her best called her "a true christian" and this is commendation enough. Many Brethren and friends attended the funeral which was conducted by Charles W. Petch and the writer.

T. W. Bailey,
Selkirk, Ont.

The Bible Student, September 1907, p. 6

Obituary

Died—With deepest regret we record the death of our beloved Bro. Abraham Wardell, who passed away Sep. 28, 1907, at the age of 90 years and 10 months, after a very long time of suffering. He has entered into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. In his younger days he was a Baptist, but over thirty years ago he heard a debate between Bro. McDiarmid and a Baptist preacher by the name of Edwards; after the debate, he and his beloved wife united with the Church of Christ at Selkirk, but of late years his church home has been at Smithville where he has left many kind hearts that feel the loss of his presence. I have visited the home many times, as I have been going to Smithville once a month for some time. He always looked for me, and I was always glad to go and read the word of God to him and pray with him. It seemed to do him so much good. I must say a few words for our dear sisters, his daughters: Their christian love to their father is worthy of the highest commendation; their long patience

towards him I shall never forget. The Lord keep all His dear ones faithful to the end, and may we all be faithful to the blessed Master that we may receive the crown of life that fadeth not away.

Thomas Riley

The Bible Student, April 1908, p. 7

Our Trip to the Island

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... We expected Bro. Neal to have been on hand to continue the work, but circumstances over which he had no control hindered, and we were forced to close the meeting and return home in order to get the August issue of our paper out in time for us to begin our Dunnville meeting.

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The Dunnville Meeting

Our meeting near Dunnville, Ont. continued over two weeks, including three Lord's Days. This was an entirely new field and our plea was unknown to the people in that vicinity. The immediate visible results of the meeting were six baptisms and one from the Baptists, and the gathering together of scattered disciples who will meet at the home of Bro. Harris each Lord's Day, thus forming a new congregation of seventeen members.

Considering the busy season and the limited time we had at our disposal for the meeting, it was a success indeed. Splendid attendance and attention characterized the meeting throughout, and we closed on the evening of the 16th ult. with nearly a full house.

Three of the seven were bright and intelligent youths, ranging from ten to twenty years, the other four being heads of families, one of them an intelligent and elderly man, who had been a member of the U. B. church for thirty years. This brother will be a great help to this little band of worshipers.

This meeting was supported by the Griersville congregation, who sent the writer in answer to a call from Bro. and Sis. Harris for a preacher. A feeling of satisfactions which always comes to those who help others, belongs to the Griersville brethren, to whom the little band near Dunnville render their heart-felt thanks. We hope to visit this field again before long.

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Additional Church News.

Fenwick, Ont., Aug. 25, 1908

Dear Bro. Evans:--I was glad to hear of the success of your meeting near Dunnville, I was at Tintern last Lord's Day. We had good meetings. One young girl was baptized. I had a chance to speak at the Methodist meeting in the afternoon.

Your Bro. in Christ
C. W. Petch

Selkirk, Ont., Sept. 3, 1908

Dear Bro. Evans:--I was much pleased, a few days ago, to meet with Bro. Jacob Wardell from below Dunnville. He informed me that your meeting in the vicinity of Bro. T. Harris' home,

was a great success. I hope much good was done. Bro. and Sister Harris are true disciples of Christ. I would like to see you here sometime. We had two additions recently.

Yours in Christ,

J. Fry

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Additional Church News

Meaford, Ont., Nov.—Our work in the evangelistic field this summer resulted as follows: . . . Two week's work near Dunnville, resulted in six baptisms and one from the Baptists. Here we left a congregation of seventeen members. . . . In the future we hope to devote all the time we can spare from the office to evangelistic work.—Ed.

The Bible Student, November 1908, p. 5

Editorial Briefs

During the past summer the Griersville congregation became responsible for the expenses of the meetings held by the writer on Manitoulin Island and at Dunnville, Ont. Our associations with this congregation, thus far, have been both pleasant and profitable. There is not a young man, or boy in it who cannot take part in the meetings.

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Church News

Selkirk, Ont., March 16—Since last report two have been added.—J. Fry.

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Press Fund

Previously reported	\$201.08
Bro. Neal & family (monthly)50
Church near Dunnville, Ont.	3.25
Geo. Wright, England50
D. S. Black50
Total	\$204.83

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The June Meeting

. . .

Many had to leave before the Monday morning meeting, but those who were privileged to stay were blessed by short speeches from Bro. Fry of Selkirk; Gedge of Hamilton; Whitelaw, Forrester, and Cowin of Toronto; Wardell of Smithville; Tallman of Nova Scotia; a Bro. from Pine Orchard; and Bro. Claus of St. Catharines who presided over the meeting.

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Editorial Briefs

The St. Catharines congregation supported the meeting at Ice Lake, and the Griersville congregation will support the meeting near Dunnville this Summer.

The Bible Student, August 1909, p. 5

Editorial Briefs

Owing to the busy time among the farmers in August, and a difficulty in getting the school house in September, our meeting near Dunnville is postponed indefinitely. We trust that the brethren will be faithful in keeping up the work till we can open another meeting in that vicinity next summer. The splendid meeting we had last summer warrants another one at the same place. The preacher and the church supporting the work there, both feel sorely disappointed at this postponement.

The Bible Student, September 1909, p. 5

Editorial Briefs

Learning that the brethren near Dunnville had not met for worship since the departure of Bro. Harris from their midst last spring, the publisher of this paper under the direction of the Griersville congregation, left for that town Friday, the 10th ult. to make an effort to start the work there again. The writer preached four discourses in the Orange Hall, Canal St., and in this building the brethren will meet hereafter, every Lords day for worship at 11 a.m. Lords day, Sep. 19 was the first meeting for this little band with out a preacher. The meeting was interesting and edifying, each of the brethren taking part did their work well, so we are informed by letter. We trust that each Lords day will find every one at the post of duty, participating in the exercises of the hour; partaking of the emblems of the broken body and shed blood of their Redeemer, and exhorting one another to faithfulness in the christian life. We expect to hold a few weeks meeting with these brethren (D. V.) during the summer of 1910.

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Church Jottings

...

The Editor of *The Bible Student* passed through Toronto on the 10th ult., on his way to look after the interests of the cause at Dunnville, and stayed over night with the writer. We enjoyed his company, and felt refreshed by the conversation on things pertaining to the kingdom of heaven.

The Bible Student, October 1909, p. 7

Editorial Briefs

The total amount forwarded to Bro. Fujimori, as announced in last issue, was as follows: "A few friends," Meaford, \$11; Church Griersville, \$10; Bro. Black, Hamilton, \$2; "Brethren," Alta., \$2; Church, Selkirk, by Dr. J. Fry, \$20; Total \$45.

The Bible Student, January 1910, p. 5

Editorial Briefs

A letter from Sister Steinman informs us that a few meet every Lords day at Dunnville, while some are careless, having not yet learned the importance of assembling regularly for worship. The blessing of the Lord is with the "two or three" who meet in his name. It is encouraging to know that a few remain faithful. We hope to hold another meeting with this little congregation during the coming summer.

The Bible Student, March 1910, p. 4

Japan Letters

Shimousa, Japan, Jan. 19, 1910

My dear Bro. and Sister Evans:--I have received your lovely letter of Dec. 22, 1909, and Money order for \$20.00 which is from that beloved church at Selkirk. What can I say? I cannot find words for such charity and kindness. God bless you and the congregation for these deeds of brotherly love. We are all well at present. We are now being supported very well by American and Canadian churches. Please pray for me and my family and the mission, while we are surrounded by trials, temptations and enemies. When we came here we were three in number, now only one. God is with me and stands by me. I do not fear. Praying, praying and praying makes me go on with this work all right.

Yours fraternally,
Otoshige Fujimori

The Bible Student, March 1910, p. 5

Obituary: Edsall

Mrs. Millan Edsall died at her home in Selkirk on April 12, aged 66 years, 11 months and 11 days. She leaves a husband, two sons and four daughters and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She obeyed the gospel about thirty-five years ago, and lived a quiet christian life since. She was loved by all who knew her best. She will be missed much, especially by Bro. Edsall and family. The funeral took place on the 14th ult., at which the writer spoke to a large and attentive audience from Rev. 14:13. It is a blessed thing to die in the Lord, but we must live in the Lord in order to die in Him.—T. W. Bailey.

The Bible Student, May 1910, p. 7

Editorial Briefs

Lords Day, June 5, the publisher of this paper will (D. V.), preach at Beamsville morning and evening, and the following day Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, is expected to arrive to continue the meeting for a few weeks. From Beamsville the writer goes to Dunnville for a week's meeting with the church there.

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Editorial Briefs

At Beamsville

. . . On Wednesday we left reluctantly for Dunnville where we were to begin a meeting that night.

At Dunnville.

Two years ago, it will be remembered, the writer, through the Griersville church, held a two weeks meeting at the Inman Road school house two and a half miles out of Dunnville, resulting in six baptisms. This little congregation met regularly at the home of Bro. Harris until he removed to Rainham, when they ceased to meet until the Griersville church again sent the writer, last summer, to get them together again, and since then a few have kept up the meeting faithfully, in the Orange Hall.

Several years ago Bro. Keffer made a faithful effort to establish the cause in Dunnville, but failed. Some years later Bro. Petch held a weeks meeting there with the same results. The brethren, however, thought they would make another effort in the town, and through the kindness of the St. Catharines congregation the writer was sent there. The meeting was well advertised for a week before hand, but when we arrived, June 8, we found prejudice and opposition as strong as ever; our bills were torn down, "pastors" warned their flocks against us, and the secret orders hindered us for three nights during the first week for which we had engaged the Hall, so not being sure of peaceable possession for two night in succession, the brethren decided to abandon further effort for the present, for there was no other meeting place available, the trustees of the school house, where we held our successful meeting two years ago having closed the doors against us.

Dunnville is a thriving little town of nearly 3000 population, on the Grand River, a summer resort, with several new factories, natural gas, electric light plant, and sewer system under course of construction, and good Public and High Schools. This would be a good location for some brother who could assist this little church, while engaged in some secular employment during the week. The cause could be established here in time, but progress will be slow.

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Church News

Selkirk, Ont. July 20—Two restored last Lords day who had left us in the late church trouble. We thank God and take courage.—J. Fry

The Bible Student, August 1910, p. 5

Obituary: Swartz

Sister Sarah Swartz, widow of Bro. Darius Swartz, died in Selkirk on July 30th in her sixtieth year. Her husband predeceased her by two years and a half. She was one of God's noble women and always ready to do her part in every good work. She was always present at the worship until physical inability prevented. She leaves behind her a record of good deeds and a kindly charitable life. Bro. D. H. Jackson of Jordan was with us and spoke to a full house. His sermon was so much appreciated by outsiders as well as the brethren that he was prevailed upon to speak in the evening, when he again delivered a most instructive and appreciative address.—J. Fry.

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June Meeting

The Lord willing, there will be a June meeting of the Churches of Christ of Canada on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of June, at Selkirk. We extend a cordial invitation to all disciples of Christ to be present. You will come by the G. T. R. to Hagersville or Nelles Corners. You will be met at the station by the brethren and brought to Selkirk. Will someone in each congregation find out how many are coming from there and on what train, and to which station, and let us know, that we may bring enough rigs to bring them to Selkirk. Address all communications to T. W. Bailey, Selkirk, Ont.
The Bible Student, May 1911, p. 5

Bro. Don Carlos Janes

April 10

I am leaving Canada today after being here ninety-seven days, in which period I have spoken one hundred times in Beamsville, Hamilton, Tintern, Griersville, Meaford, Sherwood, and Selkirk. I expect a busy summer in the States.
Louisville, Kentucky
The Bible Student, May 1911, p. 5

Don Carlos Janes

Obituary: Thomas Harris

Died, at his brother's, Michigan, U.S., in his 66th year. His remains were brought to Smithville and were buried in the family churchyard by a large circle of his friends. For over 40 years a faithful soldier of the cross, he has gone to his reward.

Twenty-six years ago he was one of those who took an active part in planting the church in the then west end of the city of Toronto. From there he moved to Attercliff, where he did noble work for the Master whom he loved to serve. He leaves a widow, who has been a true helpmeet through the more than 40 years they travelled together.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

James Stewart

Some time ago we received a brief note from Bro. Fry, of Selkirk, containing the glad news that after long years of patient waiting he had baptized his wife. Since, we have received the sad news of her death. Bro Fry has our sincere sympathy.

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June Meeting at Selkirk - W. F. Neal

The June Meeting at Selkirk June 3rd, 4th and 5th was well attended. On Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock quite a number gathered together in the church house, Bro. Petch presiding. Bro. Lumley led the song service. A speech of welcome was given on behalf of the church by Bro. Bailey, in a manner which made everyone present feel that they were truly welcome to the hospitality and fellowship of the church at Selkirk. The Chairman responded to

the speech of welcome in well-chosen words on behalf of the visitors. Then a number of short talks were given by the visiting brethren, which were encouraging and stimulating. The meeting then adjourned till 8 o'clock, when Bro. Whitfield delivered a splendid discourse on "The Parable of the Sower."

Lord's Day morning, in the new, commodious Town Hall, which was tendered gratis by the town to the church, a large and appreciative audience patiently listened for about an hour to a discourse by the writer, the subject of which was, "The Preeminence of Christ." After this discourse a large number of disciples communed with God through Jesus Christ our Lord, Brother Jones presiding. Dinner was then served in the hall, which was indeed a feast for the inner man, preparatory to an able flow of reason from Bro. Petch, who discoursed on "God's Unfinished Work." The audience then dispersed, to meet again at 8 o'clock to listen to S. M. Jones, who spoke of "Some of the Threes of the Bible." For more than an hour the speaker held his audience spellbound, and doubtless made an impression for good on all who listened.

On Monday morning another meeting for short talks was called. Most of the brethren present, both visitors and home talent, participated. These talks were calculated to do much and lasting good. After this meeting the visiting brethren left for their respective homes, feeling that it was good to be there. To say that the June meeting at Selkirk was a grand success does not in the least exaggerate or flatter the subject. The church at Selkirk and its efficient evangelist, Bro. Bailey, are to be congratulated. The writer continued a series of meetings with the church for three weeks, which resulted in eleven persons being added to the church at Selkirk – eight confessions and baptisms, one by statement, and two from the digressives.

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News Notes: Woodgreen, Ont.

The following is a report of all money received outside of the members at Woodgreen, for the meeting house at Woodgreen.

Bro. D. L. Purcell, of the Clachan congregations, \$50.; . . . Church at Selkirk, through Bro. Bailey, \$4; ...

The church at Woodgreen desires to thank all the above for their fellowship in this work and also to let you know that the meeting house was all paid for before the close of 1911.

S. Whitfield

The Bible Student, February 1912, p. 5

News Notes: Selkirk

During October I have had the privilege of spending ten days with the brethren of Selkirk. The conditions there are not favorable at present for a successful evangelistic effort. The days are spent in busy rounds of visits amongst all the brethren in the district. I was well received by all, and I hope soon to hear that all difficulties are put aside and a strong, united,

and enthusiastic effort is begun to make New Testament Christianity a great power in a district where the pure Gospel seed was liberally sown in days gone by.

Meetings were held every evening, which were faithfully supported by the brethren, and a few others came to hear. A. Brown
The Bible Student, November 1912, p. 5

News Notes

Report

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Our financial report has been neglected for some time, but we give it herewith, and if we have missed reporting any contribution we will be pleased to have our attention called to the omission:

... Church Selkirk (through Dr. Fry), \$20.00; ...

It is with grateful hearts that we acknowledge the receipt of the above. ...

H. M. Evans

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News Notes

Report

In response to the appeal made by the Stouffville congregation to sister congregations for funds to give my wife Chiropractic treatments the following has been received by Bro. D. H. Rusnell and handed over to the writer: ... Selkirk (Dr. Fry), \$15;

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We thank the above churches for their liberal contributions once again, and pray God's blessings upon this united effort to restore our loved one to health and strength.

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H. M. Evans

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Our Publishing Company.

Since this magazine was originally planned two or three brethren have suggested that a company be formed at \$10 per share. These brethren have promised their share, and their names and the names of all others who desire to take a share of \$10 in the work will be published in the April issue. There will be no dividends paid, but all the money received will go toward paying the printer, etc., and improving and enlarging the Magazine. This will be purely a missionary enterprise. Bro. E. G. Hoover, a prominent business man of Selkirk, Ont., has kindly consented to take the position of treasurer of the company, and he, along with all the writers and the editor will do their work free of charge. Each \$10 share may, if desired, be paid in instalments of \$2.50 quarterly. Each shareholder will be considered a director of the company and will be consulted in any change proposed for the Magazine. Remit all monies for this fund to the treasurer.

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To the Friends of Sister Evans

As this Magazine is likely to fall into the hands of many of our old friends who have so kindly inquired after the health of Sister Evans, we would say that she is still an invalid, unable to walk without assistance. She patiently sits in her chair, praying and hoping for restoration to health and strength and for the day to come when she can again take up her household duties. While she is not yet able to write to her numerous friends she appreciates a letter of encouragement from all who are disposed to write her. She wishes all our readers a happy and prosperous New Year. Address her at Selkirk, Ont.

Christian Quarterly, January 1916, p. 14

My Trip to Meaford and Immediate Points

Early in the month of December, 1918, I was called to the telephone to answer a long distance call. After getting proper connection I learned that Bro. J. L. Hines, the evangelist of the Church at Meaford, was wanting to speak to me.

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I will not soon forget my preaching tour to the above places.

Fraternally, W. F. Cox, Selkirk

Christian Monthly Review, March 1919, p. 8

Selkirk, Ont.,
Feb. 13th, 1919

Mr. D. McDougall,
West Gore,
Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dear Bro. McDougall: I have just returned from Meaford and Collingwood where I was preaching for the brethren in Bro. J. L. Hine's absence. Therefore, being away from home nearly two months, I neglected writing you.

If you will let me know who have not renewed here I will call on them and try and get them to renew their subscription.

Hoping to be successful in doing my bit for the Christian Monthly Review and wishing you every success in your calling I am, as ever,

Your co-worker in the one great cause,
W. F. Cox

Christian Monthly Review, April 1919, p. 9

Selkirk, Ont., April 6th, 1919

The church at Selkirk intends holding a series of meetings, commencing the first Lordsday in June, to last over three Lordsdays, Bro. Thad S. Hutson, of Covington, Ind., to be our chief speaker. We welcome other speakers from sister churches at any time during this meeting. We anticipate a good meeting, as we all know that Bro. Hutson is a capable man.

Brethren from other churches are welcome to come and enjoy the spiritual feast. Accommodations will be arranged for all.

Your Brother in Christ,
Thomas Cooper

Christian Monthly Review, May 1919, p. 8-9

Word had been received that the meeting announced for Selkirk is not likely to materialize.

Christian Monthly Review, May 1919, p. 14

Selkirk, Ont.

By invitation of the brethren at Fenwick, Ont., I preached for them both morning and evening on Aug. 10th.

By telephone on Saturday, Aug. 16th, I received word that Sister Culp, beloved wife of our much esteemed Bro. Matthew Culp, died that morning, and that Bro. Culp wished to have me conduct the funeral services. So on Monday following, at 2 p.m., I was there to speak, in my

feeble way, words of sympathy and consolation. The subject on which I spoke was, "The victor's reward," to sit with Christ on His throne, Rev. 3:21.

Since the last report three persons have been added to the One Body by baptism at our regular services. More are expected.

W. F. Cox

Christian Monthly Review, Sept 1919 p. 10

Selkirk, Ont., March 29th, 1920

Dear Bro. McDougall,
West Gore, N. S.

Here is some news for The C. M. R.

By invitation of the Church at East Toronto I had the pleasure of speaking for them both morning and evening, on March 21st. This was my first visit to E. Toronto and I shall never forget my first impression of the Christlike Christians. While in Toronto I made my home at Bro. and Sister Yake's, and I can assure you they have an ideal home. I don't mean the house in which they live while it is a beautiful residence, it takes more than a house to make a home. But the good nature and happy faces of all the members, six in number. One can't help but feel happy there. Pleasure and happiness should be marked graces in every home where Christians live.

Bro. A. E. Firth of Toronto has spoken for the brethren at Selkirk twice lately. I believe his visits have done great good for the Master Cause. Bro. Firth is a workman that cuts right on the line. It is not difficult to see where he stands. He believes in using the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. The brethren here have been profited by his sound teaching.

Bro. C. G. McPhee who has been laboring for the Church in Carman, Man., is expected to join our forces in Ontario soon. Work is being mapped out for him, and I am confident that we can keep him busy for some time.

W. F. Cox

Christian Monthly Review, March 1920 p 20-21

Selkirk, Ont., June 28,-- I came here by way of Newcomerstown, Ohio, where I spoke Wednesday and Thursday nights to large and responsive audiences. I was pleased with their enthusiasm and good singing. The meeting starts here with a fairly good interest. One young man was baptized last night after meeting. We hope for others. In hope and prayer.

Thad S. Hutson

Christian Monthly Review, August 1920, p. 28

Newmarket, Ont., R. 3, Nov. 17th, 1920

Dear Bro. McDougall:

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On Nov. 8th I was called over to Selkirk to conduct the funeral services of Bro. Daniel Kindy, who had "fallen asleep in Jesus" at the ripe old age of 80 years. Bro. Kindy was a man of "meek and quiet spirit" which is in the sight of God of great price. He had fought a good fight, he had finished his course, he had kept the faith." I had buried his beloved wife thirteen years ago and he had patiently waited for the summons to join her in the better land. "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed sleep from which none ever wakes to weep." Are we all ready for the call to go,

Yours in the living hope,

Chas. W. Petch

Christian Monthly Review, December 1920, p. 7

For the month of March I spoke at the following places:

Lord's day the 6th, I was with the brethren at Tintern. Next Lord's day, 13th, I had the pleasure of addressing a very attentive audience at Jordan. This was my first visit to this congregation. Bro. O. E. Tallman labors for these brethren. I was with the brethren in Smithville on the 29th, and assisted in the services. According to appointment, I was present and addressed two good meetings at Selkirk the last Lord's day of March. I enjoyed myself very much at this place. It was like going home for I had labored with them for nearly five years finishing my work there last December. These Christians are quite encouraged and progressing nicely. I will endeavor to speak for them once a month. The first Sunday in April I began a meeting in Collingwood for M. Watterworth who took charge of the same the following Monday evening. Last Sunday I preached for the congregation at Tintern. I am trying to make arrangements to be with these people once a month.

W. F. Cox

Christian Monthly Review, May 1921, p. 22

A Flying Visit to Selkirk, Ont.

By invitation of the Selkirk brethren we paid them a flying visit on May 29th. Saturday, the 28th, we boarded No. 6 Express at 10.53 a.m. Arriving at Nelles Corners at 7.46 p.m. we were met by our young brother, W. Cooper, son of Bro. John Cooper, and were whirled a seven mile trip to Selkirk in a Ford car and let off at the home of Bro. Thos. Copper, which was our home during our stay.

Lord's day morning a very nice congregation greeted us, when we addressed them from Col., 3:1-4, and in the evening at 8 o'clock a still larger number was present and listened very attentively to our remarks, based upon Isa. 55:8. In both addresses we tried to impress the importance of "Seeking," and "setting our affections" on heavenly things. That no church was

doing its whole duty that was not working at full capacity; that the church was composed of many members, and if the church was to work at full capacity each member must be praying, working and giving earnestly, and to their full ability; that the thoughts and words of the Great Jehovah of Hosts was to be the guide to all our work and worship, that His name must be known, His authority feared and acknowledged, and His word trembled at.

We had strong and pressing invitations to return, and even to move there and take up the work of the Lord in that section of the vineyard. We expressed our willingness to do this if in the providence of God He opened the way for such a move in releasing us from our present occupation, and in other ways blessing us to enter the field of gospel labours again. We feel that everything depends upon God's overruling providence in our lives. May His will always be done.

Not only did the church give us a hearty welcome, but our old friends and neighbours of five years ago while living among them, all give us a hearty hand-shake and wished for our return to that community. We may go, God only knows.

Monday morning our young brother Cooper in his car conveyed us to the station, where we bade Haldimand County adieu, at least, for the present.

H. M. Evans

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Our stock is nearly all sold with our little property and in a few weeks, the Lord willing, we shall be with the church in Selkirk, Ont. We ask the prayers of the brethren as we proclaim the gospel in this field, for "unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain who build it."

August 29, 1921

H. M. Evans

Christian Monthly Review, October 1921, p. 23

October Meeting at Winger

The October Meeting of Disciples in the Niagara District, which was held by the Winger congregation, inviting all known disciples in the Niagara Peninsula, same off as per schedule, and is a blessed memory.

Pursuant to the ideas of better relations between Disciples, the Winger church invited a committee to or [sic] a program and arranged for a three day meeting in October. Bros. Charlton, Keffer, Tharp, and the writer drew up the program, submitted it to the Winger people, and they sent it abroad to the brethren.

The meeting opened at 3 p.m., Wednesday, October 12th, in a general fellowship and devotional service. At 8 p.m., Bro. Keffer, (Beamsville) gave an address on "Forbearing one another in Love," emphasizing the fact that forbearance could only be in matters of opinion or weakness, not in matters where God had spoken, and pleaded for a return to earlier ideals and methods.

Bro. Tharp (Bridgeburg), followed with a strong thesis on "The Holy Spirit." He drew attention to the 'Personality, work and indwelling' in a most able manner.

Thursday morning, Bro. Hedden (Welland), on "the Unity of the Spirit, is it practicable or desirable" showed that unity did not come from "resolutions, man's legislations, or agreements to disagree, but must come by re-learning the Word of God.

In the afternoon, Bro. James (Bridgeburg) told us of the "Relation of the Christian to Society," and laid anew our obligation upon us that the salvation of the world depended on us.

At night the writer discussed "When is the Church the Church" claiming that as the Body of Christ, it MUST manifest the Christ to the World.

Friday morning was Bible School Session, lead by Bro. Welsman and Mill, and a new vision was given to many of us as to what we might do through the children.

The afternoon Session was a disappointment as Dr. O. H. Tallman of Owen Sound was unable to be present, so his theme "The Educational Outlook in Ontario" was handled by the writer. Attention was called to the lack of a Bible Training College, and a feasible plan offered to the assembled brotherhood. The plan was favorably received by those present and it was deemed advisable to bring the matter before both June Meetings in 1922.

Friday evening Bro. Charlton talked of the "God-Man" in an able and interesting way. After the service two who had previously confessed Christ, one at Winger and one from the Rosedene Meeting, were baptised by Bro. Welsman.

The Assembly thought fit to try to continue the movement toward more perfect understanding by a meeting to be held next June at Rosedene.

The Church at Winger used the basement as a refreshment hall for the "Inner man" where the preachers (excepting the writer, of course) did show themselves to be mighty men.

Churches at Beamsville, Bridgeburg, Fenwick, Jordan, Rosedene, Selkirk, Smithville, Sweets Corners, Welland and Winger were represented.

A resolution of thanks was offered by the visitors to the Winger church for the meeting and the hospitality with the resolution, substantial assistance in the form of a cash offering was given.

The visitors of whom there were over 50, who were entertained in a real way, feel, as we believe the Winger people also feel, that it was good for us to be there, and learn of Jesus. We sang in conclusion with real feeling, "God be with you till we meet again."—

O. E. Tallman, Jordan

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Acknowledgements

For H. A. Rogers, Northwest Missions, by
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Selkirk, Ont. – Church meets Lord's Day at 11 a.m. for worship and public teaching. 7.30 p.m. for preaching the gospel. H. M. Evans, Evangelist, W. M. Hoover, Clerk.

Christian Monthly Review, November 1921, p. 24

Our Move to Selkirk, Ontario, H. M. Evans

In response to a call from the Church at Selkirk, Ont., we arrived here on the night of Sept. 30, and began work with this congregation the following Lord's Day. We were met at the station by Bro. John Cooper and were soon comfortably housed in the home of his father, Bro. Thos. Cooper for a few days until we could get settled on our own home. This only took a few days as the Sisters had the house cleaned and in readiness before we came. Several of them were on hand to assist us in unpacking and getting settled and we are now ready for the Master's work whatever He has for us to do.

Circumstances during the last eight months have fully convinced us that this move is a providential one and that the Lord is with us. For months we almost turned a deaf ear to the pressing invitation, so often repeated, to "come over" to this little "Macedonia" to help these brethren, but the call seemed so urgent and the need so great that we threw the matter entirely into the Lord's hands, earnestly praying that He would lead us to His own will into the field most needing our help. In a most wonderful way the difficulties, which seemed insurmountable to us, were removed and the way opened for us and there was nothing left for us to do but to move to this field which was thus so providentially assigned us. "Casting all our care upon Him" we shall now endeavour to do His will in this humble field.

We regret very much that this congregation has had such a checkered career, and that the work of the Lord has been thus hindered, but the Lord has said that "Offences will come, but woe unto him by whom the offence cometh." All the "Diotrephes" characters are not dead yet. Even among preachers, who ought, above all others, to know better, there are those who persist in that "rule, or ruin" spirit, to divide congregations and create factions. If our reader has not read Bro. McQuiddy's editorial in the "Gospel Advocate of November 3rd", it will pay him to look up that number and read it.

Notwithstanding all difficulties, we are having splendid meetings and real good audiences of interested and attentive listeners both morning and evening. Making all allowances for all human failings and short-comings we have a fine lot of brethren here, and we pray that all petty little personal differences that may exist here, or elsewhere among the disciples of our Lord may be obliterated and that the spirit of animosity, strife and all works of

the flesh and the devil may be replaced by the Spirit of Christ in the hearts of all who profess His name.

God grant that the Spirit of Unity may soon animate every soul; that the lesson of Paul (I Cor., 1:10, 11) may be heeded; the heart-searching prayer of our saviour (John 17: 9, 20, 21) answered and the name of the Great Jehovah of hosts magnified and honored.

We earnestly request the prayers of all God's people throughout this vast dominion on behalf of the Lord's work in this little field, not forgetting His humble servant, whom some consider has undertaken an herculean task. BUT "the Lord is my helper; I will not fear." Amen. Selkirk, Ont.

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Our Trip to East Toronto

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Selkirk, Ont.

H. M. Evans

P.S. The attendance and attention at our meetings here is good and we are by no means discouraged. We have faith in God.—H.M.E.

Christian Monthly Review, January/February 1922, p. 15

Paragraphs: Pointed, Practical and Pungent, H. M. Evans

There seems to be as much difference in the distinction Bro. Huntsman is trying to make between the needs of the worker and the supplying of those needs, as there is between "tweedledee" and "tweedledum", and is of about as much importance.

It seems to the writer that time is too short to waste it over such useless and hairsplitting discussions. A sister recently asked us what Bros. Tallman and Huntsman were "scrapping about." "Scrapping" brethren better be turned over to Josh. Billings for his almanac as a joke. And say, Bro. Tallman, perhaps, my mind is "confused" too, but really, even with three pairs of spectacles in my possession, I fail to identify Epaphroditis in your "District Sect.-Treas." Perhaps the confusion is caused through subluxation in the cervical region, thus affecting my cerebellum and the function of the optic nerve. If you come to Selkirk I will have you give me a Chiropractic "punch in the neck" the kind to wake me up and clear up that "confused" condition. Come and see us, Doctor, and diagnose my case. I hope I am not in a serious condition.

Selkirk, Ontario

Christian Monthly Review, May 1922 p. 12

Selkirk News Paragraphs

We recently enjoyed a visit from Bro. O. E. Tallman, of Jordan, Ont. We learned from him that two bodies of disciples at Rosedene, Ont., (primitive and progressive) who determined

some time ago, to unite their forces have eliminated the unscriptural things from their public work and worship and are now working harmoniously along apostolic lines. This gives us cause for rejoicing and we trust that the unity of those professing to be disciples of Christ may ere long be an accomplished fact in other fields. May God hasten the day.

The home of Bro. and Sister J. J. Hoover, in the township of Rainham, overlooking Lake Erie, was the scene of a quiet and pretty wedding on June 7th, when their daughter, Nellie Blanch, was united in the bonds of wedlock to Roy Watterworth, of Glencoe, Ont. Sister Nellie had been a stenographer with a large wholesale warehouse in Hamilton, Ont., and worshipped with the congregation in that city. The loss of the Hamilton brethren will be the gain of the brethren worshipping at Glencoe, Ont., where Bro. and Sister Watterworth will make their home. A host of friends wish them a happy and prosperous life in the world of changes, and a happy life among the redeemed in that world where changes never come. This writer had the pleasure of tying the nuptial knot.

The congregation here are enjoying good meetings twice each Lord's day with good audiences morning and evening. Thus far our work here has been pleasant, and we trust profitable to all.

H. M. Evans

Selkirk, Ont.

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Dear Bro. McDougall: -- Will also send a list of names of those from whom he have received help for our building. We are about ready to start. We were detained some on the cutting of part of the lumber but as it is about ready now we will soon be able to start building.

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Bro. John Cooper, Selkirk	10.00
Bro. Eli and Calvin and Sister Alice Kindy	5.00

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Your brother in Christ,
T. W. Bailey

Christian Monthly Review, July 1922, p. 19

Selkirk

A family visit to friends and relatives at Selkirk brought me there unannounced for Sunday, Aug. 20th. Attended the morning service when a goodly crowd was present. Bro. Evans insisted on me speaking which I gladly did, and was kindly received by those present. Also attended the afternoon services and Bro. Firth also insisted that I preach which I tried faithfully to do. The congregation was not as large as in the morning, but were earnest and kind.

Preached again in the evening to a larger audience on the Eunuch was asked to return for a more extended visit.

The progressive brethren asked me to speak for them also in an union meeting the next time I came.

O. E. Tallman
Box 193, Jordan

Christian Monthly Review, September 1922, p. 25

Rosedene

The June meeting for it was held in June at Rosedene, called brethren from Peking, N. Y., Niagara Falls, Ont., St. Catharines, Jordan, Beamsville, Welland, Fenwick, Winger, Selkirk, Smithville, and Toronto.

The speakers were Quiggan, Jackson, Wellsman, Keffer and the writer. Bros. Welsman and Keffer preached there on afternoons with occasional help from ye scribe. They are growing in grace and knowledge.

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Selkirk.

“Our audiences are increasing in size and interest. We are having much better meetings than formerly, and the increase in attendance and interest is surprising us.”

NOTE.—The faithful brethren at Selkirk are to be commended for their faithful perseverance in the face of defection, and much discouragement. They have been given a manifestation of their zeal and courage, and an object lesson to other churches, by calling Brother Evans from the pursuit of rabbits to that of fishing for souls—in the evangelistic field. How many churches have we in Canada, as few in number, who would, single-handed, undertake a work so noble and great? Ed.

Christian Monthly Review, October 1922, p. 17-18

Selkirk, Ont., Canada,
Oct. 2nd, 1922

To Whom it May Concern:--

Be it known that the officers of the church here have felt compelled to withdraw all fellowship from W. F. Cox and warn the churches against him.

Mr. Cox led a division in the churches here and still refuses to attempt an adjustment.

Signed Thos. Cooper, Elder

M. W. Hooper, Clerk

H. M. Evans, Minister

Witness: O. E. Tallman, Evangelist

Selkirk, Ont.,
Oct. 2nd

We have just closed a meeting of two weeks duration here with four baptisms and one confession, --baptism later. Bro. O. E. Tallman did the preaching and it was well done too. He is one of the men that Canadian churches cannot afford to let go out of the Dominion. The church here is highly pleased with the results of the meeting.

H. M. Evans

Christian Monthly Review, October 1922, p. 20

Obituary

Bro. I. W. Smith was found dead in his barn on Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 1922, and his remains were laid to rest in the Selkirk Cemetery on Friday the 20th. Bro. Smith was nearly 85 years of age and was quite feeble. He leaves a widow, many grown up children and grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Bros. O. E. Tallman, L. J. Keffer and Larabee.

H. M. Evans

Christian Monthly Review, November 1922, p. 18

The Christian Church at Sweets Corners, Ontario, for years have had a "fowl supper" each fall for the purpose of raising money for church work. Each family contributes its share of provisions towards the supper, an admission fee was charged and the proceeds placed in the church treasury. This season, under the labours of Bro. Larabee, their present preacher, and at his suggestion, each member gave, in cash, what their contribution towards a supper would have been valued at and the result was that the receipts this year amounted to \$10.00 more than the receipts from the supper amounted to last year. This speaks volumes for the Lord's arrangements as revealed in the New Testament. We trust that this experiment will lead that congregation to take another step and still another from time to time in the path of faith until their "walk by faith" shall develop into a perfect stampede away from human "expediencies" towards Jerusalem. The Lord's plans are always the best and only require an obedient heart to trust explicitly in Him who is "the head of the church." May the Lord bless them in every step they take in the path of faith back to Jerusalem.

Selkirk, Ontario.

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The church here is doing as well as can be expected with good audiences morning and evening.

Selkirk, Ont.

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Selkirk, Ontario, Feb. 8th, 1923

Dear Bro. McDougall:--I want to tell the readers of our paper about the surprise we had Jan. 27th. Sister J. Hoover brought us a lovely monogram quilt, made by the Sisters of the Church. It is nicely made, with the giver of each one's name on her block. It is all worked with silk floss and it's a beauty. I appreciate their kindness very much. I love the Sisters and shall I say what they did for me were stitches of love, yes, for that is what they are. We can truly sing:

"Blessed be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

Your Sister in hope of heaven,
Mrs. H. M. Evans

Christian Monthly Review, March 1923, p. 18-19

Editorial

Our Function

That is, the function of the *Christian Monthly Review* is not that of judge or censor of the Churches of Christ in Canada. It is rather that of "Organ of the Churches of Christ in Canada." By "Churches of Christ" is meant congregations identical in constitution, character, doctrine, and practice with the churches that Christ and His apostles established. We have in Canada a number of churches which can fairly claim to be such. This magazine is the mouth-piece of these. That there are some churches in Canada making this claim, to which they are not entitled, is likewise true. They also have their mouth-piece.

Complaint has recently been made to us by parties from whom fellowship was withdrawn by the church at Selkirk, Ont., that injustice had been done to them by the action of said church, as if we were a sort of brotherhood censor! It is our function to publish church news and notices of action, but it is not ours to assume the role of judge or censor over the churches. We received from the church at Selkirk, for publication, a notice of church action, the withdrawing of fellowship from certain parties for alleged leading of a division in the church and refusal of adjustment. It is no part of our function to pass judgment upon the action of churches—of whose business we know little or nothing. Parties offended should complain to and seek adjustment with the offenders. We could only lay down, or rather point out, some general principles which should govern all such cases.

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Christian Monthly Review, April 1923, p. 4-5

Lecturing Tour

Bro. H. M. Evans announces a Lecturing Tour, in which a series of Biblical Lectures, illustrated by colored charts, 6 x 9 feet, will be delivered. The Bible Student, and especially the young gospel preacher, will find these lectures of real value and special importance. The churches which secure Bro. Evans for these lectures will be indeed fortunate. For dates and all information address H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont.

Christian Monthly Review, April 1923, p. 6

“Watchman, What of the Night?”—H. M. Evans

In a recent issue of “The Canadian Disciple,” a paper published by those who call themselves “Progressive Disciples,” and also in a previous C.M.R. there is an article under the fictitious name of “Com,” who associates the names of two of our faithful and devoted preachers, M. Watterworth and C. W. Petch, along with “Church Luncheons,” “Pastors” and “Reverends,” with much other of the language of Ashdod, and says they have had, or are having these preaching brethren with them.

No, Bro. Keffer and Bro. O. E. Tallman, we don’t know what is going on at Rosedene either. Are these people tuned true to the “old paths,” or have they gone back to their previous human “expediencies?” We heard they had. Again we say, “Watchmen, what of the night?” Speak out. Let us know something. You have been there. Yes, “Church Union is in the air,” so is “radio,” so is the devil (Eph. 2:2). Look out for the crafty old fellow’s devices. Yes, “Church Union is in the air.” We recently had a “Union meeting” of Methodists and “Progressive Disciples” in Selkirk where the audience had the chance to see the pranks, tomfoolery, religious buffoonery, the gyration and gymnastics of religious acrobats, and where the former named party run off with most of the spoils to sprinkle them with the “holy water” of modern Rome. “What fools mortals are.”

Yes, and what do you think of a “Sunrise Service” on Easter Sunday morning? Yes, at about six o’clock on April 1st, 1923, the bell on the “Progressive Disciple” church building rang loud and clear to call the WORSHIPPERS OF EASTER to this the first Protestant “Mass” that we ever heard of. Yea, verily, “The world do move.” “Church Union” is certainly “in the air,” but where is true Christianity unity; where are those who “Love the Lord in sincerity”? Yes, it is a shame, a scandal, to associate the names of Keffer, Tallman, Petch, Watterworth, or any of the rest of our noble preaching brethren such as McPhee, Rodgers, Richardson, Bailey and all others who are trying to establish and maintain Christian unity in truth and purity, with the “Church union” of human “expediency”. Never in the history of the world is there more or greater need of the soldiers of the cross giving “more earnest heed” to the injunction of the great apostle, “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, unite you like men, be strong.” (I Cor. 16:13) Selkirk, Ont., April 3rd, 1923

P.S.—Who is “Com” any way? Is this writer ashamed to publish his name? What is wrong, pray?

H. M. E.

Christian Monthly Review, April 1923 p. 11-12

Paragraphs, by H. M. Evans

The audiences of the Church at Selkirk, Ont., still continues with fair interest. A Bible study was started on the first Sunday in May and has a nice attendance. We hope to have another protracted meeting in September next. A good preacher has been secured as well as a leader of Song. Visiting brethren are always welcome among us.

Selkirk, Ont. June 14th

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News and Correspondence

We have learned from some of our exchanges that Bro. G. A. Klingman is this summer with the Bathurst Street Church, Toronto, and that Bro. A. J. Bachman was to begin about Sept. 4th at Selkirk, Ont., the home of our much esteemed associate, H. M. Evans.—Ed.

Christian Monthly Review, September 1923, p. 19

News and Correspondence – The Selkirk Meeting

The meeting at Selkirk, Ont., with Bro. A. J. Bachman, of Mentone, Ind., doing the preaching has now passed into history. The meeting began on Sept. 4th, and closed on the 21st. We had a splendid meeting all things considered. Two precious souls obeyed their Lord and some differences between brethren settled. We really had a good meeting. Bro. Bachman is one of our strongest preachers, even now as a comparative young man, and promises still greater powers in the cause of our Lord as years pass. We are expecting great things from Bro. Bachman wherever he goes. The well wishes and prayers of the entire congregations go with him in his future labours. May his kind increase.

H. M. Evans

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Church Selkirk, Ad1.00

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Ontario Ministers Gather

Another provincial Rally of minister was held last year on the All Canada Committee. They convened at Central Church (St. Clarens Avenue), Toronto. The following ministers were

present: Jesse M. Bader, Superintendent of Evangelism, U. C. M. S., St. Louis, Mo.; John Stuart Mill, All Canada Secretary, Toronto; Amos Tovell, Guelph; J. H. Versey, London; B. Merry, Windmill Point; L. H. Larabee, Selkirk; J. P. McLeod, Owen Sound; M. Watterworth, Hillsburg; G. C. Welsman, Winger, and R. G. Quiggin, H. W. Gair, R. W. Stevenson, Jos. McKenzie, Frederick Sommer of Toronto. Other local Disciples as well attended. The chairman was J. S. Mill. On Thursday, 20th, Bro. Bader spoke on "The Divine Imperative," the duty involved in the great commission. His address fitted into the meetings now being held nightly . . . Then a general discussion took place of the possibilities of Evangelistic meetings in Ontario this season, and the following points were listed for meetings: . . . Sweet's Corner, Selkirk, Winger, Windmill Point . . .

Note.—We note that some minister in those parts were not in attendance at this convention. Perhaps some of them would tell us why they were not there. It would be equally interesting if some of the others would tell us why they were there.—Editor

But, brethren, let us not stop with objecting to what others propose and do. But let each individual and each congregation of the Church of the Lord, get busy to spread the Gospel in the Lord's way.

Fraternally,
H. L. Richardson

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H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont.

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Who Is He?

The folks back home inform me that sometimes people wonder who J. C. Bailey, of Montana is.

Well, I shall try and tell you. I am the son of T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, Ontario, and I go by the name of Carlos.

I was born near Meaford, and when I was very young my folks moved to Beamsville, where my father attended school. When I was 3½ years old they moved to Selkirk, where they lived for six years and then moved to Thessalon where they are still located.

I obeyed the gospel a little over a year after coming to Thessalon and at different times thought of being a preacher, but it was not until Bro. Romeo Hoover, now of Toronto, visited our place in the winter of 1920-21 and urged me on to such a course, did I fully make up my mind to such a course. The next two winters were spent in the Carman Bible Training School.

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To serve my Saviour and to be the means of saving some is my prayer.

J. C. Bailey

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Paragraphs, by H. M. Evans

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P.S.—In addition to the good local audience, we enjoyed a good visit with Bro. and Sis. J. H. Johnson and their three amiable daughters, from St. Catharines, on Lord's Day, the 22nd of June. Visiting brethren are always welcome in the Selkirk congregation. The meeting of kindred spirits is always enjoyable, especially if we can encourage each other to be of the "same mind and same judgment," and keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

Selkirk, Ont., June 27th, 1924

Christian Monthly Review, July 1924, p. 14

News and Correspondence

News Paragraphs, by H. M. Evans

The Selkirk congregation is still faithfully plodding away through some discouragements. "Faithful unto death" is the condition upon which the servant of God is promised the "crown of life."

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The congregation at Selkirk enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Bro. and Sister C. H. Claus, of St. Catharines, Ont. and Bro. and Sister F. L. Conn, of Welland, on Aug. 10, when they became the host and furnished an enjoyable dinner, while wife and I became the guests of our visitors. . . . Visiting brethren are always welcome in Selkirk. Such fellowship draws us nearer to the Lord and to one another.

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Bro. Petch in Selkirk, H. M. Evans

On Lord's Day, Oct. 19th, the congregation in Selkirk had the pleasure of listening to three excellent discourses by Bro. C. W. Petch. His mission, upon that occasion, was that of "peacemaker, " but because of the selfish ambition, stubbornness, rebellion, or whatever you may call it, of a few professed followers of the meek and lowly Nazarene, that peace and unity prayed for by the Saviour and taught by the great Apostle to the Gentiles, was set aside and ignored, and right of way given to Satan who is always the leader of trouble and to those who follow his lead. However, the congregation is still moving along, and those who have gone "the second miles" have no reason at all to feel discouraged at the results of that meeting.

We have been with this congregation for over three years now, and never in the history of our life of 35 years as preacher of the Gospel have we found more faithfulness anywhere, than we have found in this little congregation, and we have never been used better anywhere than we have here. Faithfulness to the Lord will make a success of this life whatever other failures may be ours here.

Lands, mansions, stocks, bonds and the deceitfulness of riches and pleasures of this life all have their allurements, together with the pleasure of beating "the other fellow," but remember that, like the Pentecostians, who crucified the Lord, driving the nails into His hands and who fifty days later, cried for mercy, those who violate His will must some day bow before Him whom they despised on earth.

Bro. and Sis. Johnston, with their three daughters, from St. Catharines, also visited the congregation here on Lord's Day, Oct. 26th, Bro. Johnston taking part in the meeting. We had a real edifying meeting and all enjoyed the fellowship of kindred spirits at the table of our Lord. Since our arrival in Selkirk three years ago, we have had visitors from Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Meaford, Smithville, Welland, Beamsville, Jordan, and perhaps some other points which we have forgotten, and in every case have spoken of the exceeding friendliness and hearty welcome given them by the Selkirk congregation. Since coming here we have enjoyed the preaching of Bro. O. E. Tallman, of Jordan, and Bro. A. J. Bachman, now of W. Va., in two fine meetings, with six baptism, and since Bro. Petch's meeting, a week ago, many have expressed their satisfaction with his efforts, although the desired goal, through Satan's emissaries, has not been reached. However, all have decided to remain faithful. Those who paid the least attention to Bro. Petch's discourses on "Love" and the "Christian Brotherhood," could not fail to have been edified, but each hearer was left to apply those teachings to his own individual case. Since three years ago the church here has grown, both in numbers and faithfulness. A crown awaits the Victor.

Selkirk, Ont., Oct. 28th

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Kindy

On Friday the 12th of Dec., 1924, we laid all that was mortal of Sister Florence Kindy to rest in the Selkirk Cemetery, there to await the sound of the archangel's trumpet, summoning the dead to appear at the Judgment Bar of God.

It was our privilege to read and pray with Sister Florence nearly six weeks before her death. She showed no fear of death, and was quite patient and resigned to the inevitable. We only say good-night to Florence now, but in the morning of the Resurrection we look for a happy reunion. "We sorrow not as those who have no hope."

H. M. Evans

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Florence Matilda Kindy

Daughter of the late Daniel and Elizabeth Kindy, passed away at her home, near Selkirk, Ont., Dec. 10th, 1924, after suffering for several years with Pernicious Anaemia, in her 55th year.

Was baptized by Bro. T. W. Bailey, of Thessalon, Ont., in 1907. Funeral Services were conducted by Bros. W. F. Cox, of Beamsville, Ont., and H. M. Evans, of Selkirk.

I am enclosing \$2.00 for above and my subscription to Christian Quarterly until June 1925.

Hope you are enjoying good health, and will have a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours very truly,
(Miss) Alice M. Kindy

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Acknowledgments

For C. M. R.

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Alice Kindy	2.00
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Thos. Cooper, per H. M. E.	1.00
Selkirk Church Ad., H. M. E.	1.00

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Glencoe, Ont., June 15th, 1925

Dear Bro. MacDougall:

I have been having a most enjoyable time since I arrived in Ontario. Preached for the brethren at home five or six times. Attended the June meeting at Beamsville, which was a good feast of things. I went from there to Selkirk via Niagara Falls, preached at Selkirk twice and from there to Woodgreen (where Bro. Whitfield lives). We started a meeting here yesterday, June 14th. Bro. Whitfield went to Forest to preach yesterday afternoon.

Yours in Christ,
J. C. Bailey

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Newmarket, R. 3, Ont., June 25, 1925

Dear Bro. MacDougall:

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I was with the Church at Selkirk on June 21st and spoke three times. I think the brethren there are feeling more the need of harmony and united effort to carry the cause of Christ forward. We will still "pray for the peace of Zion." I very much appreciated the love and

fellowship shown to me by many of the brethren there.

Yours in Hope,
Chas. W. Petch

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Selkirk Meeting, by H. M. Evans

The Church of Christ here began a meeting on the 20th day of June and closed on July 4th. We had splendid audiences each evening and the best of attention, and while we had no visible results we know that God has said that His word "shall not return to Him void." The preaching was done, and well done, by Bro. O. E. Tallman, of Jordan, Ont. Satan has great patience and his assistants in this locality are certainly possessed abundantly of the same old commodity of their Master. The Devil inspired Rehoboam's advisers and the once united kingdom was forever divided. He has not tactics yet. He is a wonderful

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Bro. T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, Ont., Aug. 9, writes: "Probably some might be interested in our trip to Southern Ontario. . . . around Woodgreen. And from there we went to Selkirk, which was our home for six years, and were surely received with outstretched arms. But our stay was all too short, with many regrets at our leaving so soon. But we had four nights meeting which increased each night, the house being about full the last night. . . ."

Christian Monthly Review, August, 1926, p. 11

We rejoice in the outcome at Selkirk and bespeak for them all a Christian consideration.

Fraternally,
O. E. Tallman

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Geo. A. Klingman, Thorpe Springs, Texas, March 30: "We rejoice with you in the good results at Selkirk. Your interesting little paper comes regularly, and we enjoy it. I am sailing June 10 from Montreal; expect to be in Toronto the first Sunday in June. We are having an interesting meeting this week. Two have been baptized and several restored. Pray for us. With Christian love to all."

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June Meeting at Selkirk, Ontario - June 4 - 5 - 6

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Otoshege Fujimori

Otoshege Fujimori – is here; . . .

. . .

“I want to go first to Canada”--was Bro. Fujimori’s first request, in regard to our plans for his Missionary journeys. What a grand time he will have at the June meeting at Selkirk. Let us urge that every congregation in Ontario will send as many of its brethren as possible to this meeting.

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THE JUNE MEETING

Will be held this year at Selkirk, Ont., on June 4, 5, 6. Kindly bear this in mind, and announce it to your congregation. Any members who are isolated, and whose address is not known to the church at Selkirk, please consider this as an invitation to attend. If any reader knows of any such, and who do not take the C.M.R., kindly write them about the meeting, or what would be better, send them a year's subscription to the C.M.R., so they can keep informed. If you are going on the train to Selkirk, ask your agent, or write to Lawrence Hurst, Selkirk, and he'll tell you the best way to get there. If you are motoring, Selkirk is almost due south of Hamilton, near the shore of Lake Erie. Go from Hamilton via Hagersville. Consult a road map. Some good speakers will be there, but at this writing no program is at hand. Arrangements are being made to have Bro. Fujimori, of Japan, give a lecture on his work there, and the needs of our mission work in Japan.

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OUR JUNE MEETING

Held at Selkirk, Ont., June 4th, 5th, 6th. This congregation had rather a short time in which to prepare, but they did remarkably well, showing a good spirit and warm hospitality, taking care of visitors and serving lunches well. Brethren were there from a number of congregations.

At the Saturday p.m. meeting the following brethren made short talks—Geo. Deegan, A. E. Firth, A. L. Whitelaw, J. C. Bailey, Roy Whitfield, Geo. A. Klingman, V. C. Fry, J. Hoover, Oto Fujimori, G. C. Yake, C. H. Claus.

Other preaching brethren present were, O. E. Tallman, L. J. Keffer, Lloyd G. Snure, H. M. Evans, H. McKerlie, and the writer.

The townspeople attended well, and the brethren appreciate the help of all, and ask our prayers in behalf of Selkirk.

Saturday night Bro. Fujimori (from Japan) gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on his conversion and decision to become a missionary.

A large crowd assembled for the open meeting at 10 a.m., on Lord's Day. Then at 11 the Town Hall was packed, for preaching and worship. Bro. Geo. A. Klingman, of Thorpe Springs, Texas, on his way to England, Europe and Palestine, preached a fine sermon on, "The Four Square Life." Bro. Fujimori gave another interesting lecture, on the religion of Japan, at 3 p.m. to a packed house. At 7.30 p.m. he sang a song in Japanese, and gave a splendid story of prayer and conversion, after which Bro. S.M. Jones, (Beamsville), to a full house, gave a forceful sermon on, "Why so Many Answers to the Same Question?"

It seemed the key-note in all the speakers was the need of peace and unity, it being suggested we should take our own medicine, not only as "progressives" and "conservatives," but as "conservatives." From our progressive brethren in conference at West Lorne, Ont., we received the following:--

"West Lorne, Ont., H. M. Evans, Selkirk: Please convey brotherly Christian greetings from our Ontario Convention to the brethren at Selkirk. Our hearts are with you in your every desire to extend the kingdom of Christ and promise fellowship in the faith.

Reuben Butchart

To which we replied, by telegram, as follows:--"Reuben Butchart, care Disciples' Conference, West Lorne, Ont.,: Greetings thankfully received. Ready for unity on Bible grounds.

E. G. Collins

Behalf Selkirk, June Meeting"

On Monday we had a good meeting, given over to the discussion of the need, the joy and methods of doing missionary work. It was suggested by the speakers that we need unity in our mission work; that we must believe in, and love God; that we spend too much on pleasure; that we lack interest; that a church that has lost the missionary spirit is a dead church; that everyone must be a missionary; and that it would be good for the work in Ontario to have a get-together meeting to discuss methods. It was also decided that, until they could do better, I forward to the missionaries any moneys which the churches in Ontario wish to send. I have already been doing this, having sent \$537.86 from Apr. 26, 1926 to May 7, 1927, which of course, does not represent all sent from Ontario. Bro. E. G. Rockliffe of Detroit is continuing the meetings for perhaps two weeks.—

E. Gaston Collins

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Annual Report of Receipts for Foreign Missions From Churches of Christ in Ontario, for Year from July 10th, 1926 to June 15, 1927.

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Contribution at June Meeting in Selkirk 38.56

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The Rockliffe Meeting

Bro. E. G. Rockliffe, of Detroit, Mich., U.S.A., began a series of meetings with the church at Selkirk, Ont., on the 6th of June and closed June 20, with four baptisms and one from the progressives. The meetings were well attended throughout and the preaching Scriptural, plain and convincing to all who love the truth.

Bro. Rockliffe was accompanied by his wife and daughter and two other lady friends (all sisters in the church) who endeared themselves to us all. Bro. Rockliffe is a splendid visitor and preacher from house to house as well as from the public platform.

May he long be spared to tell the Old, Old Story and return to Selkirk, in the not far distant future is our prayer.

H. M. Evans

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Brethren Alex Stewart and Lloyd Snure, recently visited Selkirk, Ont., having good meetings, with a young lady to be baptized the same hour of the night, in Lake Erie; this being an impressive scene.

Christian Monthly Review, December 1927, p. 15

J. C. Bailey, Wardsville, Ont., Jan. 20: "I go to Selkirk to start a meeting Jan. 29."

Later word, Feb. 7, says, "Meeting is fairly good. Attendance regular but not as large as it might be."

Christian Monthly Review, March 1928, p. 13

In addition to the week's visiting and preaching, beginning Apr. 9th, I shall, the Lord willing, begin on the 16th a short meeting at Selkirk, Ont., to continue over the 22nd of April.—
E.G.C.

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Ernest Smelser, Selkirk, Ont., Feb. 19: "We are having an old-fashioned blustering, stormy day here. We had a very nice meeting this morning, Bro. Vincent Hoover, from Hamilton, giving us a good talk when he waited on the table. He told about their meeting Apr. 15th, and invited the church over."

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A. M. Stewart, 607 Crawford St., Toronto, Mar. 23: "We had a visit from Bro. Fujimori Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Bathurst St., where he gave us an interesting account of his travels in U.S.A., and also outlined some of his plans for Japan. We did enjoy meeting our

brother again. I spent last Lord's Day with the brethren in Selkirk, where, in spite of stormy weather and bad roads, we had two good meetings."

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June Meeting – Special Notice.

Please note change of date from June 10th to June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Remember the place—Wychwood Church, Vaughn Road, and Maplewood Ave., Toronto. Sunday meetings in the auditorium of the Vaughn Rd. High School. Meeting at church house Saturday, 2:30 p.m., discussing Evangelisation. Bro. H. H. Adamson will speak morning and evening on Sunday. Bro. Adamson will conduct a revival, beginning on June 4th, at Selkirk.

Meet us at the June Meeting. Make your plans to be there.

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Fess

It is our sad duty to record the departure of Sister Martha Fess on April 19, the remains being laid to rest in the Selkirk Cemetery, on April 22. Her death took place in her 77th year. She left one brother, two sisters, three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss, her husband having predeceased her thirteen years. She was a member of the church for over fifty years, and since the writer has known her, lived a consistent Christian life and was ready to go when her Lord called. When the end was drawing near and her family and attendants around her, she said many times "I am going home." She had often said she failed to see why more useful ones were taken and herself, so useless, was left. She was ready to go. "We sorrow not as those who have no hope."

Bro. E. Gaston Collins, of Meaford, Ont., and the writer conducted the service. Bro. Collins delivered a fine discourse on "What is man that thou art mindful of him."

H. M. Evans

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The editor of this paper had the privilege of being away from the office and the regular work here for about three weeks, beginning Apr. 9. . . .

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. . . Sat. We went to Selkirk, where we had meetings from Sun. till Wed. night. We made our home with Bro. and Sis. Munroe Hoover. We went to Toronto, hearing Gypsy Smith at noon on Thurs. and Bro. R. H. Boll at night. Reached home on Fri. evening, having had a most enjoyable trip, and we thank all for their many kindnesses. Though this report is already too long, many interesting things have been omitted.

E. G. C.

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Selkirk Notes, by H. H. Evans

The June meeting of 1928, has now passed into history, and like all previous ones was, of course, pronounced the best ever. Bro. and Sister Adamson, and the writer enjoyed a pleasant trip with Bro. Calvin Kindy and his sister Alice. Bro. Adamson was the chief speaker, in the same faithful, and spiritual manner that always characterizes the teachings of this noble man of God.

Leaving Toronto after the evening service we arrived on Sunday night at 12.30 o'clock. Bro. Adamson began a two week's meeting in Selkirk on Monday evening 4th.

On account of wet weather the fore part of the week the audiences were not large, but continued to improve with the weather until Lord's day, which was beautiful and bright, the crowds were larger and we were encouraged. At the conclusion of the morning meeting one boy confessed his faith in the Lord and was baptized in Lake Erie in the afternoon. A splendid audience greeted the speaker at the evening service. The meetings will continue through the present week, when Bro. and Sister Adamson will return to Ohio and continue in meetings already booked for the coming summer. These meetings will positively result in much good for the church in Selkirk, especially to those who are humble enough to accept the teaching of the Lord and put in practice the things taught in the Book of God.

During the meeting we had a number of visiting brethren from Toronto, Meaford, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Smithville and Hamilton. The church here should grow in brotherly love, spirituality, grace and knowledge as never before.

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Our Indian Road

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The following has been contributed to this work during May:

... Bro. H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont. \$1;

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The copy for this issue is being prepared at Selkirk, Ont. I am here doing what I can this week assisting in the meeting, and enjoying the fellowship of the brethren here and brother and sister Adamson.

E. G. C. (June 12th)

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Hoover

The days, weeks, months, and years pass away, and the great tide of humanity is passing too.

One by one they cross the deep, dark river. The ties that bind us here are being snapped asunder and friends and loved ones depart.

After a short illness our beloved Brother Samuel Hoover, of Selkirk, Ont. in his 90th year died in his home on Friday, April 13th, 1928. At the time of his death his beloved wife was quite ill, but conscious of the departure of her husband. She followed him a few days later. On Tuesday, April 17th, 1928, she fell asleep never to awaken until the resurrection morn.

The passing away of these noble characters so close together was sad to those loved ones from whom they had been taken, but on the other hand it was a blessing to the ones gone. They had lived together in holy wedlock sixty-seven years, and had raised a nice, intelligent and respectable family, consisting of five sons and two daughters, six of whom survive them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were charter members of the church of Christ at Selkirk, but for some years before their death it wasn't their pleasure to be able to go out much from home.

Their long, pleasant stay in this world was largely due to remarkable care which they received from the loving hands and tender heart of their youngest daughter, Zella, a widow, who lived with them and gave herself unreservedly to make their last years on earth pleasant. I believe Zella carried out Paul's injunction to "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth."—Eph. 6:2,3.

Another daughter, Mrs. Henry Neff, who lives nearby, was also kind and thoughtful in assisting Zella with the care of their parents.

In the passing away of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover the town, the church, and the home have lost two helpful, cheerful, and Christian people.

The writer conducted the funeral services in both cases.

May we all find comfort and consolation in the message of a noble character known by Bible students, Job: "But as for me I know that my Redeemer liveth, and at last he will stand up upon the earth; and after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, then without my flesh shall I see God."—W. F. Cox

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For C. M. R. — Mrs. Andrew Shirk, 1 new; N. Martin, Selkirk Ad; . . .

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For Missions—For Sherriff, Church, Selkirk, \$10; . . .

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For Missions—For Sherriff, . . . Church, Selkirk, \$5; . . .

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For Roy Whitfield, Church, Selkirk, \$5.

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For Missions—For Sherriff, . . . Church, Selkirk, \$10; . . . For Roy Whitfield, Church, Selkirk, \$10; . . .

Christian Monthly Review, November 1928, p. 15

C. G. McPhee, Beamsville, Ont., Nov. 13: “On November 10th and 11th, it was the privilege of the Beamsville church to enjoy the fellowship of many visiting brethren. It was indeed a season of spiritual refreshment. The very best spirit prevailed, which helped to bind the churches together.

People from the following places were in attendance, Meaford, Toronto, Detroit, Woodgreen, Selkirk, Smithville, Tintern, Jordan, St. Catharines and Hamilton, and possibly others.”

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Our Indian Road

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When he has visited Tintern, Hamilton, Selkirk, Jordan, St. Catharines, Stouffville and Pine Orchard, Bro. Trindle will return to Toronto, and from here set out for home. Our best wishes will go with him, but our prayers and practical support must follow in the years to come.

--H. McKerlie, in Bathurst St., Bulletin
Nov. 18, 1928

Christian Monthly Review, January 1929, p. 8-9

Alex M. Stewart, 607 Crawford St., Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28: “We have had a considerable amount of sickness in Toronto and other points. Sister Riley passed away just lately, one of the oldest members in Toronto. Bro. McKerlie attended to funeral. I have been to Selkirk recently and had good meetings. Had a nice day in Hamilton, Nov. 25, 3 meetings, well attended, interest good. Pine Orchard – A good deal of sickness, but meetings about up to average.”

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For Sherriff, Church Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5; . . .

For Roy Whitfield, Church, Selkirk, per Omar Kindy, \$5. . . .

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Fund for Bro. Trindle's Pony and Buggy -- . . .
 . . . Church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5. . . .

Christian Monthly Review, April 1929, p. 7

A Correction

Sister H. M. Evans writes, that, instead of being 65 years of age, as we said in last issue, Bro. Evans was 67 on his last birthday, Mar. 7.

Again I remind you that Bro. Evans is yet quite unable to work, and depending on us, as God moves us to help them. Let us send "once and again unto (their) need." His address, H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont.—Ed.

For Missions—For Sherriff, church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5; . . .
 For Trindle, church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5. . . .

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For Sherriff, . . . church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$10; . . .

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Once and Again

I have been assured that some are sending privately to Bro. and Sister Evans. That's fine. If anyone wishes to send through the C. M. R., I'll be glad to send them your offering. Though hoping to be able some time to do some work, Bro. Evans is still unable to work. We must keep supplying their needs. Let us not forget them. His address, H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont.

E. G. C.

For Sherriff, . . . Church, Selkirk, Ont., per Omar Kindy, \$5.

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Bro. W. F. Cox, Beamsville, Ont., reports received for Bro. Trindle's horse and buggy—
 from Mrs. Kerr, Selkirk, \$5. . . .

Christian Monthly Review, August 1929, p. 6

Sister Gladys Whitfield, Thessalon, Ont., June 23: "Bro. T. W. Bailey went to Selkirk last Fri. to hold meetings. Expects to be away over two more Sundays. . . .

A. M. Stewart, 607 Crawford St., Toronto, Ont., June 22: "We had a fine June meeting. I was sorry I could not be present Sunday evening, but I broke the homeward journey at Hamilton, Ottawa St. Went to Selkirk last Sun. and had two good meetings.

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Mon., 24th, I visited in Hamilton, and spoke there. Tues. evening I visited Bro. McPhee in Beamsville, and attended their prayer-meeting. Wed. I spent in Selkirk, with Bro. T. W. Bailey who began a meeting there on June 23. The attendance was good. Have not heard the results. Also visited with Bro. and Sister Evans, at Selkirk. Sister Evans is much the same as she has been for years. Though Bro. Evans is quite feeble he can be up nearly all day, and go to town, and read some, and take sun baths. Though they are quite comfortable, the offerings of the brethren are still in order, and very much appreciated. I know of individual help sent them. The church at Woodgreen, through Bros. J. S. Whitfield has been sending \$10 a month to Bro. and Sister Evans for about seven months.

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--Ed. C.M.R.

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For Missions—For Sherriff, . . . church Selkirk, \$10; . . .

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T. W. Bailey, Thessalon, Ont., R. 2, July 22: "We had a fine meeting at Selkirk, and although we had no baptisms we enjoyed it. They were all kind to me and I am a better man for having been there. Some visitors at the meetings helped much by their prayers and good talks, and I was greatly encouraged. Bro. and Sister Will Ellis, Bro. and Sister L. J. Keffer, Bro. Collins, our Editor, Bro. A. E. Firth, Bro. and Sister Fred Yake, and Bro. and Sister W. H. Cauble, preacher at Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, and some brethren from Hamilton. It was surely fine to meet these good brethren and sisters, and we enjoyed it more than we can tell. May the Lord bless them."

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Our Indian Road

Our Treasurer gladly acknowledges . . . A Sister, Selkirk, Ont., \$1.00; Bro. Evans, Selkirk, \$1.00 towards pony. . . .

Christian Monthly Review, October 1929, p. 5

Brethren, again you are reminded that Bro. and Sister H. M. Evans, Selkirk, Ont., are still depending on us for their support. May the Lord lead us to send them what they need. They lack 3 years being old enough to receive the Old Age Pension. The brethren at Jordan, Ont. have promised to pay their fuel bill. Let others send help.

Christian Monthly Review, October 1929, p. 8

Received in October

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Church at Selkirk, for J. Sherriff _____ 10.00

Christian Monthly Review, December 1929, p. 8

Selkirk, Ont., Oct. 14th: Bro. R. H. Boll was intending to go with me to the Fall Meeting in Toronto, but being delayed, he travelled by train and I carried Sisters Cauble and Zink, of Indiana and Stewart Chittick. The meetings were fine—so good indeed that all the congregations of Ontario could have been profitably represented. Spoke at Wychwood Sunday night, Oct. 6th, and preached here Saturday night and Lord's day and visiting a number of families including Thos. Hoover and H. M. Evans and wife—all of them afflicted and all steadfast in their faith. Friends of Bro. Evans please remember him and his crippled wife with good letters—and enclosures to cheer their hearts.—Don Carlos Janes.

Christian Monthly Review, December 1929, p. 12

Received in November

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Church at Selkirk, for Bro. Sherriff ----- 5.00

Christian Monthly Review, January 1930, p. 9

Our Indian Road

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We have to thank very many people this time: In Ontario . . . Selkirk . . .

Yours in His Service

Hy. Chas. Trindle

Christian Monthly Review, March 1930, p. 5

Received in January

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Church at Selkirk, Ont. -----5.00

Christian Monthly Review, March 1930, p. 10

Received during June 1st to Sept. 30th

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For Bro. J. Sherriff, S. Rhodesia

Church at Selkirk, Ont. -----\$20.00

Christian Monthly Review, November 1930, p. 10

Our Indian Road

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Our Treasurer gratefully acknowledges . . . Mr. Trindle acknowledges receiving directly from Church at Selkirk \$5.00 monthly. . . .

Yours in Service, Walter Eatough

Received During October

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For J. Sherriff, S. Rhodesia
Church at Selkirk, Ont. _____ 5.00 . . .
Christian Monthly Review, December 1930, p. 7

Received During March

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Bro. J. Sherriff, S. Rhodesia
Church at Selkirk, Ont. 5.00
Christian Monthly Review, May 1931, p. 8

Received During April

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For Bro. Sherriff, S. Rhodesia
Church at Selkirk, Ont.\$5.00

Received During May

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For Bro. Sherriff, S. Rhodesia
Church at Selkirk, Ont.\$5.00
Christian Monthly Review, July 1931, p. 7

Received during July

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For John Sherriff, South Africa
Church at Selkirk, Ont.10.00
Christian Monthly Review, September 1931, p. 9

Received During September

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For Bro. Sherriff, South Africa

Church at Selkirk.....10.00
Christian Monthly Review, November 1931, p. 10

Received During October

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For Bro. J. Sherriff, South Africa

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Church at Selkirk, Ont.5.00
Christian Monthly Review, December 1931, p. 9

Selkirk, Ont.

Word comes to us that a fine meeting was held recently with the result that five were added to the Lord.

A. E. Firth

Christian Monthly Review, December 1931, p. 12

Received During November, 1931

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For J. Sherriff, South Africa

Church at Selkirk, Ont.5.00

Received During December, 1931

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For J. Sherriff, Cape Town, South Africa

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Church at Selkirk, Ont.5.00
Christian Monthly Review, February 1932, p. 9

Report from the Selkirk Church for 1931

I would say that on the whole the church in Selkirk has experienced some progress.

We had two special meetings, one held by Bro. S. M. Jones for two weeks in June, with the visible result of five additions, three from the Sunday School, also a young husband and wife. Then Bro. Janes of Kentucky was here for a week in July, but unfortunately the season was so busy that even the membership was prevented from attending. Those, however, who could avail themselves of this meeting enjoyed a feast of good things. One young girl was baptized during this week. Sister Janes accompanied her husband here for the first time, and we were all pleased to meet this amiable woman.

The Sunday School has grown considerably both in numbers and in interest, the younger classes having teachers who are both painstaking and thorough. The annual picnic was well attended.

The church's missionary efforts are being well sustained. Regular monthly offerings go to Bro. Trindle and to Bro. Sherriff. Besides these were a yearly Christmas box of goodies to Bro. Trindle and seven boxes of clothing to Bro. C. J. Bailey of Western Canada.

Bro. Jones has been our speaker at morning and evening services every four weeks, and his strong teaching and convincing arguments attract not only a full membership, but a goodly number of outsiders as well.

Bros. T. V. Hoover of Hamilton and R. E. Hoover of Toronto, made several visits to their home here, and helped out in no small degree to the edification of the brethren.

When we have no outside talent, however, Bro. John Cooper is always ready with some worth-while teaching, while a number of younger brethren assist in minor ways, and, we believe, will in time, develop speaking ability.

We are hoping for bigger and better things in 1932.

Lily Jackson, D.C.

Christian Monthly Review, February 1932, p. 12

Received During January

...
For Bro. J. Sherriff, South Africa

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Church at Selkirk, Ont.5.00

Christian Monthly Review, March 1932, p. 13

Received During March

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For J. Sherriff, S. Africa

Church at Selkirk, Ont.\$10.00

Christian Monthly Review, May 1932, p. 10

Received During June-August

For Mr. J. Sherriff—Africa

Church at Selkirk, Ont.\$15.00

Christian Monthly Review, October 1932, p. 8

Obituary - Smelser

The Church, and also the whole community at Selkirk, Ont., were made sad by the sudden passing to the Great Beyond of our Brother Ernest Smelser, on Tuesday, June 21st, at his residence on the Lake Shore Road.

He was baptized by Brother Wm. F. Cox in the year 1917 and in 1918 was married to Sister Amy Truckell. He was a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Selkirk and the Sunday before his death helped conduct the meeting, in seeming good health. He did what he could in all the church work, and is greatly missed by all. He was in his 46th year, the prime of life, but God saw fit to call him home, and we have to say "Thy will be done".

He leaves to mourn his loss, beside his sorrowing wife and son Ronald, an aged father, three brothers, two sisters, and a great many other relatives and friends.

He was laid to rest in the Selkirk Union Cemetery on June the 23rd. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. F. Cox of Beamsville, and a large attendance testified to the high esteem in which our brother was held.

Sis. Zella M. Helka

Christian Monthly Review, October 1932, p. 13

Received During October

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For Bro. J. Sherriff, Cape Town

Church at Selkirk, Ont.5.00

Christian Monthly Review, November 1932, p. 29

Received During Nov. and Dec. 1932

For J. Sherriff, South Africa

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Church at Selkirk, Ont. _____ 5.00

Christian Monthly Review, January/February, 1933, p. 13

Received During January & February

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For J. Sherriff, Capetown

Church at Selkirk, Ont. _____ \$15.00

Christian Monthly Review, March/April 1933, p. 11

Received, March 1 to July 21

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For J. Sherriff, S. Africa

Church at Selkirk, Ont. _____ 19.00
Christian Monthly Review, August 1933, p. 12

Selkirk, Ont.
 Jan. 24/37

Dear Brethren,

The Winter Bible School opened here at Selkirk Dec. 1 with 7 students in attendance; we now have an attendance of 11 and we are really encouraged by the spirit of the students. The church here has been so very good to us in helping us with our school activities and are frequently visiting us which we appreciate. One good brother paid two months rent in advance for us, and others have lent us household effects too numerous to mention.

We have studied to date the following books: Joshua, Ruth, Judges and part of I Samuel in the Old Testament, and Luke, Part of Acts, I Corinthians and part of II Corinthians. We had the following brethren with us for the opening: Bro. C. G. McPhee, Bro. Clifford Lumley, Bro. C. Watterworth and Bro. John Whitfield, and trust to have some of them back with us for the closing of school.

Am glad to hear of the work being done in Sask. In Bible school work this winter and hope in a few years we can have several schools operating in Ont. How about it Ontario brethren?

We are planning on being back out to Sask. by the first of June; Bro. Stanley McInery of Selkirk is planning on going back with us.

Yours in the furtherance of the Gospel, C. T. Bailey

Gospel Herald, February 1937, p. 19

Selkirk, Ont., Feb. 17, 1937—School activities progress well and we had fine co-operation both from the congregation here and even the town people seem very much enthused over the school.

Yours in the faith, Cecil T. Bailey

Gospel Herald, March 1937, p. 15

Selkirk, Ont.

Brethren, Greetings

Our Bible School closed Feb. 28th with an all day meeting here at Selkirk, with a number of outside brethren represented. Those who spoke were L. J. Keffer, Hamilton, Alex Stewart, Toronto, C. Watterworth, Beamsville, S. Hughes, Niagara Falls, E. Burdett, St. Catharines. The school was represented by Douglas LaCourse, Stanley McInery and Dawson Hoover.

Leaving Selkirk, we proceeded to Sarnia . . .

Am now engaged in a weeks meeting at Selkirk, Ont., and we hope some good will be accomplished. Next Lord's day we plan being in St. Catharines.

Your paper improves with every issue. Press on.

Yours in the faith, Cecil T. Bailey

Gospel Herald, May 1937, p. 15

Ontario Bible School

To young men and women in Ontario who would train themselves for the extension of the Kingdom of God and teach others the way of Truth, we invite you to attend the third Winter Bible School to be held at Selkirk, Ontario, God willing, Dec. 1st, 1937 to Feb. 28th, 1938. Any further information can be furnished by the Principal, Cecil T. Bailey, Blooming, Sask., or Stanley McInery, Selkirk, Ontario.

Gospel Herald, August 1937, p. 2

November 22, 1937. Brother Stanley McInery has just arrived at Selkirk. . . .

Brother McInery plans to help Brother Cecil T. Bailey in a winter Bible school at Selkirk this winter. I am well acquainted with both of these brethren, and I believe that they will do much good. They have worked together in three schools, and all have been successful.

To the young people of Ontario I would say "Attend the Selkirk Bible School if possible. The charge is low, and you cannot afford to miss it. " For more information write to either of the brethren already mentioned, and address your letter to Selkirk, Ontario.

--Robert Sinclair

Gospel Herald, December 1937, p. 16

Selkirk, Ontario, Jan. 3rd, 1938. Another year has gone by and the question is, What will 1938 hold in store for us.

Yesterday, Jan. 3rd, the church had an all-day meeting. The speaker for the occasion was Brother John Whitfield, who gave us three excellent lessons. In the morning his subject was "This Year Also" (Luke 13:8). In the afternoon he spoke especially to the young people on "Trembling for the Ark" (I Sam. 3:13). Then at the evening service the topic was "The Healing of the Blind Man" (John 9)

All these services were well attended, and although no visible results, we feel that much good was done.

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Your brother in Christ

Stanley McInery

Selkirk, Ontario

Dec. 23, 1937

To Gospel Herald,

Our Bible school is in progress with 6 regular students and one half time student. Our progress in the work is fair, I believe. The interest seems to be improving daily.

In our Bible work we have covered the following: Memory work—Cor. 11, II Samuel 1:17-end, Isa. 53. Text study: Rom 1-10. Other Bible classes have been, II Samuel 1-15, Mark 1-6. In Church History we have covered the Beginning of the Church and the history of the first century A.D. Our Bible Geography we have found extremely interesting. We are moulding a large salt and flour map of Palestine. In our Homiletics class we have studied 3 subjects: “Faith,” “Second Coming of Christ,” and “Division of the Bible.”

This year we are taking a class in New Testament Greek, which we feel will give us a start in educating ourselves along this line.

If anyone desires further information concerning the school, I should be glad to answer any communications.

Yours in His service, Cecil T. Bailey

Gospel Herald, February 1938, p. 14

Selkirk, Ontario

Feb. 15, 1938

Dear Brethren,

The work here at Selkirk is going along with much zeal for the Word of God. Plans have been made for a revival meeting this summer, and plans are going along nicely. The meeting house is to be repaired, and the hydro installed, which will be a great help in the night meetings.

At the business meetings the following brethren were given offices, Secretary, Bro. Dawson Hoover, Treasurer, Bro. Winfred Cooper.

All communications should be forwarded to Bro. Dawson Hoover, R.R. 2 Selkirk, Ont.

To the brethren of the West, may I, through the Herald, send you my best wishes, and I trust that all man continue in the Lord’s work.

Brotherly, Stanley McInery

Gospel Herald, March 1938, p. 15

Selkirk, Ont.

Feb. 8, 1938

Dear Christian friends,

Our work progresses fairly well in the school, our closing exercises will be on Lord’s Day, Feb. 27, with everyone in the school taking part in some form.

Sister Bailey and I plan on going West some time in April to renew our work there. We shall be free for meetings and Sunday services throughout March and the first of April.

Will send an outline of the work covered in the school in the next issue of the "Herald"! I am persuaded that this year will be a bountiful year for the work in Ontario, so watch the reports brethren.

Yours in the Saviour's service, Cecil T. Bailey

Gospel Herald, March 1938, p. 16

Closing of the Selkirk Bible School

The closing of the Selkirk Bible School was far ahead of anticipation. A large crowd was in attendance with representatives from various districts of the province. The following places were represented: Tintern, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Hamilton, Sarnia, Simcoe, Wardsville.

The speakers for morning services were Hugh Clark, of Corning, Sask., Norman Emptage, of Meaford, Ont., and Dawson Hoover of Selkirk, Ont. The afternoon services consisted of three written essays on Church History, Bible Geography and Life of Elisha by the girls of the school. Other features were two chapters from the Bible quoted by Charles Perry of Tintern. A short talk on The Life of Christ by Stanley McNery of Selkirk, and Douglas LaCourse, of Sarnia, Ont. spoke as the school representatives on the progress of the Bible School work.

Dinner and supper were served in the school building, and everyone enjoyed the fellowship of the occasion.

The evening services were very well attended and a splendid spirit of co-operation seemed to work the entire day.—Cecil T. Bailey

Work Review of Selkirk Bible School

Memory Work—II Samuel 1:17-end; I Cor. 11; Isaiah 53; I Cor. 15; II Cor. 3; Heb. 11; Prov. 1, 2; making a total of 228 verses.

Text Study—Romans, Philippians, Colossians, I and II Thessalonians, I Timothy and Titus.

New Testament Lesson Study—Mark (with Synopsis)

Old Testament Lesson Study—II Samuel; I and II Kings, Esther (with synopsis)

Bible Geography—Physical Palestine and Political Palestine

Church History—The Church and World Conditions, Church History of the First Seven Centuries, and the Origin of Certain Sects.

Homiletics—Identifying the Church, Second Coming of Christ, Bible divisions, Doctrines of men, and Church Government

These were the major topics. A good start was also made in the study of the New Testament Greek.

Gospel Herald, April 1938, p. 14

Meaford, Ont.

Mar. 18, 1938

Dear Brethren:

Since the school we have been, and spoken at the following places: Omagh, Strathmore Blvd., Toronto, Griersville, and Meaford. We plan to return to Toronto, Selkirk and Sarnia before we return to the West about the middle of April. . . .

Cecil and Lavine Bailey

Gospel Herald, April 1938, p. 15

Beamsville, Ont., May 38 [sic], 1938—Wednesday and Thursday nights I spoke at Selkirk. . . .

D. A. Sinclair

Gospel Herald, June 1938, p. 8

Selkirk, Ontario, May 16, 1938

The work here is progressing fairly well. The brethren have remodelled the interior of the meeting-house, and installed the hydro, which will be of great help for our night meetings.

We expect Bro. D. A. Sinclair with us on Monday, May 23rd, and also Bro. and Sis. Whitfield. We are looking forward to these brothers and sister being with us.

Services are held each Lord's Day at 11:00 a.m. and 7:45 p.m. with song practice and Bible study every Wednesday evening at 7:45 p.m.

Come and meet with us when you are in the vicinity.

Brotherly, Stanley McInery

Gospel Herald, June 1938, p. 15

Selkirk, Ont., Feb. 6, 1939—I received the February issue of the "Herald" this morning, and was glad to have the same. Glad to note so many reports in this month's issue. It lets people know what the others are doing, also the young people's page; this will, I am sure, be of wonderful benefit to the young boys and girls of High School age, and I think that Lillian is the right one for the task. I trust that others will help her to put it across.

The church at Selkirk is progressing fine. Brothers Keffer and Stewart have been out to preach for the congregation and Brother Dawson Hoover carries on.

I now close with these words, "But grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever more. Amen

To the staff of the Herald; May it long be yours to continue to publish only that which is in accordance with the written Word of God, and allow me to ask the readers of the Herald to read the paper carefully and prayerfully, and help the editor to make it your paper.

Yours in Christ,
Stanley McInery

Gospel Herald, March 1939, p. 15

Selkirk, Ont., Sept. 28, 1941

The work at Selkirk is progressing very favorably and each member, I believe, feels his part in doing all that is possible for the Kingdom. It was the writer's happy lot to baptize one young girl, Aug. 14.

The congregation is planning its Fall meeting with Brother J. C. Bailey doing the speaking. This will be Brother Bailey's first protracted meeting with this congregation. The date has not yet been decided but we believe it will be sometime during the first part of November.

Sister McInery and myself wish to thank those who have sent us messages of congratulations.

S. J. A. McInery

Gospel Herald, October 1941, p. 10

Stanley McInery Reports

Selkirk, Ontario

Roy K. Akers, of Evansville, Ind., closed a fine meeting with the church at Selkirk. He did some constructive teaching to both members and alien sinners alike. This was Bro. Akers' fourth meeting with us, and while there were no additions at the time, I believe it to be his most successful. He is highly thought of by the people of this community. This was shown by large audiences and keen interest. More people attended the meetings this term than at any previous meeting.

Bro. Akers devoted the first week of the meeting to the teaching of Christ and the apostles, thereby laying the foundation in the minds of those who had not previously heard the plain gospel.

The second Friday of the meeting Bro. Akers reached the zenith of his preaching when, at the request of some members of the community, he spoke on "Music in the Worship." I don't believe that I have ever heard this subject pointed out so clearly as did Bro. Akers. He excelled many of the older gospel preachers I've heard.

Bro. W. L. Totty of Beech Grove, Indiana, has been engaged for our meeting next May 21st to June 4th.

Gospel Herald, July 1943, p. 14

Selkirk, Ontario, Canada

"I recently returned from my fourth consecutive yearly meeting with the brethren at Selkirk. This meeting was by far the best attended and most influential for the cause of Christ. Although there were no responses to the invitation, there were visible results; results which manifested themselves in a spirit of unity and harmony, and a willingness to work and live for Christ. It is expected that the seed sown will ultimately bring others to Christ and salvation. To know the brethren of Ontario, Canada, is to love them and enjoy fellowship with them in the

Lord's work."

R. K. Akers
1152 E. Gum Street
Evansville, Ind.

Gospel Herald, August 1943, p. 14

Meeting at Selkirk, Ontario

Our meeting has been arranged and (D.V.) will commence May 21st and continue through to the 4th of June, with Bro. W. L. Totty of Beech Grove, Indiana. You will remember his being at Meaford some few years ago, and we are looking forward to a good meeting.

In Christ, Stanley McInery

Gospel Herald, February 1, 1944, p. 14

Selkirk Meeting

The congregation at Selkirk is to hold its annual meeting beginning May 21st to June 4th. Brother W. L. Totty of Beech Grove, Ind., is to do the preaching, and Brother Roy K. Akers of Cleveland, Ohio, will do the song-leading. I believe this is Brother Totty's first visit to Canada since 1937, at which time he was with the church at Meaford.

We are looking forward to the meeting with high hopes that much good will be done in this part of the vineyard.

We extend to the brotherhood a hearty invitation to visit the church at Selkirk during this meeting. Come and enjoy fellowship with us.

Services: Lord's Day: 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.; week days, except Saturdays, 8.00 p.m.

Gospel Herald, April 1st 1944, p. 13; *Gospel Herald*, May 1944, p. 14

Stanley McInery Reports

Selkirk, Ont., May 28

The meeting at Selkirk with W. L. Totty of Beech Grove, Ind., is providing us with some real Gospel preaching. Paul turned the world upside down with the Gospel of Christ and Selkirk has at least been shaken. As we enter the second week of the meeting we expect some of the strongest preaching that has ever been heard in Ontario. There is no place for soft, mushy sentimentalism in Totty's preaching. Too long we of Ontario "have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying peace, peace; when there is no peace." (Jer. 6:14)

I wish that every preacher of the church of Christ in the Province of Ontario were here to give heed to this manner of preaching. I believe that it might arouse us out of slumber, and cause us to realize that the Gospel can be preached in Ontario as it was preached in the days of the apostles and during the Restoration.

It is my sincere hope to attend Freed-Hardeman College next term and better prepare myself for full time preaching of the Gospel of Christ. The type of preaching that we have had

in this meeting at Selkirk is what I hope to spend the rest of my life doing. I am convinced that our soft attitude toward denominationalism is sinful.

Gospel Herald, July 1944, p. 13

Stanley J. A. McNery
Selkirk, Ont., June 18, 1945

Dear Bro. Bailey

Since my return from the United States I have had the privilege of speaking for the following congregations: Selkirk (regular appointment), Fenwick, Hamilton (Sanford Ave.), Port Colborne and St. Catharines (Raymond and Beecher Sts.). I have found that the Church in general has lost the militant spirit that the early Church had, and I believe that it is showing its results among the brethren. . . .

The brethren at Selkirk are enjoying the best of fellowship and peace and harmony prevails on every side, although there are some who say we are not, but this has always been the way that some are not satisfied unless they are speaking evil.

Field Report

I recently returned from Selkirk, Ont., Canada, where I was with the Church for my sixth consecutive annual meeting; preaching in five of them and directing the singing in another. There were no additions to the church but we believe good was done by teaching and admonishing the church; this seemed to be manifested. It is always a pleasure to be associated with the people of Ontario in the Lord's work. Brother J. Stanley McNery is located at Selkirk and encouraged every effort of the meeting.

R. K. Akers, Evangelist, Shaw Ave Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Gospel Herald, July 1945, p. 14

News from Selkirk

A personal letter from Selkirk tells of the work there. Brother John Williams of Beamsville is visiting the church once a month. Brother Clifford Lumley was to be with us for the 19th. Brother Melvin Sherk does the speaking when they have not outside help.

Some of the brethren that have been away during the winter are home again.

Gospel Herald, June 1947, p. 12

News from Selkirk, Ont.

We are pleased to announce that Bro. R. C. Crawford of Florida, conducted a two weeks meeting (in June), with four young people making the good confession, and buried with their Lord in Baptism, in accordance with Bible teaching. It makes our hearts rejoice, when young folk accept the truth when they hear it.

This was Bro. Crawford's first visit to Canada, and his talks were enjoyed by all who heard him, and we trust that he will be able to come again.

Omar A. Kindy

Gospel Herald, September 1946, p. 12

Here and There

Roy Akers of Niagara Falls, N.Y., journey to Selkirk, Ont., on Mar. 2 to conduct the funeral of Lettie Martin.

Gospel Herald, April 1954, p. 14

The Church in Ontario

Selkirk – 70 years old. 28 members; Sunday morning attendance of 50. Have own meeting house. Bro. Claude Perry preaches.

Gospel Herald, June 1956, p. 5

Here and There

One more has been baptized at Selkirk where Claude Perry preaches each week.

Gospel Herald, November 1956, p. 10

Here and There

The church at Selkirk, Ont. is planning a gospel meeting with Bro. Eugene Crawly of Shelbyville, Tenn. from June 23 to July 2.

Gospel Herald, May 1958, p. 10

A Tribute to My Father, by J. C. Bailey

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In the spring of 1907 dad and mother moved to Selkirk and he laboured with the church there for six years. In the spring of 1913 we moved to Thessalon, and he labored with the few brethren there. . . .

Gospel Herald, August 1959, p. 13

Featherstone

Selkirk has lost one of her faithful members in the person of Sister Zella Featherstone. She was born on the family homestead of Samuel Hoover, in Rainham Township, June 22nd, 1886. She was married to Henry Helka in 1910. After about four months he died suddenly and she remained a widow for a number of years. During this period she served her town, through the Bank of Commerce and the Carr Creamery. She also attended the Old Beamsville Bible

School and was known to a large circle of friends. In 1935 she married William Featherstone, who departed this life in 1950.

Sister Featherstone was baptised into Christ in her early teens and remained a faithful member of the church throughout life. For many years she taught Bible School classes and was interested in the work of the church. Her cheerful disposition and service is warmly remembered by her friends and relatives.

Her funeral service was held at the Meeting house of the church of Christ in Selkirk, with burial in the cemetery nearby.

--Charles G. McPhee

Gospel Herald, March 1961, p. 16

Fess

Miss Eliza Matilda (Tilly) Fess, life long resident of Selkirk and member of the body of Christ for many years, passed away after a short illness, on Friday, March 3. Sister Fess had reached the age of ninety-two years.

She is survived by her sister, Sister Alice Kindy of Simcoe.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Selkirk meeting house, and burial was in the cemetery adjoining the building.

--Ray L. Miller

Gospel Herald, April 1961, p. 17

Sherk

The church at Selkirk, Ontario, suffered a great loss in the passing of Bro. Christian Sherk. Bro. Sherk had been a member over fifty years, being baptised by Bro. Thomas Bailey, when he served the church at that place. Throughout all the years Bro. Sherk has been a faithful servant, teaching the Bible and speaking whenever the occasion demanded. He will be greatly missed, as most of the old members have passed away.

Bro. Sherk was born in Rainham Township, lived for more than 76 years and died on the farm where he was born. The summons came suddenly. He took a stroke one day and passed on the next day. It was a shock to his family and friends.

He lives to mourn his departure, his beloved wife Delorah Anguish, two sons, Earl and William, and one daughter, Mrs. Edith Schweyer, all of Selkirk. One son Frederick predeceased him. Also surviving is one Brother, Amos, of Buffalo.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the church building with burial in the Cemetery nearby.

--Charles G. McPhee

Gospel Herald, May 1963, p. 15

Selkirk Church of Christ

The exact date when the church began in Selkirk is uncertain. In 1851 a small group of people were meeting and Bro. Clendening [sic] was the first preacher to proclaim the Gospel in

Selkirk. At that time some Baptist people had a leaning toward the church and away from the creeds of that day. The church was organized in 1854, when elders James Black and Alexander Anderson of Eramosa Township, near Guelph, arrived on horseback and held an Evangelistic meeting resulting in a large number of conversions. Soon after this a church building was erected.

In 1855 James Kilgore [sic] preached for the church for a period of time. He was followed by Elder Benedict, of Buffalo, N.Y. who was compelled to flee from the country because of his opposition to the civil war. In 1875 O. G. Hertzog held a meeting that lasted five weeks and resulted in a hundred souls being won for Christ.

Other Evangelists that laboured with the church were, James Lediard, A. H. Miller, Hugh McDiarmid, Andrew Scott, Dr. Macklin and others whose names are unknown. During the history of the church Bro. Thomas Cooper paid an Evangelist to come from the United States for two gospel meetings.

In 1869 the building was reconditioned. Shortly after this some members withdrew from the church, because of matters of faith, which disturbed the congregation. In 1894 subscriptions were received for the preacher's salary, which amounted to the sum of \$25.00 a year. D. Monroe was the minister at that time.

In 1893 it was resolved to buy land and erect a meetinghouse at Sweet's Corners. This was done and for a number of years the services were conducted by the elders of the church from Fenwick.

During the past years many fine preachers have worked with the church at Selkirk. Bro. Thomas Bailey and Sim M. Jones did much work in this community. Bro. Neal of Meaford has been remembered for his services here.

The church in Selkirk has lost many of its older members during the past few years. Many young people have been baptized and gone to other places in Ontario. At the present time Bro. Claude Perry preaches for the church while residing in Beamsville. Many brethren would like to see this congregation restored to the place of importance it once occupied among the churches in Ontario.

Gospel Herald, April 1964, p. 14

Churches in Christ in Canada, 1966

Selkirk	Membership 1956 report	28
	Membership 1966 report	25
	A.M. Attendance	20
	S.S. Enrollment	16
	Age of Congregation	75
	% of Budge to Missions	20

Gospel Herald, January 1967, p. 11

Hoover – Cooper

The wedding of sister Grace (Win) Cooper and brother Oscar Hoover of Selkirk occurred at 5.30 p.m. October 19th in Beamsville. The happy couple departed on a trip to Michigan following the ceremony.

E. C. P.

Gospel Herald, December 1970, p. 17

News East

Selkirk, Ontario: New classrooms built in the church building are now in usable condition and just need furniture. A nursery class will be started soon.

Young people from Great Lakes Christian College are going regularly to the services at Selkirk with Vernon Bailey and Steve Courson sharing the preaching.

Gospel Herald, February 1974, p. 11

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: Bill Bunting of Tillsonburg will, beginning Jun 9th, drive to Selkirk to preach each Lord's day morning.

Gospel Herald, July 1974, p. 14

News East

Selkirk, Ontario: For years the congregation here has been going downhill. Brother Bill Bunting of Tillsonburg, has been encouraging them. There has been growth in numbers and in spiritual strength. Now the church has accepted the challenge of finding a full time worker. More about this at another time.

Gospel Herald, January 1975, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: Brother Geoffrey Acker, student in the F. B. M. Program at Great Lakes is labouring with this congregation on a part-time basis. Another family, Dale and Carol McNinch have moved into the area and will be meeting with this congregation. Dale has preached in various parts of Ontario.

Gospel Herald, May 1975, p. 11

News East

Selkirk, Ontario: Geoffrey Acker is working part-time with this church. He reports: "On June 1, 1975 Dorothy Daughy and her daughter Brenda obeyed their Lord in baptism and were added to the body of Christ. Our VBS is scheduled for July 14-18 and we expect to do great things with the Lord's help.

Gospel Herald, July 1975, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: “We had a very good response to our first V.B.S. in twenty-five years. We averaged 73 students each day and we had a high of 84. The Lord is continuing to bless us with growth. Bill Bunting of Tillsonburg directed the V.B.S.” – Geoffrey Acker.

Gospel Herald, September 1975, p. 11

[Picture] Vacation Bible School, Selkirk, Ontario, 1975. Geoffrey Acker is now preaching here.

Gospel Herald, November 1975, p. 1

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: “The Lord willing, we will have a gospel meeting with brother Bill Bunting the 9-11 of November. The topic will be “A Unique Church.” In conjunction with this we plan to have the G. L. C. C. chorus on the 4th of November to encourage community interest.

Oct. 12th-19th we had Bro. Stan McInery from McMinnville, Tenn. as a guest speaker. During this period many previously unresponsive members of the community came out to meeting.” -- Geoffrey Acker.

Gospel Herald, November 1975, p. 11

News East

Selkirk, Ont. “V.B.S. was conducted during the week of July 18-22. Attendance varied from 84 to 107. On August the 4th a special family day picnic was held for all V.B.S. children. A good time was had for all involved. The teachers did a tremendous job. There were so many children that most classes met in tents and out doors.

“Stan McInery will be conducting a gospel meeting during the week of Sept. 18-22. All effects will be made at this time to reach many who have fallen away.

Gospel Herald, October 1977, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ont. – This small congregation which is experiencing a genuine revival in recent months had a very successful VBS. Average attendance was 82 with a high of 87. Teachers were Connie Teeuwen, Linda Duncan, Brian and Faith Thompson, Barbara Conron, Doug King, and Doug Lightning.

Gospel Herald, September 1978, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: The little congregation in Selkirk was strengthened and uplifted through its recent gospel meeting in which Wayford Smith of St. Thomas preached. Attendance for the six services averaged 35. Two were baptized into Christ, Peter Humphrey and Beth House.

Gospel Herald, November 1978, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ontario – Mrs. Maggie Hoover was baptized November 21.

Gospel Herald, January 1979, p. 10

New East

Selkirk, Ont. – Gerry and Bev. Cleary of Brantford were baptized Jan. 12.

Gospel Herald, March 1979, p. 10

Selkirk Bible Study

“Enter by the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it.” These words which fell from the lips of Jesus are probably some of the saddest in all the Bible. It is so discouraging to see within our own country the validity of this statement. This fact has become a very pressing burden on our hearts. Especially has this been true as we hear the words of the Master ringing in our ears, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” This congregation wants to do all it can to proclaim the “Good News” in all the world. For some months we have been involved with an evangelistic outreach in our community which has proven of great value to the growth of the Lord’s body. We have offered to the community and to brethren in the surrounding area, special Bible classes. For two hours each Monday evening we have come together to gain knowledge and edification from God’s word. The response has been gratifying.

It has been decided, by this congregation, that we will continue and expand this Bible teaching program. We are ready to offer eight months of intensive Bible study to all interested brethren. During this time most of the New Testament books will be studied, with a good background from the Old Testament. Classes will be on a daily basis, four days per week, for approximately five and one half hours per day. Every second weekend will be a long, four day weekend which will be used for practical evangelism in Selkirk and surrounding areas. The teachers for the Bible program will be Leo Teeuwen, Doug Lightning and Robert Compton. The total emphasis of the Bible teaching will be to better equip Christians wanting to teach others “of the hope that is within them.” This congregation believes that through a further study of God’s word, His kingdom will expand into every city, hamlet and village of this country.

All interested brethren who desire more information can write to us at P.O. Box 13, Selkirk, Ontario.

Gospel Herald, August 1979, p. 16

News East

Selkirk, Ont. – Bro. Dick Forsyth of Beamsville is to begin preaching regularly here while continuing his work at GLCC. Bro. Stan McNery, of McMinnville, Tenn., preached in a short meeting here the last week in October. Sister McNery is a native of the Selkirk area.

Gospel Herald, November 1980, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, Ont. – Bro. Dick Forsyth has begun work on a regular part-time basis with the Selkirk congregation while continuing with his staff duties at GLCC. The members at Selkirk report that the church is showing new signs of growth and increasing interest in the community. Their recent meeting with Bro. Stan McNery was well attended, considering that it was arranged very quickly and there was not much opportunity for advertising the service.

Gospel Herald, December 1980, p. 10

New East

Selkirk, Ontario – “74-year old Nora Edwards was baptized on May 9th prior to the evening service. Nora realized the necessity of being immersed after serious consideration and much encouragement from June Forsyth, the preacher’s wife. Nora is the grandmother of Marilyn Edwards, who was baptized in March after studying with Barb Hoover. The men at Selkirk have begun to take steps that elders might be selected for this congregation. Much study and planning will be involved. Several home Bible studies are now in progress by those students who completed the Open Bible Study classes held in the fall of last year. There is a possibility that a Bible study might be conducted on the Indian reservation near Hagersville (a town north of Selkirk). The gospel Meeting planned for June 23-27th is being eagerly awaited.”—R. Forsyth.

Gospel Herald, July 1982, p. 12

News East

Selkirk, Ontario – A Ladies Day is planned for Saturday, October 2nd, at Selkirk. The theme will be “Finding Favour With God.” Speakers include Alma Bunting, Barbara Conron, Mardi Lipman, Lillian McDonald, and Tammy Tallman.

Gospel Herald, October 1982, p. 18

News East

Selkirk, Ontario – Bethel Bailey conducted a gospel meeting in Selkirk May 24-28th. Concerning this, Bethel wrote in his bulletin, “Because of the many fond memories that will associate with this meeting, we regret that the present work load will not allow Blanche to go with me. I was preaching for the Selkirk congregation when we got married. We humbly solicit your prayers for the success of this effort.”

Gospel Herald, July 1983, p. 12

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: Stanley McInery and Thurman Bennett of McMinnville, Tennessee, will be in a meeting here October 5 to 9. Evening meetings will be at 7:30.

Gospel Herald, October 1986, p. 12

News East

Selkirk, Ont.: An adult man was baptized in the chilly and turbulent waters of Lake Erie on June 7.

Gospel Herald, July 1987, p. 11

New East

Selkirk, ON: The Ray Locks who returned from Papua New Guinea in 1986 have completed studies at Abilene Christian University and took up residence in Canada again on May 14 after 14 years absence. They arrived in Selkirk that day and will be active in spreading the gospel in that area.

Gospel Herald, July 1988, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, ON: We have just finished a gospel meeting with Dean Hotchkiss from North Bay. Outside attendance was good with 15 visitors the last night. This church is trying to help support Dan Sherer and help train him to become a preacher.

Gospel Herald, November 1988, p. 11

News East

Selkirk, ON: Veronica Wass was baptized in January.

Gospel Herald, March 1989, p. 10

News East

Selkirk, ON: Leslie Hatt was baptized on November 2. Stanley McInery was the visiting preacher.

Gospel Herald, December 1990, p. 11

New East

Selkirk: Michael Toby began full-time work with the congregation in September. He had been preaching for them this past year as time permitted.

Gospel Herald, October 1994, p. 10

New East

Selkirk: The congregation here is seeking financial support in order to keep Mike Toby as the full-time preacher.

Gospel Herald, March 1995, p. 12

News East

Selkirk: Michael Toby writes, "It is more than a year since I arrived to start working full-time . . . Mrs. Weaver, mother of several and grandmother of many in the congregation passed away . . . On my arrival here, it seemed that we had a serious image problem in the community . . . This has begun to change . . . A number of us in the congregation have sung at various community events . . . We have experienced growth over the past year. Some members of the community have started attending worship services regularly . . . Several members have relocated here. Several have returned to the fold. The future looks bright.

Gospel Herald, March 1996, p. 15

News East

Selkirk: Jesse Hamilton, a '96 GLCC graduate, was baptized July 20. Jesse returned home to Nova Scotia a week later.

Gospel Herald, September 1996, p. 9

News East

Selkirk: Delayed news: Kevin and Brianna Cleary were baptized and began their lives for Christ. Carron and Janet Clark and Joe, Jackie and little one are new families. The work here is growing.

Gospel Herald, February 1998, p. 11

News East

Selkirk: Michael Toby mentions progress by way of some baptisms and the addition of some families from a neighbouring community. A wheelchair ramp has been constructed. Michael mentions opportunities teaching in homes and an open door to youth work and adds, "The future for the church in Selkirk looks good; it rests with the children." - *from Fellowship Gospel Herald*, April 1999, p. 13

News East

Selkirk: At the annual picnic at Long Point, on the beach, on September 19th, Mary Kay Helka, sister of John Hoover, was baptized into Christ in Lake Erie. This was followed by a period of joyful prayer and singing on the beach.
Gospel Herald, February 2000, p. 11

News East

Selkirk: Jennifer Hoover (Mrs. Steve), granddaughter-in-law of the late Hazel Hoover, was baptized on June 4.
Gospel Herald, July 2000, p. 11

News East

Selkirk: "Stanley McInery did the preaching for us May 14 and June 18. At 91 years of age, he still has a good command of the scriptures and delivered two great lessons. We look forward to having him preach for us again soon." John W. Hoover
Gospel Herald, August 2000, p. 12

News East

Selkirk: A group knocked doors for their gospel meeting in November. Forty-five individuals took a Bible correspondence course. Seven Bible studies were set up and one person was baptized.
Gospel Herald, January 2004, p. 10

Kindy, Dorothy Berta

Dorothy (Rooke) Kindy, age 84 years, beloved wife of Clare for 65 years, passed away peacefully at the West Haldimand General Hospital, Hagersville on Sunday, November 24, 2004. Her loving husband was at her side when she passed from this life.

She is the loving mother of Paul and Heather of Caledonia, Terry and Jean of Selkirk, June and Allen Heuston of Union, and Sharon and Mal Ridgy of Selkirk. Dear Grandmother of ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Also survived by brother Glen and Dorothy

Rooke of St. Thomas, Sister-in-law Helen (and the late Grant Temple) of Dunnville, several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy was a lifelong member of the Selkirk Church of Christ and was also a member of the Bunka Association. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by her family and friends. The family honoured her life with visitation and a Funeral Service from the Hyde & Mott Chapel of R. H. B. Anderson Funeral Home, Hagersville on December 2, 2004. Interment was at Selkirk Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations in her honour can be made to Great Lakes Christian College.—From information supplied by Don Halls.

Gospel Herald, February 2005, p. 17

News East

Selkirk: The congregation hosted a Hymn Sing on Sunday, May 16, at the church building for area churches.

Gospel Herald, June 2010, p. 10

New East

Selkirk: The church was blessed with two baptisms on Sunday, August 29: Levi Page and Nicky Maraj. We eagerly look forward to our hymn sing on October 24th.

Gospel Herald, October 2010, p. 15

News East

Selkirk: The congregation hosted a hymn sing on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

Gospel Herald, December 2010, p. 10

News East

Selkirk: Michael Toby, who ministers with this congregation, was featured at the St. Catharines Museum on Saturday, November 20, 2010, in a musical presentation about the Underground Railroad.

Gospel Herald, January 2011, p. 10

News East

Selkirk: The congregation hosted a hymn sing and fellowship time on October 16.

Gospel Herald, November 2011, p. 13