

Restorationist Churches of the 19th Century
Along the “North Shore” of Lake Ontario
Excerpts from the Periodicals, 1853-1883

Aurora

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Vol. XI, January 1883, No. 121, 29

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—In this place the brethren rent a Hall in which they worship each Lord’s day. There seems to be a determination to do their part in the great cause...On the 3rd December last, Robert Beaty of Toronto, met with them in worship, and spoke at two meetings.”

Vol. XI, March 1883, No. 123, 89

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—The brethren at this place rent a large hall for the purpose of meeting to worship the Lord. They consider this to their disadvantage and are contemplating to build for themselves, and are looking about for a suitable piece of land...”

Vol. XI, May 1883, No. 125, 156

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—A piece of land has been purchased by the brethren, and they are erecting a house to worship in. Their numbers are few but energetic.”

Vol. XI, June 1883, No. 126, 187

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—Brother Keffer was with the congregation of Aurora on Lord’s day the 29th April, and spoke twice to good audiences. The hearts of the brethren were made glad in one confessing the authority of Christ and being immersed.”

Vol. XI, October 1883, No. 316

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—The brethren are still holding their own, with firm determination to accomplish the purpose for which the church was established by Christ. They have the roof on their house, and soon expect to be able to meet in it.”

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 381

ITEMS AND NEWS. “AURORA.—There have been several meetings during the week after the opening of the house. The attendance was very excellent. Five have been added to the congregation by baptism and others are interested.”

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 382

ITEMS AND NEWS. “THE NEW HOUSE AT AURORA.—A large gathering of friends and brethren assembled at the opening of the new house of worship on Sunday, Nov. 25th, to rejoice together at the completion of an enterprise that at once calls forth the applause of all brethren of Canada...The building is a neat white brick, tastefully furnished with cushioned seats, baptistery and dressing rooms, and lighted with elegant hanging lamps. The aisles are covered with good hemp matting, and platform with fine ingrain carpet,

while the pulpit is a model of neatness...It is capable of seating something over two hundred persons. Such spirits as Brethren a. Yule, Thom. Marritt, Turlington, Wells, Leigh, and Stephenson, seconded by the honorable men, not a few...Bro. McArthur from Stayner, Bro. Stephens from Glencairn, and Bro. Page and family from Vaughan, besides brethren scattered through the section of the country lying about Aurora, and all the friends connected with the work in Aurora; and some other churches. All gave Bro. Sheppard an eloquent hearing...At half-past two the writer addressed a mixed assembly that taxed the full capacity of the house...At half past six Bro. Sheppard greeted an overflowing house...The collections during the day amounted to about one hundred dollars. The Presbyterians dismissed their evening service in honor of the occasion...O. G. H. [Hertzog]"

(Belleville)

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Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 138

BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "The fourth June meeting commenced in Hillier on Saturday, 21st, was continued over Lord's day, closing on Monday. Delegations from the churches in P. E. County, and from Brighton, Trenton, and Belleville were present

Vol. I, July 1873, No. 9, 136

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE HILLIER MEETING. "...Geo. Clendenan and Robert Beaty left Toronto by the early train on Saturday the 21st June, for Belleville...After crossing the pretty Bay of Quinte, from Belleville, they found brethren Henry Ainsworth, Whitney and Smith from Hillier Township, who had made ample provision for carrying all visitors to the place of meeting. The meeting was held about ten or twelve miles from Belleville, in Hillier, at the east end of that township, and about the centre of the county. Sister Way, wife of Bro. J. F. Way, of Belleville..."

Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 117

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. VISIT TO MURRAY AND PRINCE EDWARD. By Geo. Clendenan: "Leaving home the 25th of April to attend the funeral of Freddie, infant son of James and Sarah Borland, I remained with the Bowmanville Church over the Lord's day...in company with Bro. John Chaplin, *the fruit tree man*, started Monday for Trenton, on the Bay of Quinte. Arrived late at Bro. Benjamin Way's, in the township of Murray, County of Northumberland, Bro. Lambert conveyed me on Monday May 12, to Belleville, a distance of 25 miles. Called to see Bro. J. F. Way, timber agent..."

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 383

ITEMS AND NEWS. "HILLIER.—Fifth concession, about 40 members remaining, so many having died and moved away. Nearest railroad station Wellington. Meetings—Lord's day 11 o'clock a.m...Enquiries may be made of W. K. Burr, M. A., Belleville..."

Vol. XI, April 1883, No. 124, 120

CORRESPONDENCE, from W. K. Burr, Belleville, 15 March 1883: "...death has made sad havoc of the churches in this county. In our own congregation [Belleville?], in a few years, some twenty have gone to the grave.

Brighton

The Christian Banner

Vol. VIII, July 1854, No. 7, 195-196

D. O. in LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS [3] reports, "Since my last report, I have announced the gospel at various points between Cobourg and Picton...and several addresses were delivered in the vicinity of Brighton. In what is called the Lawson settlement, two miles east and south of Brighton, one meeting was held...and at the Proctor School House, west of Brighton, where a single address was spoken, there appears to be an opening for additional labours..."

Vol. IX, Jan. 1855, No. 1, 32

D. Oliphant reports, "The "Christian Banner" will hereafter be published from Cobourg & Brighton. The party who purchased our office, which has again come into our hands, removed it to Brighton; and to save expense we shall allow it to remain. Brighton is a few Miles East of Cobourg, near the famous harbor, Presque'Ilse.

Vol. XII, April 1858, No. 4, 129

D. O. reports MEETINGS IN CASTLETON. "Since January we have delivered a short series of lectures at Castleton [nearby Brighton] to increasing congregations. Numerous engagements will not permit us to continue efforts in that quarter... We have commenced a series of meetings in the Town Hall in Brighton.

Banner of the Faith

Vol. XVII, March & April 1863, Nos. 3-4, 63

D. O. reports in INTELLIGENCE: "Friend Benjamin Way, near Brighton, always zealous, testifies in a recently written letter:—'The church here is in good spiritual health at present, and we trust we can be responded to equally encouraging from our Prince Edward County brethren. We were refreshed by the presence of brother H. Ainsworth's family at our meeting yesterday, now residing in Brighton.' This reminds us that Brother Way baptized one some little time since..."

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, May & June 1864, Nos. 5-6, 95

INTELLIGENCE. "Brother Ainsworth, writing from Brighton, testifies:— 'Since I moved up here, I have been preaching to the inhabitants of this place. I have had a good hearing.' This is choice news."

Vol. XVIII, September & October 1864, Nos. 9-10, 159

D. O. writes of THE DISCIPLES IN THESE PARTS: “The brethren at Brighton—Ainsworth, Post, and Hart—are active according to the latest testimony.”

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 66-67

D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake (from Lake Shore, Clinton, April, 1865), “The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude...”
“Brother Ainsworth gave an acceptable address to the people east of Brighton some weeks ago.”

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Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 118

“*Bro. Geo. Clendennan* has been in the east; in Brighton, Hillier, &c. He baptized two at Brighton. A general meeting is appointed for the fourth Sunday at Hillier.

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 79

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. C.: “... and so hastened on to Brighton, and was for a few hours the welcome guest of Bro. C. Ainsworth and family. Sister Leslie Ainsworth—who is also my daughter in the gospel—I regret to write, is in very delicate health...”

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 79

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. C.: “... from thence [Brighton], calling at Smithfield, arrived at the brethren Ways, in Murray [Township]. The friends in Brighton and Murray will soon be in a position to carry out their long cherished purpose of meeting together like...Disciples...on the first day of the week...May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with the little Church in Smithfield...”

Bowmanville

The Christian Banner

Vol. VII, Jan. 1853, No. 1, 28-29

James Black reports from Bowmanville, Dec. 1st, 1852, LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS (1), after working with brother Anderson in Rainham and the Niagara District, of their intention to “visit the brethren at King, Oshawa, and Bowmanville together” but as it turned out Black went to King and Anderson to Bowmanville where “he spoke several times, and three stood up to signify their willingness to submit to the Saviour.”

Vol. VII, Sept. 1853, No. 9, 249

The report of the FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED on behalf of “churches comprising the provincial co-operation, Monies received from the 11th of June, 1852 to the 15th of June 1853,” reported that the church in Bowmanville had contributed £5 11 9.

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 222-223

Reports from the Churches to Meeting in June (at Jordan), by James Mitchell, Secretary, Bowmanville:—present number 45; Ira Van Camp, W. H. Gaud, and C. J. Lister, Elders; Samuel McMurtry and D. D. Williams, Deacons.

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

J. C. Stark, from Buffalo, Nov. 10th, 1856, reports to Brother Oliphant, “I have closed my labours in Canada where I spent eighty-one days, spoke seventy-six discourses, and had fifty-three additions...traveled over five hundred miles, visited four different congregations...At Bowmanville I found our dear brethren Butchart, Lister, VanCamp, Harvey, and many more...”

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports from Eramosa, 20th July, 1854, EVANGELIST’S FUND—THE TREASURY, receipts from: Bowmanville - \$13, and from Darlington - \$11.

Vol. IX, Feb. 1855, No. 2, 56-57

John Doyle, 30th Jan. 1855, reports on his preaching tour including: “Reached home 25th December; laid by two days, then to Bowmanville; this church has endured severe conflicts, and have eaten bitter herbs. Nevertheless a goodly number stand firmly in the truth; preached here a few evenings and First Day; then to Charlesville each evening and Lord’s day for one week...Then back to Bowmanville, preached other two weeks...some returned to the communion of the church, three baptized and other hopeful cases there yet...”

Vol. X, July 1856, Vol. 7, 127-128

Jas. Menzies, sec., reports on the accounts of the Bible Union in Canada West [re funds raised among the churches and forwarded to the American Bible Union, New York], received from Bowmanville, £2 10 0.

Vol. X, Oct. 1856, Vol. 10, 322

D. O. in NEWS OF ACCESSIONS, “...Returning homeward, we met with brother Stark, Lister, and Butchart at Bowmanville. Eight had been immersed at that point during a meeting then being held. Other additions were expected. Brother Scott, of Toronto, has preached at Bowmanville on the occasion of the brethren opening their new chapel there.”

Vol. X, Oct. 1856, Vol. 10, 319

Jno. Butchart and C. J. Lister, Scarborough, Sept. 19, 1856, in EVANGELISTS’ LABORS, Report No. 1, state: “Having been called on by the Board of the ‘Co-operation,’ to engage in the work of preaching the gospel, and being instructed by them at

their meeting on the 17th of August, to proceed to the work, we met at Bowmanville on the 18th ult. But as the harvest was not yet completed, some days elapsed before we could get arrangements made and find an opportunity to commence...[To Oshawa and Harmony.]... Next two evenings we had meetings in Bowmanville...”

Vol. X, Dec. 1856, Vol. 12, 382

Charles J. Lister & J. Butchart Jr report to the Editor in EVANGELISTS' LABORS, Report No. II, from Bowmanville, Dec. 6, 1856: “On the evening of the 18th Sept., we held meeting in the School House near brother Wood's Store. From that time until 28th, held meetings in brother Knowles School House, Scarboro', brother Wood's, brother Post's, and the Barclay School House, Pickering... On the 28th Sept., (Lord's day) we found ourselves in the new Brick Meeting House in Bowmanville, densely crowded with visitors, where we heard brother Scott from Toronto, and brother Stark from Ohio, discourse to the people... When brother Kilgour arrived eight had confessed he Lord... Total of Report No. 2,—Pickering, 3 immersed. Scarbor,' 3 immersed. Bowmanville, 8 immersed.”

Vol. X, Dec. 1856, Vol. 12, 383

James Kilgour & Charles J. Lister report to the Editor in EVANGELISTS' LABORS, Report No. III, from Bowmanville, “On the 10th Oct., brother Kilgour... visited Bowmanville, where we continued the meeting with brother Stark until the 20th; brother S. however left on the 14th. The labors resulted in additional accessions, say thirteen immersed, one from the Baptists, and five wanderers restored. Proceeded to Charlesville where we held meetings for two weeks, during which time only one was immersed and one added. We then commenced to Clarke, where we labored three weeks. Near the close of which we formed a church compose of twenty-three members, fourteen of whom we had immersed; the others were chiefly from the Baptists. We have made occasional visits to Bowmanville since the protracted meeting closed... Thirteen souls were added by baptism, and two from the Christians. At the last three meetings held here, we were assisted by brother Anderson. Total of Report No. 3,—Bowmanville 26 baptized, and 5 restored, 1 from Baptists, 2 from Christians. Charlesville, 1 baptized, 1 from Latter day Saints. Clarke, 14 baptized, 9 from the Baptists. We feel constrained to say that the congregation at Charlesville, was in a disorderly, and cold state; candlestick well nigh removed, which no doubt was partially the cause of so little being done...”

Vol. XI, Jan. 1857, No. 1, 5

Oliphant in “New Year's Salute,” names acquaintances of his in the cause: “Passing to other regions... and somewhere west of Bowmanville we hail with Christian affection brothers Kilgour and Lister who labor uninterruptedly in the work of proclaiming the Lord's gospel. At Brougham we forget not friend Barclay, and at Darlington the old gentleman Burke, and at Bowmanville neighbor Harvy. At Cobourg friend Elvins; at Hillier H. Ainworth and at Athol near Picton J. Platt, although not now able to speak for lack of physical strength...”

Vol. XI, March 1857, No. 3, 98

“Provincial Co-operation,” treasurer's “account.” Received Dec. 28: Cobourg, £26 11 1;

Bowmanville 26 11 1; W. McGill, Oshawa, 2 10 0; A Burke, 1 0 0; J. Post, 5 0 0, T. Wood, 1 5 0, and D. Knowels (sic) 5 0 0, [all of] Pickering; J. Stevens, 0 10 0; On a former subscription from church in Pickering, 1 15 0; [and from] Charlesville, J. Sorby, 0 10 0, Mrs. Halkey 0 5 0, Mrs. Soper 0 10 0, [and] W. Tour 2 0 0.”

Vol. XI, April 1857, No. 4, 126-127

Report of the “ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. Convened...in Esquesing, near Norval, Canada West, on 6th February, 1857 – James Black chosen to preside and Ira Van Camp Secretary...Church in Bowmanville represented by C. J. Lister and Ira Van Camp: 1 moved away, 1 died, 40 added by confession and baptism: 100 present number.”

Vol. XII, March 1858, No. 3, 95

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. “Convened in Bowmanville, on 5th of Feb’y, 1858, James Black being chosen to preside, and T. C. Scott secretary: Charlesville, 4 left, 1 added, present number 12; Bowmanville, 4 removed, 5 added, present number 80.”

Vol. XII, May 1858, No. 5, 159

C. J. Lister announces MEETINGS IN JUNE. (From D.O., “The yearly meeting of the friends of the apostolic gospel in Canada is to be held this season in the town of Bowmanville...it will begin this year...the third Friday of the sixth month.”) “The brethren at Bowmanville and neighbouring churches, most cordially invite the “Disciples of Christ”...to attend the yearly meeting to be held in Bowmanville 3rd Friday in June... The Tent from Ohio is expected. Brethren A. B. Green, Ohio, E. Sheppard, Dorchester, J. Kilgour, Eramosa, are specially invited...The Brethren in Clarke, Charlesville, and Butterfield say come. The Brethren in Oshawa say come...”

Vol. XII, August 1858, No. 8, 256-257

D. O. in RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE reports from Hillier, 15th July, “The late meeting at Bowmanville was a cheering success...public laborers...brethren Black, A. B. Green of Ohio, Kilgour, Anderson, Sheppard, Lister, if not others...From five to ten confessed the Lord Jesus...”

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Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: Bowmanville, 6 added, present number 80...”

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76-77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: “Bowmanville [no report] [amount contributed] Bowmanville, \$20.00.”

Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 104-143

D. O. reports in INTELLIGENCE, "The brethren at Bowmanville have enjoyed meetings recently by the traveling evangelists. Four or five confessed the Lord. Also one made the sacred confession in Clark.

The church at Charlesville was visited not long since, and were happy to witness the amount of life the brethren possess. They need help. Those who are strong both at Bowmanville and at Butterfield it is hoped will encourage and cheer their relatives at Charlesville."

Vol. XV, July 1861, No. 5, 176

D. O. reports in PUBLIC VISITS: "During the month of May and part of June, after seeing the spiritual relatives in Charlesville, Bowmanville, and Butterfield, we visited [places to the west]...At Bowmanville we met with two of the general laborers, friends Lister and Sheppard, the latter busy holding a series of meetings in that town; whose addresses, brother Lister reports, were very serviceable...."

Vol. XV, August 1861, No. 6, 204

W. Thompson, from Bowmanville, 13th Aug., 1861, writes to Brother Oliphant: "Last Lord's day I enjoyed the privilege of meeting at Butterfield with brethren from Oshawa, Bowmanville, Charlesville, Clarke, Brooklin and Pickering. Brothers James and W. Beaty were also present. They were the chief speakers. Brother J. Beaty addressed us in the morning and evening; brother W. Beaty in the afternoon...The church in Butterfield, we should judge, is in a healthy condition. They have no preachers among them, but depend on speakers from sister churches...The friends at Butterfield are occasionally cheered on their journey to the land of rest by an accession. The writer, a few weeks since enjoyed the privilege of assisting a young sister of that place to obey her Saviour by being buried with him in baptism..."

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, July & August 1864, Nos. 7- 8, 124-125

"L." writes from Wainfleet, May, 1864, in INTELLIGENCE: "Our meetings in Bowmanville were continued. One more was immersed...We had a precious meeting every Monday at 3 p.m. amongst ourselves. These meetings were of a social character. Time was spent chiefly in prayer, singing and exhortation. Brother and Sister Henry were with us. Brother W. W. Hayden sent one appointment which was duly announced; the writer filling an appointment in a small school-house the same evening. I heard Brother Hayden the next evening, and was sorry that had not time to enjoy more of his company. I would not have remained so long in Bowmanville had we not expected almost daily word from Bro. Hopkins that he would be with us. Had some meetings in the Osborne school-house with Bro. Thomson...One meeting in the Reynold's school-house, near which we had the pleasure of immersing two persons. Spoke in Butterfield tow or three times. Had one meeting in Hampton...I paid one visit to Stouffville and one to Uxbridge..."

Vol. XVIII, September & October 1864, Nos. 9-10, 151-152

“L.” writing 29th July, 1864, in *ADDITIONAL LABORERS IN CANADA*: “Two disciples from the American States are laboring in the gospel among us. Judson D. Benedict, formerly of Ohio, latterly of New York, labors in the Niagara District; Moses E. Lard, of Missouri, recently of Kentucky, labors in the old Home District, east of Toronto. Both will please receive from us a very fervent and cordial welcome to Canada. These laborers are possessed of marked ability. They differ widely as men and as workmen. A sound-minded teacher in New York testifies that brother Benedict’s sphere is in new places, to open up new fields, ‘to put to flight the armies of the aliens.’” (Page 152 was not available.)

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 66-67

D. O. in *INTELLIGENCE*, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake, “The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude...” “Several have been added to the saved in Bowmanville. Brother Lard is hard at work in Bowmanville and in Oshawa. The churches in the rear of these places—Charlesville and Butterfield—need help. Let us hope they will obtain it...”

Vol. XIX, November & December 1865, Nos. 11-12, 174-175

D. O. writes of *BOWMANVILLE*: “One of the largest and finest words in Canada, is the word Bowmanville. We are fond of the word. There is power in it. Its syllables—Bowmanville—carries more meaning than any other word without our Canada calendar. It is very generally agreed, by those who possess the requisite knowledge, that Bowmanville is between eight and ten miles from Oshawa. There are excellent men in both towns. The disciples of the Lord in Bowmanville and in Oshawa we hope to see at the right hand of the Throne of God, honorably clad in robes of righteousness. But what do we mean?” Well, here is our meaning.

When at West Lake, Lord’s Day, 12th Nov., we were told of a printed sheet, published, it is said, in Picton, against a disciple whose name is D. Oliphant; and the brother who spoke of it, stated that ‘there are a dozen falsehoods in it.’ We have not read it—very likely never will read it. To us it appears more than simply evident that the print—whatever it is—should have its birth partly in Bowmanville, partly in Oshawa, and partly in Picton.

A disciple who is as honest as any disciple know to us, is pleased to write and say: —‘Don’t be disturbed by those circulars (the print aforesaid) with John Taylor as a basis.’ The brother who thus writes may take a sound sleep, and enjoy heavenly dreams, and we will allow, in the calmness of good-will, the testimony of John Taylor and John Harvie to find its proper level without one hindering word, bitter or sweet.”

The Bible Indicator

Vol. II, October 1869, No. 5, 79

Included in *ITEMS*: “Bro. Colin Sinclair has been in Bowmanville and Butterfield...”

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Vol. I, January 1873, No. 3, 46

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “*Bro. Edmund Sheppard* of Dorchester, was lately in Toronto and preached four discourses in connection with the congregation on Richmond Street...He met with the congregation at Bowmanville on the Lord’s Day and delivered two discourses we understand, to large meetings...”

Vol. I, March 1873, No. 5, 72

WHAT IS SAID OF BIBLE INDEX. “*Bro. Hon. John Simpson*, of Bowmanville, has expressed in fifty *note*-worthy items his appreciation of BIBLE INDEX. He has sent *fifty dollars* to aid in maintaining this publication...”

Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 118

“The congregation at Bowmanville is in a healthy and happy condition...*Bro. James Beaty jr.*, met with the congregation on Lord’s Day, 11th May, and addressed the brethren in the morning briefly and in the evening a large audience of the town’s people of many classes, who gave a most patient and attentive hearing to ... practical truths from the Scriptures...The intelligent, scriptural and ... of Brethren Thompson, Simpson, ... Tilley, ... Burns, and others of this congregation to maintain the order of the Lord’s House, and to worship God in spirit and truth is deserving of all praise...*Bro. Thompson* is a tower of strength to the congregation and one of the most prominent and useful citizen of that flourishing town. His mark is made and influence felt not only in the congregation but in the business of the place and in the political and commercial concerns of the community. He has attained the highest municipal honors of the locality...*Bro. Simpson* was at Ottawa attending to his Senatorial duties. He has given a long life to the cause of Christ in the neighborhood, and stood all conflicts with great firmness and zeal...”

Vol. II, January 1874, No. 1, 15

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “—On Lord’s day 28th Dec. *Bro. Clendenan* was with the brethren at Bowmanville—one baptism. *Bro. Shepherd* would arrive the following Tuesday, and continue the meetings over the first Lord’s day of the new year. It was also announced that *Bro. Lister* would soon visit his old home, after an absence of seven years...”

Vol. II, January 1874, No. 1, 17

OUR LATE LABOURS. Reported by George Clendenan: “...on Wednesday November 26th started eastward for Whitby, Oshawa and Bowmanville...the reunion...’painfully pleasing.’ At Whitby, Mrs. Hall; at Oshawa, a little girl, the child of Brother and Sister Marsh; and at Bowmanville, a little girl, the youngest of Brother and Sister Robbins family, and two little ones, a boy and girl, members of Brother and Sister Chaplin’s family are among those who have crossed over...”

Vol. II, February 1874, No. 2, 52

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BOWMANVILLE. “—In compliance with a request I spent about ten days with the church in this town, beginning meetings on the 30th December. The brethren in general are aware that this congregation has been passing through the ordeal of sever trouble. Nobly have they borne up, unitedly in the issue, have they acted and faithfully have they sustained the dignity of the precious cause of truth. During a residence of three years in this town I cannot recall an exhibition of more earnest zeal, more devoted attachment to Christ and His truth than I witnessed on this occasion...Our hearts were cheered by witnessing a you lady confess Christ and yielding to His authority...at the close of these few days meetings the liberal sum of sixty dollars.”

Vol. II, June 1874, No. 6, 172-173

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *MEETINGS IN JUNE, 1874*. “We are pleased in being able to announce that Bro. Benjamin Franklin, editor of the *American Christian Review*, Cincinnati, Ohio, will be present (the Lord willing) at General Assemblies of Brethren in Jun of this years...arrangements as follows:—June 21st, at Bowmanville... *Bowmanville* is about 30 miles east of Toronto, on the Grand Trunk Railroad.”

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 205-206

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE BOWMANVILLE MEETING. By C. J. Lister: “The change in Bro. Franklin’s physical appearance was to me the subject of serious thought...Evidently, labor, toil and ill-health have made their mark...On the first day the meeting in the town hall was largely attended. Bro. F. gave two fine discourses. At the close of these four persons were ready for baptism. This was attended to at 7 p.m. On Monday morning Bro. Kilgour, whom the brethren had wisely appointed to preside over the meetings, preached to the people assembled in the meeting house, and on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday Bro. Franklin discoursed again...[to Meaford for Wednesday and Thursday]... Then on to Bowmanville, where...the brethren thought he would not arrive till Lordsday...The gatherings were small till the first day, when the hall, both morning and evening, was well filled...Bro. Scott, assisted by Bro. J. M. Trout, took charge of matters at the time of breaking of the loaf. There were brethren at Bowmanville from Dorchester, Toronto, Prince Edward’s county, Uxbridge, Garafraxa, Eramosa, Pickering, Oshawa, Cobourg, Murray, Prince Albert, Chicago, and Scotland... we can only report three accessions.”

Vol. II, August 1874, No. 8, 235

NOTES AND COMMENTS. Canada—E. Sheppard, Kingsmill, July 12: “...three [additions] in Bowmanville...” (clipped from the *Christian Standard*.)

Vol. III, January 1875, No. 1, 2

WHAT ARE WE DOING? The editors of the *Index* found that “a little over two hundred” additions to the Churches in Ontario were reported to the paper during 1874, not assuming that the figures represent the total additions for the year. They proceed to list the numbers: “Bowmanville, 3.”

Vol. III, February 1875, No. 2, 64

MARRIED. “In Toronto, January 25th, by Eld. Geo. Clendenan, W. Andrew Neads to M. Caroline Osborne, both of Bowmanville.”

Vol. III, March 1875, No. 3, 75, 76

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BOWMANVILLE ADVANCES, by X. Y. Z.:

“Three more immersed in Stouffville, and one in Bowmanville. Many thanks to the Brethren in Stouffville for their kindness and liberality, may they strive to edify one another, exhort and comfort one another...”

FROM BOWMANVILLE.—“Meetings have been continued some three weeks in Stouffville. So far six have been immersed....Brother Anderson did a good work there during his last visit. Bro. Forrester spoke a few times very acceptably. Bro. Gibson assisted at one meeting.” X. Y. Z.

Vol. III, April 1875, No. 4, 107

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BOWMANVILLE ADVICES, by X. V. L. (?):

“Three persons have united with this place by letter. They had belonged to the Baptist denomination.”

Vol. III, April 1875, No. 4, 112

C. J. Lister in a letter to “Beloved Brother Black,” writes: “...The Church in Bowmanville shows signs of improvement. Brethren Windatt, McGill, and Nead are taking part in the public meetings, and the weekly prayer meetings are well attended. Three have joined from the Baptists, one of whom is the second teacher in the Union School...”

Vol. III, August 1875, No. 8, 234

Geo. W. Colston, Atlanta, Ill., July 6th, 1875, COMMUNICATIONS. *MY VISIT TO CANADA*, writes: “...on Saturday, Bro Chase conveyed me [from Oshawa] to Bowmanville, and was cordially greeted by Bro. George McGill and his amiable family; was sorry to find his intelligent companion drifting into *Liberalism* instead of ‘contending earnestly for the *Faith* once delivered to the saints...Spoke for the brethren Lord’s day morning and night, and Monday night...visited Dr. Patterson and afflicted wife, also Bro. John Tilley, he was away from home which I very much regretted, had a short but pleasant visit with his amiable christian wife...”

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 78

CONTRIBUTED. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. III* by G. C.: “The churches in Oshawa and Bowmanville come behind no churches of like numerical strength in the gifts of material wealth, intellectual endowments, and social influence...”

Vol. IV, July 1876, No. 7, 202

“There was baptism at Bowmanville on the first Lord’s Day in July. Bro. Clendenan has been preaching there.”

Vol. IV, October 1876, No. 10, 300

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "...Bro. James Beaty, Jr., from Toronto, during the absence of Bro. Clendenan from Bowmanville, met the Brethren there one Sunday and discoursed to the Brethern (sic) in the morning and to a mixed audience in the evening..."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., January 1877, No. 1, 32

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Hertzog has been preaching at Bowmanville, assisting Bro. Clendenan in a meeting. We learn that fifteen have been added to the Church there through his labours."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., March 1877, No. 3, 85

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Clendenan states that one was baptized quite recently at Bowmanville."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., May 1877, No. 5, 154, 155

CHURCH NEWS. G. C. reports: "At Bowmanville there have been added recently, four by baptism."

"Bro. Franklin's Meetings in Ontario.—We learn that Bro. Franklin is expected to begin meetings at...Bowmanville, June 3rd. H. M."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., May 1877, No. 5, 160

OBITUARIES. "Died in faith, March 28th...Elizabeth Thompson, wife of brother Johnson of Bowmanville, aged 35...the church one of its most exemplary members. G. C."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., August 1877, No. 8, 255

CHURCH NEWS. "*Contributions received for the sufferers by fire, City of St. John, N.B., up to July 16th, 1877: Bowmanville, Ont., \$80.00...*"

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., September 1877, No. 9, 287

IN MEMORIAM. "In Bowmanville, July 15, aged 18, Shirley, eldest child of Brother and Sister G. McGill..."

Vol. III, February 1879, No. 2, 62

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS. "Eld. J. A. Boggs, was still in Bowmanville when last heard from. He will return shortly to the West. His labors in Canada have been blessed, and he has made many warm friends."

The Christian Sentinel

Vol. 1, July 1880, No. 7, 217

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Butler, of Bowmanville, recently reported four additions to the church there."

Bible Index

Vol. XI, July 1883, No. 127, 221

ITEMS AND NEWS. "COBOURG AND PORT HOPE.—Bro. Wood of Cobourg, Monday and McDonald of Port Hope, were at Bowmanville on Tuesday, 5th June, to arrange to employ some one to speak at the various churches in that locality for a period of time."

Vol. XI, August 1883, No. 128, 247

ITEMS AND NEWS. "BOWMANVILLE.—It is a good sign to find the younger brethren in this place...Several of the brethren have left the place for their holidays. Brother Sheppard started for Prince Edward Island on the 24th July with his wife, in hopes that the change will improve her health. He was called to this city on 20th July, on account of the death of a nephew."

Vol. XI, September 1883, No. 129, 285

ITEMS AND NEWS. "BOWMANVILLE.—The audiences were very good at this place on the 12th and 26th of August, when Bro. G. J. Barclay was present and spoke."

Vol. XI, October 1883, No. 130, 307-308

ANOTHER UNION.—Some talk has taken place looking to a union of those who have called themselves 'Christian' [Christian Connexion], and the Disciples of Christ in this country. Bowmanville appears to take the lead in the movement. The 'Christians' appointed a 'union committee,' who met brethren Windett, Neads, and McGill regarding the matter. If people are determined to be under Christ there need be no difficulty, but the 'non-essentials' usually are the rocks of difference. The 'Christians' have their conference to guide them and they will ask it for advice. It may be hard to give up a favourite idea—the conference...Then the question of the 'mourner's bench' will have to come up, which may be a barrier to union...The plan proposed will not be fully known until the 'Christians' have issued their programme, which is expected shortly. This will be a circular asking our brethren to say if such union is desirable, and if so, what is the best way to bring it about. R. B. [Robert Beaty]

Vol. XI, October 1883, No. 130, 315

ITEMS AND NEWS. "BOWMANVILLE.—Bro. Hertzog, who seems to be everywhere, spoke the 23rd with the brethren at Bowmanville and spoke at two meetings to large audiences."

(Brooklin)

The Christian Banner

Vol. XII, July 1858, No. 7, 222-223

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and Charlesville and their vicinities. In Brooklin very little was done in the way of preaching by our brethren till brother Lister's visit, and though a few brethren and sisters lived there, it appears the community was very ignorant of the character of the disciples and gave credit to the evil reports of unscrupulous men, who called us 'Campbellites' and say we have no religion and all the and-so-forths. The consequence was that the meetings were thin, and for some time rather discouraging; but by patience and faithful exhibition of the truth, our brother was cheered to see good fruit resulting. Three promising disciples were baptized and one was reclaimed...He says there are 16 or 17 disposed and some of them even determined to work together in that place; no church formed yet..."

Banner of the Faith

Vol. XV, August 1861, No. 6, 204

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Butterfield

The Christian Banner

Vol. XII, March 1858, No. 3, 95

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Vol. XII, May 1858, No. 5, 159

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Banner of the Faith

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Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, March & April 1864, Nos. 3-4, 55-56

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports in FEBRUARY MEETING—TREASURER’S ACCOUNT on Feb 13th, 1864: “Cash received...from church in...Butterfield, \$40.00...”

Vol. XIX, November & December 1865, Nos. 11-12, 169-170

D. O. concludes his account of his recent TRAVELS (NO. 4), writing Nov. 1865: “November 5th, the Lord having brought us on our way as far as Butterfield Settlement, rear of Oshawa, the little company of disciples in that part were enjoyed...”

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 66-67

D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake, “The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude...” “Several have been added to the saved in Bowmanville. Brother Lard is hard at work in Bowmanville and in Oshawa. The churches in the rear of these places—Charlesville and Butterfield—need help. Let us hope they will obtain it...”

The Bible Indicator

Vol. II, October 1869, No. 5, 79

Included in ITEMS: "Bro. Colin Sinclair has been in Bowmanville and Butterfield..."

Vol. II, January 1870, No. 8, 124

W. M. Crewson, writing to editor, from Butterfield, January 4th 1870, "Dear Bro. Lister, As I have heard it intimated in different quarters that the church at Butterfield was disorganized some two years ago, and is still in an unsettled condition, allow me to inform the brethren generally, through the pages of the Indicator, that such is not the case. It is true, it was for a time in rather an unsettled state, and suffered much from some who had been its profess friends: and it still lacks a good deal of being in the prosperous, useful and happy condition it was a few years ago; nevertheless we have a congregation of Disciples in this place, in good working order, of twenty-seven members, with overseers and deacons, meeting every Lord's day... The prospects of the church are rather encouraging. Three persons of this neighborhood, have, within the past few months, made the good confession..."

Bible Index

Vol. II, June 1874, No. 6, 192

(Obituary) HENRY. "—We regret to hear of the death of Wakefield Howard Henry, son of Bro. John Henry, of Butterfield, near Oshawa. We sympathise earnestly with Brother and Sister Henry. He was buried on the 28th of May."

Charlesville

The Christian Banner

Vol. IX, Feb. 1855, No. 2, 56-57

John Doyle, 30th Jan. 1855, reports on his preaching tour including: "Reached home 25th December; laid by two days, then to Bowmanville; this church has endured severe conflicts, and have eaten bitter herbs. Nevertheless a goodly number stand firmly in the truth; preached here a few evenings and First Day; then to Charlesville each evening and Lord's day for one week... Then back to Bowmanville, preached other two weeks... some returned to the communion of the church, three baptized and other hopeful cases there yet..."

Vol. X, Dec. 1856, Vol. 12, 383

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of which we formed a church compose of twenty-three members, fourteen of whom we had immersed; the others were chiefly from the Baptists. We have made occasional visits to Bowmanville since the protracted meeting closed...Thirteen souls were added by baptism, and two from the Christians. At the last three meetings held here, we were assisted by brother Anderson. Total of Report No. 3,—Bowmanville 26 baptized, and 5 restored, 1 from Baptists, 2 from Christians. Charlesville, 1 baptized, 1 from Latter day Saints. Clarke, 14 baptized, 9 from the Baptists. We feel constrained to say that the congregation at Charlesville, was in a disorderly, and cold state; candlestick well nigh removed, which no doubt was partially the cause of so little being done..."

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Vol. XI, March 1857, No. 3, 98

"Provincial Co-operation," treasurer's "account." Received Dec. 28: [and from] Charlesville, J. Sorby, 0 10 0, Mrs. Halkey 0 5 0, Mrs. Soper 0 10 0, [and] W. Tour 2 0 0."

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Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: Charlesville, 9 added, present number 21..."

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76-77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: "Charlesville, \$29.00."

Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 104-143

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Clarke

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Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 104-143

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Cobourg

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Vol. VII, March 1853, No. 3, 82

David Oliphant Jr, Cobourg, and W. W. Eaton, St. Johns, NB published *The Christian Banner* from Cobourg. This issue included comments made about the *Banner* by other publications: *Millennial Harbinger* – "...a very interesting periodical, containing many well written articles upon the important topics connected with the present religious Reformation..." From Hamilton - "...a good publication, edited with ability, and cannot fail to be useful to the denomination of which it is the organ." From Kingston, the *Weekly Press* – "The *Banner* is the organ of the Christian sect termed 'Disciples,' is well edited, and seems to be well appreciated." From Brighton, the *Sentinel* – "It is devoted to religion, and its object is to advocate and disseminate the doctrines of the primitive Christians."

Vol. VII, Aug. 1853, No. 8, 219

The report of the ANNUAL MEETING on behalf of "co-operating churches of Disciples of Christ in Canada...held this year in Williamsville, Saturday afternoon, June 18th" indicated that D. Oliphant was present from Cobourg.

Vol. VII, Oct. 1853, No. 10, 275

D. Oliphant in LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS [8], reports, "In April a letter was received, written by authority of the leading brethren, inviting me to labor among them in connexion with the friends at Cobourg as much as my other obligations would permit. I have not been able to perform any great amount of labour in that direction as yet, but my aim is to see the brethren and all the meeting-goers with them in that region at least once a month." The same letter reports, "about the beginning of the year," preaching at Warsaw, of Dummer, then to Asphodel, then from the north of Rice Lake to its southern shore at Alnwick some two miles north east of the "Indian Village." ("Alnick village is some twenty or twenty-two miles north east of Cobourg...Several hundred Indians reside here, many of whom attend the High School under the superintendence of Wesley ministers and teachers. I had the pleasure of an introduction to the venerable Elder Case, who has been connected with the Indian station for years, and who has been a laborer in the Wesley cause for forty years, most of this period in Canada...Toward the end of February a brief visit was made the friends of reformation in the vicinity of Picton, among whom my first publishing labors by way of a periodical commenced...")

Vol. VII, Dec. 1853, No. 12, 337-338

D. O. writes of THE CAUSE IN COBOURG, "Two years ago there was no meeting of disciples in Cobourg. Numbers who in time past had been connected with the cause here had moved off, some to the United States and others to different parts of the Province; and the friends who remained, after repeated attempts to keep up meetings, ultimately became disheartened. But for more than a year the weekly assembling has not been omitted, and the few who have renewedly pledged themselves to each other and to the Lord have been cheered by several accessions during the year—three or four have been added by settlement here, and one by immersion. Besides the brethren Pomeroy who have been

and are still active in behalf of the cause, brethren Alvins and King are useful public men, able to teach and edify. Though it is our privilege to be with the friends of the cause there only occasionally... Will those who have the cause at heart pray for us and for the good work in Cobourg?"

Vol. IX, Sept. 1855, No. 9, 255-256

D. O. in A WORD ABOUT SOME OF THE CHURCHES, reported: "The brethren at Cobourg are cheerful, having lately participated in the joy of welcoming new members into the family."

Vol. IX, Jan. 1855, No. 1, 32

D. Oliphant reports, "The "Christian Banner" will hereafter be published from Cobourg & Brighton. The party who purchased our office, which has again come into our hands, removed it to Brighton; and to save expense we shall allow it to remain. Brighton is a few Miles East of Cobourg, near the famous harbor, Presque'Ilse.

Vol. XI, Jan. 1857, No. 1, 5

Oliphant in "New Year's Salute," names acquaintances of his in the cause: "Passing to other regions...and somewhere west of Bowmanville we hail with Christian affection brothers Kilgour and Lister who labor uninterruptedly in the work of proclaiming the Lord's gospel. At Brougham we forget not friend Barclay, and at Darlington the old gentleman Burke, and at Bowmanville neighbor Harvy. At Cobourg friend Elvins; at Hillier H. Ainworth and at Athol near Picton J. Platt, although not now able to speak for lack of physical strength..."

Vol. XI, Aug. 1857, No. 8, 255-25

A. E. sends a report, "GOOD NEW FROM COBOURG" to the editor, "Dear Brother Oliphant:—... We had a visit from our beloved brethren Kilgour and Lister in the Spring...Eight confessed Christ, and were immersed in his name, and nine of the Lord's people who were not before members of this congregation united with us. We now number twenty-four members, and there are some regular hearers who we hope to see give themselves to the Lord ere long... We have two public meetings on Lord's day, and a Bible Class well attended for the youth of the congregation. There are two evening meetings during the week—one for the practice of singing, the other for prayer... We have erected a neat little chapel on Seminary Street, which will be opened for worship the first Lord's day in September..."

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Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: "Cobourg, 1 added, 2 removed, 1 exp., present number, 28..."

Vol. XIV, July & August 1860, No. 4, 87

DEMISE OF CHARLES POMEROY, OF COBOURG. Notice from brother Galloway, of Cobourg, of the passing of Charles Pomeroy, 29th of April.

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Vol. III, February 1875, No. 2, 64

"—Dr. H. T. Wood of Cobourg writes the pleasing intelligence that the brethren of that place intend again meeting on the Lord's day, 31st January. Although they are few in number, there is no reason why the cause may not be successfully re-established in Cobourg by their instrumentality."

Vol. III, July 1875, No. 7, 208-209

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. THE HILLIER MEETING, by G. C.: "Saturday before the fourth Lordsday in June, I left Toronto for Prince Edward County. At Cobourg, met for five minutes, after an absence of twenty-five years, Dr. H. T. Wood, whose sister, wife and little daughter were *en route* for the meeting. Although Wood, I am most happy to add that he is neither hay nor stubble, but still maintains his place in the Spiritual temple, and if not gold, silver or precious stone, at least glories with the clear steady light and heat of a good old-fashioned maple backlog. He informed me that the church in Cobourg meets regularly each Lordsday. At much expense they intend to repair the old house, after which look out for a fine meeting in Coburg (sic) some time this autumn..."

Vol. III, September 1875, No. 9, 274

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD by G. C. [George Clendenan], September 1st, 1875: "...We are pleased to learn that Bro. Pomeroy, Bro. H. T. Wood and others in Cobourg, have been meeting for some time in a private house, and are now about to meet in the house formerly occupied by the brethren there, and built, we believe, by Bro. Pomeroy. It is to be re-opened for the use of the Disciples of the Lord in Cobourg on the first Lord's Day in October. Brethren Clendenan and McDiarmid, and may be also some other brethren from a distance are expected to aid the local brethren on that occasion. It is also hoped that arrangements can be made to continue meetings for a week or two..."

Vol. III, September 1875, No. 9, 274, 275

H. T. W. [Wood] writing from Cobourg, Aug. 24th, 1875: "Dear Bro.—The meeting house in this town, known as the Disciples' Chapel, having been used as a school house for a number of years, is now being refitted for a meeting house, and will be opened for public worship the first Lord's Day in October, at 11 o'clock a.m. Arrangements are being made to continue the meetings a number of days."

Vol. III, October 1875, No. 10, 298

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “The Brethren at Cobourg opened their Meeting House again on 3rd of October, and hope now to meet therein regularly for the worship of God...Bro. George Clendenan was the chief speaker. Bro. McDiarmid is expected to be with the congregation on the 10th October, and continue meetings for a week or so to preach the Gospel.”

Vol. III, December 1875, No. 12, 361-362

THE CHURCH IN COBOURG by Geo. Clendenan: “...I was about to write...of the little church meeting in Cobourg, whose eventful history has been flecked with alternate light and shade for lo, these many years...Many incidents in Her past history are especially interesting to me. The first Disciple preacher that I ever heard came direct from Cobourg. The pioneer Reformation periodical of Canada was published from her in 1837—*The Gospel Vindicator*—a copy of which was taken by my brother ‘Amos.’ Many are the nights that by the good old-fashioned orthodox light of a tallow dip, I have studied its brief pages. After reaching its tenth number, vol. 1., it ceased to be published, mainly on account of the Rebellion. I know of the existence of but one copy, belonging to Bro. W. K. Burr, and if he knew how longingly I coveted said volume he would not continue to withhold it...By invitation I was present to assist at the re-opening on Lordsday, October 6, and remained till the following Saturday, when Bro. McDiarmid arrived, who continued the meeting through the succeeding week, the result of which I have not learned...worthy of praise...Bro. Pomeroy and Dr. Wood, who are the elders of the church. I also take the liberty to record the name of Ewing, a brother connected with the Baptists, who, like the Syrians, captivated and led captive a little Bowmanville Disciple, both of whom I sincerely trust will be a help to the Church in Cobourg. There was one confession up to Saturday...Of the audience on Lordsday afternoon was the President of Victoria College, the gentlemanly and accomplished Doctor Nelles, who participated in the service; and through whose courtesy Bro. W. Black and myself attended religious worship in the College chapel on Monday morning...”

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 79

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. C.: “An appointment had been sent the day before to Cobourg, whence I was conveyed by Brother and Sister Winter [but no one showed up]. An evening was spent very happily, however, among the brethren, among whom I was pleased to greet the lately immersed brother and sister Pomeroy...”

Vol. IV, October 1876, No. 10, 300

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “...Bro. Geo. Clendennan, last month, conducted a series of meetings, in Cobourg, which were well attended...Bro. Robert Beaty, from Toronto, met with the Brethern (sic), in Cobourg on the Lord’s Day following Bro. Clendennan’s labors, and addressed two meetings...”

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., March 1877, No. 3, 85

CHURCH NEWS. “Bro. Scovil, recently from the United States, has held a meeting of weeks—two or more—in Cobourg...Eleven were added to the Church. Any congregation

desiring the services of Bro. Scovil in a meeting, may address him at Jordan, care of J. M. Laws.

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., May 1877, No. 5, 154, 155

CHURCH NEWS. G. C. reports: "There is good news from Cobourg. About two years ago the question was asked: 'Shall these dry bones live,' shall the little vine of forty years planting live and not die? Eleven answered in the affirmative... Today there is a flourishing little church of forty members meeting in a good house fitted up with every convenience including a baptistery, and they intend to build an addition to be used for Sunday school... Of the twenty-one accessions during the last two months, much the greater number were from the Sunday school, either teachers or scholars. And in the second place it is by special request that mention is made of the Wellington co-operation through whose courtesy they enjoyed the labors of Bro. McDiarmid. Also of the church meeting in Louisa street Toronto, to who liberality they are largely indebted for the meetings held by Bro. Scovil and the writer—The first meeting of nearly a month resulting in eleven additions, ten by baptism has already been reported. It was my privilege to assist in a meeting continued from the 20th to the 26th of March, resulting in five accessions. In a few days I received a letter from Bro. Wood with the joyous news that three of his daughters wished to obey the Lord. Returned and co-operated with the church in two meetings held the 2d and 3rd of April when five were baptized..."
"Bro. Franklin's Meetings in Ontario.—We learn that Bro. Franklin is expected to begin meetings at... Cobourg, June 10th. H. M."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., August 1877, No. 8, 255

CHURCH NEWS. "Contributions received for the sufferers by fire, City of St. John, N.B., up to July 16th, 1877: Cobourg, Ont., \$14.50..."

Vol. III, February 1879, No. 2, 59

ASSISTANCE ASKED. [Page 60 unavailable, author unknown.] "Dear Editor: ... The Church of Christ of this town are building their 'Second Temple.' The members of this church, as will be seen by the letters of appeal sent to the churches, have burdened themselves with a church debt which will take years to wipe out, to the exclusion of Evangelistic services... One brother was obliged to mortgage his homestead in order to replace the sum he lent to the church—the church being unable to pay back the amount borrowed... We have appealed to the brethren, and only three good and true churches have responded. The churches which have come to our relief are as follows: Pickering church, \$8.00; church at Erin Centre, \$6.00; church at Everton, \$6.00. Brethren, you have the heartfelt thanks of the Church in Cobourg for your noble assistance. The church at Bowmanville and of Plum St., Detroit, have also promised to assist us... a request from Brethren W. H. Trout and W. C. Black asking the church here to be one in forming a co-operation called the Newcastle District, and to employ an Evangelist to labor in this field..."

Vol. III, March 1879, No. 3, 96

HELP RECEIVED. C. E. Pomeroy writes: "Dear Editor,—With your permission I will place before the churches of Ontario the following: Since the last issue of the Index the

following churches have listened to our call...The Church of Nottawasaga, \$5.00; the Church of Bowmanville, \$6.50; the Church on the corner of James and Louisa Street, Toronto, \$50.00. And just here, let me say, that we have always looked upon this last Church as our maternal relative; she has since the year 1875, given us encouragement by the wise ministrations of her elders, also by the wise counsel of her Elders in financial difficulties; and now has shewn her interest in our welfare by coming so nobly to our relief when in distress..."

Vol. III, April 1879, No. 4, 122

From C. E. P. [Pomeroy] Cobourg, March 8th: "DEAR INDEX,—Our audiences at our Lord's Day meetings are very good compared with the attendance before our removal... We were made happy last Lord's Day, March 2nd, by a visit from Bro. Robert Beaty, of Toronto, and Bro. Trumper (sic), of Westlake (sic)..."

Vol. III, June 1879, No. 6, 191

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Alexander Trout has been having interesting and successful meetings in Cobourg. We are not informed (sic) of the number added."

Vol. III, July 1879, No. 7, 215-216

MEETING IN COBOURG. "Dear Bro. McDiarmid.—Bro. Alex. Trout, of Toronto, commenced a series of meetings in this town on the second Lord's Day in April speaking every other evening to good and attentive audiences. The interest increased to such an extent that, at the end of two weeks (when we expected to close) it was deemed advisable to continue two weeks longer. The immediate result was two buried with Christ in baptism, and two good and faithful ones united with us from the Baptists...H. T. Wood. P.S. In behalf of the congregation, we thank Bro. Geo. Poulter for the very liber donation of \$10 for the building fund. H. T. W. Cobourg, May 20th, 1879

Vol. III, October 1879, No. 10, 312

CHURCH NEWS. Henry T. Wood, Cobourg, Sept. 8th, 1879, writes: "Dear Bro. McDiarmid.—Our meetings are very well attended. We have had four additions since my last report. We are doing all we can, both in financial matters and work. We want help in both of these departments."

Vol. III, December 1879, No. 12, 379-380

CHURCH NEWS. Henry T. Wood, Cobourg, Oct 28th, 1879, writes: "Dear Bro. McDiarmid.—[repeating the information re Bro. A. A. Trout's meeting]...The friends are very much encouraged...they are making every sacrifice to raise funds to secure the services of Bro. Trout one-half the time the coming year."

The Christian Sentinel

Vol. 1, January 1880, No. 1, 31

"—Bro. A. A. Trout has settled in Cobourg as pastor (?) shall we say, of the Church there."

Vol. 1, February 1880, No. 2, 61

“Dear Sentinel,—My attention has been called to a little paragraph in the January number of your paper that has led some brethren to think I have left the general field. I have not ‘settled in Cobourg,’ as stated in the paragraph in question. I consented to spend three months here during the winter and spring at such places as would be mutually satisfactory to the elders and myself. I am at liberty to go wherever any congregation may direct to hold a series of meetings at any time on reasonable notice. I have just begun a series of meetings here—the third in nine months...Cobourg, 15th January, 1880. Alex. A. Trout.”

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Vol. VIII, April 1880, No. 88, 119

ITEMS AND NEWS. “The church of Christ in Cobourg beg to acknowledge the receipt of money collected by Sisters Holman and Campbell from the following:

Friends in Pickering.....	30.25
“ “ Oshawa.....	11.50
“ “ Bowmanville.....	20.80
“ “ Port Hope.....	20.00
Friend “ Toronto.....	10.00

Also money collected by Sister Ewing from Friends in Bowmanville, \$16.00

The above amounts were collected to pay on church debt, except the amount \$30 received from friends in Port Hope and Toronto, which was for evangelizing purposes. Our meetings are very well attended. Since the beginning of the year we have lost two by death, and four by removal from town. Within the same time one made the good confession and was baptized...March 19th, 1880, Henry T. Wood.”

Vol. VIII, April 1880, No. 88, 121

ITEMS AND NEWS. “Dear Editor,—I had the pleasure of meeting with and speaking for the Church in Cobourg on 14th of Mar. This church has since its organization in 1875, displayed much zeal for Christ...In Jan. 1875 they met for the first time, after a lapse of 13 years, in a hired hall, numbering only 11. By self-denial and perseverance the number increased to 43. But death and removal reduced the number to about 35. During the fall and winter they have expended somewhere near \$150.00 in the employment of an evangelist to spread the glad tidings of Jesus...Death...Bro. Brown, aged 72 years... Sister Annie Hedden...sixteen years...C.E.P. [Pomeroy]”

Vol. XI, February 1883, No. 121, 57

ITEMS AND NEWS. “COBOURG.—The brethren still remain faithful in this conservative town. Since Bro. McDonald went to Port Hope, Bro Gilfillan has been preaching on Sunday nights to fair hearings. The meetings for worship each Lord’s day are led by Bro Wood, who is ably assisted by others...”

Vol. XI, July 1883, No. 127, 221

ITEMS AND NEWS. “COBOURG AND PORT HOPE.—Bro. Wood of Cobourg, Monday and McDonald of Port Hope, were at Bowmanville on Tuesday, 5th June, to

arrange to employ some one to speak at the various churches in that locality for a period of time.”

Vol. XI, July 1883, No. 127, 221

ITEMS AND NEWS. “COBOURG.—A satisfactory state of things now reigns in Cobourg. A united people are now working to establish truth among the world at this place...”

Vol. XI, September 1883, No. 129, 286

ITEMS AND NEWS. “COBOURG.—The congregation at this place deserves great credit for their zeal, perseverance and soundness in the faith. Brethren Wood, Ewing, Pomeroy, Sr. and Jr., Weeks and others do excellent work...On the 12th of August Bro. James Beaty remained over in Cobourg, and spoke to the brethren morning and evening....Rev. Dr. Nelles, President of Victoria (Methodist) College, was present, also Mr. Guillet, M.P. and many other leading citizens, as well as a good company...The themes of the morning were ‘The Universality, Uniformity and Unity of the Christian Religion.’ In the evening on ‘Three Salvations, Salvation from Sin, from the Grave, and from Hell.’”

(Darlington)

The Christian Banner

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports from Eramosa, 20th July, 1854, EVANGELIST’S FUND—THE TREASURY, receipts from: Bowmanville - \$13, and from Darlington - \$11.

Vol. XI, Jan. 1857, No. 1, 5

Oliphant in “New Year’s Salute,” names acquaintances of his in the cause: “Passing to other regions...and somewhere west of Bowmanville we hail with Christian affection brothers Kilgour and Lister who labor uninterruptedly in the work of proclaiming the Lord’s gospel. At Brougham we forget not friend Barclay, and at Darlington the old gentleman Burke, and at Bowmanville neighbor Harvy. At Cobourg friend Elvins; at Hillier H. Ainworth and at Athol near Picton J. Platt, although not now able to speak for lack of physical strength...”

Vol. II, February 1874, No. 2, 64

MARRIED. “On the 31st December at the residence of Bro. Law, Darlington, by Elder E. Sheppard, Mr. Wm. Geo. Coleman to Miss Mary Ann Law, both of Darlington. At the same time and place, by Elder E. Sheppard, Mr. Geo. Barton, of Scarborough, to Miss Eliza Barclay, of Pickering.

King

The Christian Banner

Vol. VII, Jan. 1853, No. 1, 28-29

James Black reports from Bowmanville, Dec. 1st, 1852, LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS (1), after working with brother Anderson in Rainham and the Niagara District, of their intention to “visit the brethren at King, Oshawa, and Bowmanville together” but as it turned out Black went to King and Anderson to Bowmanville.

Vol. VII, February 1853, No. 2, 71

Gabriel Wells writes to “brother Oliphant” from King, 24th Dec., 1852, to ask two questions: “What is the most efficient way of obtaining money to sustain Evangelists? Is it in good keeping with primitive times to choose Evangelists for one year?” He supplies his own answers: “With regard to sustaining Evangelists, we think the weekly gatherings are all sufficient...Our mind is that Evangelists should abide in their calling during ability...”

Vol. VII, Aug. 1853, No. 8, 219

The report of the ANNUAL MEETING on behalf of “co-operating churches of Disciples of Christ in Canada...held this year in Williamsville, Saturday afternoon, June 18th” indicated that J. Ross was present and representing King.

Vol. VII, Sept. 1853, No. 9, 249

The report of the FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED on behalf of “churches comprising the provincial co-operation, Monies received from the 11th of June, 1852 to the 15th of June 1853,” reported that the church in King had contributed £3 15 0.

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports from Eramosa, 20th July, 1854, EVANGELIST’S FUND—THE TREASURY, receipts from: King - \$10.

Vol. IX, March 1855, No. 3, 56-57

John Doyle, 12th March, 1855, “[Another report from the Evangelist chosen by the acting brethren of the evangelizing co-operation is in these words:—] About the last of January for the townships of King and Wawanosh to execute my mission appointed me by the Board. I labored in King some ten days, held forth every evening, the weather being very cold the congregations was not so great as would have been otherwise...I baptized and a lady’s confession taken who babe was but four weeks old; I did not baptize her. There are some good Baptists in that place, some of whom expressed a wish to be united with the brethren. King ought not to be neglected by the brethren....”

Vol. X, Jan. 1856, Vol. 1, 34

E. Sheppard in NEWS OF ACCESSIONS, reports, “Brother Black then accompanied me to King. Two were immersed on the afternoon of the day preceding the one on which I left; brother Black remained there. I hope to hear of more additions in that place...”

Vol. X, July 1856, Vol. 7, 127-128

Jas. Menzies, sec., reports on the accounts of the Bible Union in Canada West [re funds raised among the churches and forwarded to the American Bible Union, New York], received from King, £1 5 0.

Banner of the Faith

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76, 77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: 25...[amount contributed] King, \$60.00”

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, May & June 1864, Nos. 5-6, 95

INTELLIGENCE. “Brother Leigh, of the township of King, testifies of several having obeyed the truth during the labors of brother Black in March.”

Vol. XIX, November & December 1865, Nos. 11-12, 172

Under the heading of NEWS is the following: “Brother Woodward, of King, gives a pleasing line of news:—‘We had brother Sheppard, and our much esteemed brother Black, last June. The result of their labors was four additions.’

There was also, in King, a sort of preaching match between E. Sheppard on the one part, and minister Milligan, a devout Presbyterian, on the other part. The everlasting question of baptism was handled by them.”

The Bible Indicator

Vol. II, March 1870, No. 10, 159

A. Anderson submits a report of his activities [as an evangelist supported by the Co-operation] under ADVICES, to Bro. Lister: “Being once more free to devote my whole time to the Gospel, I think it due to the brethren to sustain me that they should know what I am doing. I left home on Jan. 14th and arrived at King...”

Bible Index

Vol. I, February 1873, No. 4, 56

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “Bro. A. Anderson has been in King, we have not particulars of his work...”

Vol. I, March 1873, No. 5, 72

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “Bro. Alexander Anderson sends the following report, dated Maple, Feb. 19, 1873.—Since leaving Everton, I have been laboring in King and Vaughan. The first week, I co-operated with others who were laboring in the Gospel before I went there. Two of those who confessed faith in the Saviour and were baptized, unite with the church on the fourth concession of King, where our brethren meet. The second and thirds weeks the brethren sent me to the north part of King, to a

new place. The attendance was good all the time, and the interest steadily increasing. We took the good confession from one, and another signified his intention of following the Saviour; but for reasons which cannot be stated here, was not baptized when I left... The fourth week was spent with the Church on the fourth concession of King... The last week at this place (Maple) the congregations were small..."

Vol. II, June 1874, No. 6, 175

BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "...arriving in King the 25th, met with the brethren the following Lordsday. A meeting conducted by Bro. Anderson is to commence in King, the 5th of June. The Lord willing, I shall be with him."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 211-212

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BROTHER CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "The meeting at King was continued through three Lord's days, resulting in five baptisms..."

Vol. III, January 1875, No. 1, 2

WHAT ARE WE DOING? The editors of the *Index* found that "a little over two hundred" additions to the Churches in Ontario were reported to the paper during 1874, not assuming that the figures represent the total additions for the year. They proceed to list the numbers: "King, 5."

Vol. III, May 1875, No. 5, 159

OBITUARY. Reported by A. Anderson, Rockwood, April 20, 1875: DIED.—"At her residence, in the township of King, on Monday, 11th April, Sister Wells, wife of Elder Gabriel Wells, in the fifty-fourth year of her age. Sister Wells was born in Roxboroughshire, Scotland, and was (like most of Scotland's sons and daughters) brought up a Presbyterian, and continued in that faith till about the year 1851 or 1852, when, through the preaching of Brethren Scott and Leslie of Toronto, she receive clearer views of the gospel and with others made a public profession of her faith in Christ and was baptized into Him and thus formed the nucleus of the congregation in King..."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., March 1877, No. 3, 87

AMONG THE PEOPLE. "February 12, 1877.—P.S.—Our meeting starts off well here. Pray for us. O.G.H. [Hertzog].

"We have learned since the above came to hand, that there have been three additions in King. H. M. [Hugh McDiarmid]

Murray

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, September & October 1864, Nos. 9-10, 159

D. O. writes of THE DISCIPLES IN THESE PARTS: "The band of reformers at Murray make progress according to the law of grace, and of faith, and of love."

Vol. XIX, January & February 1865, Nos. 1-2, 34

D. O. in INTELLIGENCE reports: “W. Ainsworth and B. Way—the one in Brighton, the other in Murray—continue to labor fervently.”

Bible Index

Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 117

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. VISIT TO MURRAY AND PRINCE EDWARD. By Geo. Clendennan: “Leaving home the 25th of April to attend the funeral of Freddie, infant son of James and Sarah Borland, I remained with the Bowmanville Church over the Lord’s day...in company with Bro. John Chaplin, *the fruit tree man*, started Monday for Trenton, on the Bay of Quinte. Arrived late at Bro. Benjamin Way’s, in the township of Murray, County of Northumberland, and received kindly treatment from him and family. Preached three discourses and baptized three. Was also the guest of brethren Allen Way and C. Ainsworth, who, with their families, place me under many obligations...Returning to Benj. Way’s, held a parlor meeting; two confessed the Saviour, and the same hour was baptized...”

Vol. I, August 1873, No. 10, 152-153

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *BRO. CLENDENAN’S REPORT*. “We (wife and I) returned to our home in Toronto after an absence of five weeks, during which time I labored daily...Bidding farewell to the Brethren of Prince Edward County, we took boat at Picton and steamed up the Bay of Quinte to Belleville; from there to Murray, in Northumberland County, where assisted by the brethren, we labored for a season...The great need of these disciples is a house of worship...”

Vol. II, June 1874, No. 6, 172-173

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *MEETINGS IN JUNE, 1874*. “Also June 28th, at West Lake Church, P. E. County... *West Lake Church*.—The yearly meeting for Murray and Prince Edward County, will be held with the West Lake Church, commencing on Saturday at 3 p.m. before the last Lord’s day in June (28th June). Friends from the west will take the stage at Brighton for Wellington or boat at Belleville for Picton. Bro. Franklin will be present.”

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 205-206

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE BOWMANVILLE MEETING. By C. J. Lister: “The change in Bro. Franklin’s physical appearance was to me the subject of serious thought...Evidently, labor, toil and ill-health have made their mark... There were brethren at Bowmanville from Dorchester, Toronto, Prince Edward’s county, Uxbridge, Garafraxa, Eramosa, Pickering, Oshawa, Cobourg, Murray, Prince Albert, Chicago, and Scotland...we can only report three accessions.”

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 79

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. C.: “... from thence [Brighton], calling at Smithfield, arrived at the brethren Ways, in Murray. The friends in Brighton and Murray will soon be in a position to carry out their long

cherished purpose of meeting together like...Disciples...on the first day of the week...
May the grace of our Lord Jesus be with the little Church in Smithfield..."

Oshawa

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Vol. VII, Aug. 1853, No. 8, 219

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Vol. VII, Sept. 1853, No. 9, 249

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Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 222-223

Reports from the Churches to Meeting in June (at Jordan), by James Mitchell, Secretary, Oshawa:—present number 60; by baptism 3; W. McGill and J. Ash, Elders; M. Luke and A. Burke, Deacons.

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports from Eramosa, 20th July, 1854, EVANGELIST'S FUND—THE TREASURY, receipts from: Oshawa - \$20.

Vol. X, Oct. 1856, Vol. 10, 319

Jno. Butchart and C. J. Lister, Scarborough, Sept. 19, 1856, in EVANGELISTS' LABORS, Report No. 1, state: "Having been called on by the Board of the 'Co-operation,' to engage in the work of preaching the gospel, and being instructed by them at their meeting on the 17th of August, to proceed to the work, we met at Bowmanville on the 18th ult. But as the harvest was not yet completed, some days elapsed before we could get arrangements made and find a an opportunity to commence...we proceeded to Oshawa on Saturday 23rd ult: and on Lord's day had meeting twice. [Difficulty because of the harvest.] On Tuesday evening 26th ult., we addressed a small but attentive audience at Harmony, and next evening had meeting in Oshawa, after which one was buried with her Lord..."

Vol. XI, March 1857, No. 3, 98

“Provincial Co-operation,” treasurer’s “account.” Received Dec. 28: W. McGill, Oshawa, 2 10 0.”

Vol. XI, April 1857, No. 4, 126-127

Report of the “ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. Convened...in Esquesing, near Norval, Canada West, on 6th February, 1857 – James Black chosen to preside and Ira Van Camp Secretary...Church in Bowmanville represented by Joseph Ash: 1 member added from christian connexion, 2 by confession and baptism: 17 present number.”

Vol. XII, March 1858, No. 3, 95

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. “Convened in Bowmanville, on 5th of Feb’y, 1858, James Black being chosen to preside, and T. C. Scott secretary: Oshawa, 3 added, 1 died, 1 removed, present number, 25; Butterfield, 20 added, present number, 25.”

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Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: “Oshawa, 5 added, present number, 37; Butterfield, 5 added, 3 removed, present number, 27....:

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76-77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: “Oshawa, six added by baptism, one by letter, Prayer Meeting and Sunday School, present no., 32...[amount contributed] Oshawa, \$79.00; Butterfield, three added, one expelled, Bible School, present no., 33...[amount contributed] Butterfield, \$53.00”

Vol. XV, May 1861, No. 3, 104-105

Thomas Henry reports to D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, from Port Oshawa, 25th March 1861, of a meeting held four weeks earlier conducted by elder H. Hayward, “...Elder H. gave a discourse on the subject of baptism...on the Lord’s day the 10th, after which we repaired to a little *Jordan* which runs through our village, in which he immersed six happy believers. These, in connection with the two buried with their master on the Sunday before, are a brave little band of recruits for the Master’s service...At the evening meeting our large and commodious chapel was nearly filled...after preaching, he gave the right hand of fellowship to ten: five brethren and five sisters; appropriate remarks were made to each relating to duty, and urging them to faithfulness. The Bible was presented to each as their guide...Last Lord’s day was a day long to be remembered in Oshawa. Elder H. preached...After which he baptized thirteen happy believers. And the same evening fifteen took their seats forward of the pulpit, and received the hand of fellowship, making in all twenty-five baptized believers within the last three weeks.”

Vol. XV, August 1861, No. 6, 204

W. Thompson, from Bowmanville, 13th Aug., 1861, writes to Brother Oliphant: “Last Lord’s day I enjoyed the privilege of meeting at Butterfield with brethren from Oshawa,

Bowmanville, Charlesville, Clarke, Brooklin and Pickering. Brothers James and W. Beaty were also present. They were the chief speakers. Brother J. Beaty addressed us in the morning and evening; brother W. Beaty in the afternoon...

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, July & August 1864, Nos. 7-8, 123-124

Geo. E. Colston, from Oshawa, Nov. 29th, 1863, to Brother Oliphant (who acknowledges the delay in its publication), EPISTLE FROM OSHAWA: Colston writes about unity: "...I can see no good reason why the Baptists, Disciples, and Christians could not be united together in one body..."

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 66-67

D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake, "The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude..." "Several have been added to the saved in Bowmanville. Brother Lard is hard at work in Bowmanville and in Oshawa. The churches in the rear of these places—Charlesville and Butterfield—need help. Let us hope they will obtain it..."

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Vol. II, February 1870, No. 9, 139-142

In an extended NOTICE TO THE BROTHERHOOD, *To all whom these presents shall come, greeting*: "The undersigned officers of the 'Disciples of Christ' meeting in Oshawa, Province of Ontario, (in consequence of the severe trial and suffering, that the Church here, has had to pass through, in connection with W. S. Patterson,) deemed it advisable to report for the information of the Brotherhood, the actions of this congregation with reference to W. S. Patterson, formerly of New Brunswick, but recently a preacher among us.

Mr. Patterson came to Oshawa in March, 1867, having been at Bowmanville, a few days previous, where he stated that 'he had no letters, or credentials with him, and that 'he had long since ceased to carry them;' but' could procure a report of good standing from brethren in the Eastern Provinces' and did so after he came her, by telegram from Hon. John Talbot, Maine, and was engaged as a proclaimer of the Gospel for one year, the church expecting that credentials would be forthcoming in good time, and that he would unite with the congregation (which he promised to do, but never did); and no letters were every presented to the Church until a short time since.

In the following December he gave the Elders of the congregation written notice that he would remain with them no longer (but must go to Kentucky immediately, as he had a previous appointment there he must fill,) thereby breaking his engagement with the church without cause or without sufficient reason."

[Eight reasons were supplied by Patterson explaining why he terminated with Oshawa when only three-fourths of his term of engagement had expired.]

“In December 1868, Mr. Patterson returned from Kentucky, and (our preacher being ill at the time) commenced to preach without the consent of the congregation, and to the great annoyance of the older members thereof, assuming a position in the Church, and responsibilities of the same. . . . As he had the sympathies of a considerable number of the junior members of the congregation, especially the female portion, it was thought best, and the way most likely to prevent schism in the church, to engage him for three months hoping that that at the expiration of that time he might retire. On Feb. 1st 1869, he was formally engaged to remain with us for three months at least, or twelve months,— optional with both parties; his engagement dating back to January 1st. This was objected to by two of the Elders and some of the members. At the end of the three months he was less inclined to leave than before; and with the same hope expressed, he was engaged for three months longer; and subsequently admonished that he ought to be aware that his connection with the church was creating discord and division, and that he ought to publicly announce a date, when his connection with us as a preacher should end. But at the end of the second three months’ engagement we were doomed to sad disappointment, he remaining with us without engagement until the end of the year.

On the first of July Bro. Lard noticed his visit in Canada in the *Apostolic Times* and said, ‘I mourn to know there is some trouble in the Church at Oshawa,’ &c. After receipt (sic) of the *Times* Mr. Patterson wrote a resolution denying the existence of trouble in the church and handed the same to a member, requesting him to introduce it for approval by the congregation at the close of the evening service on the Lord’s Day.

This was done without the knowledge of the Elders (none of them being present) and the congregation had no notice of it until they were called to act on it.”

[Business meetings of the church were held on July 28, Sept. 15, and Jan. 11 [1870] to deal with various charges and responses. The latter appointed a committee of seven brethren to investigate charges. (Committee members are listed: Miles Luke, William Lauchland, Eli G. Barclay, Reg’d Larard, John J. Tilley, William Forrester, Geo. J. Barclay.) On Jan. 20 this committee met and brought three charges of falsehood against Patterson, evidently leveled by A. Farewell. The committee sustained the accuracy of all three charges.]

“A business meeting of the congregation was held on January 22, for hearing the report of this Committee, when a motion was passed, that the report be received, adopted, entered on the minutes and placed on file, after which a motion was passed to the effect that W. S. Patterson no longer be recognized as a preacher of the Gospel among the congregation of Disciples of Christ in Oshawa.

Since this transpired Mr. Patterson has gone from us, and with him six or seven brethren, and twenty or twenty-two sisters, and have organized a congregation separate from those who meet in the regular place of worship. (Signed) William McGill, James Chase, Elders, Geo. J. Barclay, Clerk.”

Vol. II, March 1870, No. 10, 156-157

The editor, C. J. Lister, follows up with comments regarding the OSHAWA CIRCULAR, in which he laments divisions within congregations in such places as “In Melbourne, in Rainham, in Prince Edward’s County, in Detroit, in Davenport, in Oshawa, and so on. . . in all of which preachers have been more or less implicated.”

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Vol. I, December 1872, No. 2, 28

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "We understand that the Congregation of Christ at Oshawa, which had formerly united with another congregation having affiliations with a 'conference' [Christian Connexion?] which claimed the mastery over them, have very properly withdrawn from the bondage and have asserted and vindicated their independence as freemen of Christ, and now meet in a hall obtained for the purpose as the House they formerly met in had been disposed of. This, however, is only temporary as we believe it is the intention of the brethren there to build a House suitable for meeting in. They are able to do so if they will, and we trust they will confine themselves to a comfortable and convenient House, without involving themselves in an unnecessary expenditure of money. The furniture need not be costly either as they can afford to leave the pulpit, the organ, the pews, and other paraphernalia of Rome and Sectarianism to those who like Rome and Popish ways."

Vol. I, February 1873, No. 4, 56

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "*Bro. Geo. Clendenen*, from Oshawa met with the brethren on Richmond Street, Toronto, on Lord's Day, 26th Jan., and delivered two discourses. We are glad to learn that the brethren at Oshawa now meet in their old meeting house, renovated and repaired and neatly adapted to the purposes of worship and edification. We regret an error we were led into in a former *Index* in saying they had sold their House. That was a mistake. We trust they will continue a career of usefulness and prosperity. There is no difficulty about it with the material they possess in talent and intelligence, if they only use it and 'work out their own salvation.'"

Vol. II, April 1874, No. 4, 121

Letter to James Black by C. J. Lister from Bowmanville, March 25, 1874: "...As I expected, the Baptist Association report concerning the church in Oshawa was far from being correct...The Disciples of Oshawa meet regularly, and so far as I can learn are well supplied with speaking ability..."

Vol. II, August 1874, No. 8, 234

NOTES AND COMMENTS. "Bro. Prof. Eli Barclay, formerly of Oshawa, afterwards of Bethany, Va., has located, or is about to, in Covington, Ky., in connection with a high school there."

Vol. III, April 1875, No. 4, 112

C. J. Lister in a letter to "Beloved Brother Black," writes: "...The Brethren in Oshawa have made a good start for a year's work. They appointed a meeting for a certain Monday evening. On the preceding day Brother G. Clendenan came down to preach for them without an appointment being made. At the Monday evening meeting, they engaged Brother Clendenan for a year. Now, if they *all* work with a will, good will be done..."

Vol. III, August 1875, No. 8, 234

Geo. W. Colston, Atlanta, Ill., July 6th, 1875, COMMUNICATIONS. *MY VISIT TO CANADA*, writes: "...My next point [after Toronto] was Oshawa, one of the most rapidly growing towns in the Province; this was my old home for several years, her I have spent the best years of my life; to meet those with whom I had wept and prayed in bygone days, was indeed a pleasure never to be forgotten, her I met Bros. McGills, Merton, Chase, Barclay, Cameron, Henry, Tilly, McNeil, Laughlin and a host of others...this congregation has passed through a sore trial since I left them six years ago, under the teaching of a man whom I thought to be true, but proved himself a perfect renegade;... They have secured the services of Bro. G. Clendenan, a true man and faithful worker, and the cause is gradually coming back to its former standard. I spoke for them the 3rd Lord's day in June, morning and night...on Saturday, Bro Chase conveyed me to Bowmanville..."

Vol. III, September 1875, No. 9, 274, 275

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD by G. C. [George Clendenan], September 1st, 1875: "...Bro. Clendenan also baptized eight at Oshawa, recently...—The Church of Christ meeting in Oshawa is having a season of blessed rest, and is being edified;...There have been added during the Summer by baptism, 8, by letter 2. The number of members 75. The Sunday School meets from quarter to ten till eleven, a.m. Prayer Meeting—Thursday night."

Vol. III, November 1875, No. 11, 329

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "...We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Geo. W. Colston, who in June, was in this country...He lived in Oshawa for many years, and latterly in the Western States, where his wife died only a short time before him..."

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 78

CONTRIBUTED. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. III* by G. C.: "The churches in Oshawa and Bowmanville come behind no churches of like numerical strength in the gifts of material wealth, intellectual endowments, and social influence..."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., May 1877, No. 5, 154

CHURCH NEWS. G. C. reports: "Thursday March 29th, assembled with the church in Oshawa where four young people confessed the Lord, and on Good Friday were buried with him in baptism."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., July 1877, No. 7, 219

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Clendenan baptized two lately in Oshua (sic). H. M."

Vol. III, October 1879, No. 10, 313

CHURCH NEWS. "Brother Hertzog reports three additions at Oshawa, and the meeting is still going on."

Vol. III, November 1879, No. 11, 349

CHURCH NEWS. By O. G. H. [Hertzog]: “Dear Index.—Our meeting at Oshawa proved measurably successful—there being eight baptized—and I trust the strength of the church renewed...”

Vol. XI, January 1883, No. 121, 29-30

ITEMS AND NEWS. “OSHAWA.—The number of members in this congregation has been reduced from removals to other localities. Among these were some who were the more active men...George J. Barclay, of Toronto, was present and spoke, giving encouragement and advice. It was decided to ask O. G. Hertzog to spend a week or more, holding meetings each evening. This arrangement is to be carried out, and he will be with them commencing on Lord’s day, 14 Jan. Robert Beaty, of Toronto, was there on 16th December, and addressed those assembled morning and evening.”

Vol. XI, February 1883, No. 122, 58

ITEMS AND NEWS. “OSHAWA.—The meetings held in Oshawa by Bro. Hertzog, assisted by Bro. McDonald and the brethren there, resulted in awakening quite an interest in the town and community. One confessed Christ...The few faithful brethren led by Bro. Dr. McGill deserve great credit for their steadfastness...James Beaty of Toronto spent the 4th February with them and spoke twice.”

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 361

WM. MCGILL, M.D. “We publish in this number a brief biographical sketch of the late Dr. McGill, Ex-M.P.P., who long resided in Oshawa in this province, where he died...He commenced a zealous, active, and devoted life in the gospel in the year 1836, being then baptized. He then associated himself with the people know as Christians [Christian Connexion], with the emphasis on the first syllable. We presume this unusual way of pronouncing the word arose out of an effort to make a distinction between them and others...He left the congregation for some years and attended as far as his religious association was concerned, the Presbyterian Church. In 1843 he connected himself with the congregation of Christ meeting in Oshawa; and was thenceforth known as a Christian without he emphasis on the first syllable of the word, or as a disciple of the Lord. This congregation had been in working order about two years before he joined it. He was diligent worker from the beginning. He has preached and taught for about 40 years, continuously...His brother, Col. John McGill, has been a pillar in the congregation at Oshawa from its commencement...” J. B. [James Beaty]

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 381

ITEMS AND NEWS. “OSHAWA.—The death of Dr. McGill has caused a great gap in this congregation. Bro. John McGill, Abraham Farewell, J. K. Murton and others can do good service. Bro. James Beaty addressed fair audiences morning and evening of he 2nd Dec.”

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Vol. VII, Sept. 1853, No. 9, 249

The report of the FUNDS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED on behalf of “churches comprising the provincial co-operation, Monies received from the 11th of June, 1852 to the 15th of June 1853,” reported that the church in Pickering had contributed £5 10 0.”

Vol. VIII, Aug. 1854, No. 8, 225

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports from Eramosa, 20th July, 1854, EVANGELIST’S FUND—THE TREASURY, receipts from: Pickering (sic) - \$23.

Vol. IX, June 1855, No. 6, 167

EXTRACTS FROM THE *CHRISTIAN AGE*: “The aged brother Barclay, of Pickering, writes for the same paper, and says: ‘I have been in Canada since the fall of 1816. I have traveled a great deal and spent my time preaching and pleading the good cause. I was once a member of a Baptist church in Largo, Scotland with D. Oliphant’s father and mother, before they were married. I have been employed as agent of the Bible Society, &c: and am now in my *seventy fifth* year. I can read without spectacles yet, but not able to go far from home. I had a bad fall from my carriage...I rode to meeting last Lord’s day, and intend with the help of the Master, to speak every first day—the distance from home upwards of six miles.’”

Vol. X, Oct. 1856, Vol. 10, 319

Jno. Butchart and C. J. Lister, Scarborough, Sept. 19, 1856, in EVANGELISTS’ LABORS, Report No. 1, state: “Having been called on by the Board of the ‘Co-operation,’ to engage in the work of preaching the gospel, and being instructed by them at their meeting on the 17th of August, to proceed to the work, we met at Bowmanville on the 18th ult. But as the harvest was not yet completed, some days elapsed before we could get arrangements made and find a an opportunity to commence...and on Lord’s day 31st ult., one of us and brother Ash were with the brethren at Pickering—had two meetings near brother Post’s residence, and the other remained in Oshawa... On Tuesday evening, 2nd inst., had meeting near Elder Barclay’s, and next evening also; and on Thursday and Friday evenings following, had meetings in the Baptist chapel in Claremont...On Lord’s day, 7th inst., we were both with the brethren in the morning near brother Post’s, and in the evening spoke in a School House near bro. D. Knowles’, and the other spoke in the Temperance hall in Brougham; at which place we had two meetings...During the four succeeding evenings, we held meetings near Elder Barclay’s...Lord’s day 14th inst. We met with the brethren near bro. Posts...two persons...immersed. Same evening we had a meeting near bro. D. Knowles...[and again] the next evening. Tuesday evening, 16th inst., week had an appointment in a School House about a mile west of bro. T. Woods, in Pickering...Last evening we had a meeting in the School House adjacent to bro. Knowles.

Vol. X, Dec. 1856, Vol. 12, 382

Charles J. Lister & J. Butchart Jr report to the Editor in EVANGELISTS' LABORS, Report No. II, from Bowmanville, Dec. 6, 1856: "On the evening of the 18th Sept., we held meeting in the School House near brother Wood's Store. From that time until 28th, held meetings in brother Knowles School House, Scarboro', brother Wood's, brother Post's, and the Barclay School House, Pickering... On the 28th Sept., (Lord's day) we found ourselves in the new Brick Meeting House in Bowmanville, densely crowded with visitors, where we heard brother Scott from Toronto, and brother Stark from Ohio, discourse to the people... When brother Kilgour arrived eight had confessed he Lord... Total... Pickering, 3 immersed. Scarbor,' 3 immersed. Bowmanville, 8 immersed."

Vol. XI, Jan. 1857, No. 1, 5

Oliphant in "New Year's Salute," names acquaintances of his in the cause: "Passing to other regions... and somewhere west of Bowmanville we hail with Christian affection brothers Kilgour and Lister who labor uninterruptedly in the work of proclaiming the Lord's gospel. At Brougham we forget not friend Barclay, and at Darlington the old gentleman Burke, and at Bowmanville neighbor Harvy. At Cobourg friend Elvins; at Hillier H. Ainworth and at Athol near Picton J. Platt, although not now able to speak for lack of physical strength..."

Vol. XI, March 1857, No. 3, 98

"Provincial Co-operation," treasurer's "account." Received Dec. 28: A Burke, 1 0 0; J. Post, 5 0 0, T. Wood, 1 5 0, and D. Knowels (sic) 5 0 0, [all of] Pickering; J. Stevens, 0 10 0; On a former subscription from church in Pickering, 1 15 0."

Vol. XI, April 1857, No. 4, 126-127

Report of the "ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. Convened... in Esquesing, near Norval, Canada West, on 6th February, 1857 – James Black chosen to preside and Ira Van Camp Secretary... Church in Pickering reported by letter: 8 members added by confession and baptism since June, 1856: 33 members present number."

Vol. XII, March 1858, No. 3, 95

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING. "Convened in Bowmanville, on 5th of Feb'y, 1858, James Black being chosen to preside, and T. C. Scott secretary: Pickering, 19 added, 1 died, present number, 43; Scarboro', supposed to be, number, 30."

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Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: "Pickering, 27 added, 8 removed, present number, 68; Scarboro, 6 added, 2 removed, present number, 36..."

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76-77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: "Pickering, three added, Bible School part of time, present no., 85...[amount contributed] Pickering, \$80.00; Scarboro, present no., 19...[amount contributed] Scarboro, \$20.00"

Vol. XV, August 1861, No. 6, 204

W. Thompson, from Bowmanville, 13th Aug., 1861, writes to Brother Oliphant: "Last Lord's day I enjoyed the privilege of meeting at Butterfield with brethren from Oshawa, Bowmanville, Charlesville, Clarke, Brooklin and Pickering. Brothers James and W. Beaty were also present. They were the chief speakers. Brother J. Beaty addressed us in the morning and evening; brother W. Beaty in the afternoon..."

Vol. XVII, May & June 1863, Nos. 5-6, 91

D. O. reports in MEETINGS: "The usual June meeting is to be held this year in Pickering. It begins on the third Friday in the month. We learn that a laborer is expected from Cincinnati, probably the esteemed Franklin. Brethren Green, Hayden, Belding, Franklin, Jones, Burnet and others, of Ohio, are very acceptable and efficient workmen in the gospel."

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, March & April 1864, Nos. 3-4, 55-56

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports in FEBRUARY MEETING—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT on Feb 13th, 1864: "Cash received...from church in...Pickering, \$99.00..."

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 65

A LETTER TO EVERYBODY. D. O. writes *To the Disciples and their neighbors in the Province of Canada* and announces a June meeting "in the grove of Isaac Dennis, four miles north-east of St. Anns, beginning on the second Friday in June, to continue for four days...[and] One week after the opening of the above meeting, on the third Friday in June, a meeting will begin in Pickering, in the vicinity of Duffin's Creek, to continue several days. Travelers from the east who take the Grand Trunk, may halt at the Duffin's Creek station, while those who travel from the west can halt at Frenchman's Bay. We learn that the beloved Franklin, of Ohio, will be present to take part in the labors of the meeting."

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Vol. I, December 1872, No. 2, 28

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "Bro. George Clendennan, of Oshawa, lately visited the congregation at Pickering and preached four discourses. In connection with that congregation we may add that Miss Barclay, daughter of Bro. Eli D. Barclay was baptized recently by Bro. Forrester."

Vol. I, January 1873, No. 3, 42

A WORD OF ADVICE. In a letter to Eli D. Barclay, Joseph Ash, now of Rond Eau, date Oct. 28, 1872, notes that Barclay is now a professor at Bethany College. Ash in extended comments urges Barclay to “Speak where the scriptures speak and be silent where they are silent.” He lamented that “we are constantly raising talented young men who find it to their honor and interest, to leave their native land so full of attractions and beauty, and spend their lives among a strange people.”

Vol. I, October 1873, No. 12, 188

DIED. “At here residence in Toronto, on 27th September, 1873, Rhoda, the beloved wife of Bro. Tripp formerly of Pickering, aged 40 years...Her remains were interred near the Pickering Meeting House of the Brethren and were accompanied by a number of brethren from Toronto and were met by a large number of friends in Pickering as a final token of esteem.”

Vol. III, April 1875, No. 4, 112

C. J. Lister in a letter to “Beloved Brother Black,” writes: “...The congregation in Pickering is steadily increasing. Brethren Forrester and Tripp are the acting overseers, and always at their post. Brother Thompson was up with me twice, and gave the Pickering friends two good discourses...”

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., August 1877, No. 8, 255

CHURCH NEWS. “Contributions received for the sufferers by fire, City of St. John, N.B., up to July 16th, 1877: Pickering, Ont., \$6.50...”

Vol. VIII, April 1880, No. 88121-122

ITEMS AND NEWS. “Dear Index,—By the request of the Church in Pickering the writer left home on the 14th of February for the purpose of hold a two weeks meeting...the roads failed entirely and we gave up at last in despair...five were baptized by our beloved Bro. Forester (sic), and one united...the two elders were never absent. Bro. Forester came some five miles splashing through the mud and if it was too bad to drive he came on foot, and the descendants of Elder Barclay (of blessed memory) who belong to this Church were always in their place when possible, with Bro. Laing and his family who made our singing delightful...Sisters Knowles and Post...While in Pickering Bro. S. Keffer of Stouffville, paid us a visit traveling sixteen miles for the purpose...pleased to hear that he is devoting his life to the work of the Ministry of the Gospel...his wife and two children...A. Anderson, No. 42 Hunter St. West, Hamilton, March 10th, 1880.”

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Vol. 1, March 1880, No. 3, 91

“—Elder A. Anderson when last heard from was preaching every evening in Pickering. He will take subscriptions for the Sentinel...”

Vol. 1, April 1880, No. 4, 117

CHURCH NEWS. “Elder Anderson baptized five in Pickering quite recently.”

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Vol. XI, January 1883, No. 121, 29

ITEMS AND NEWS. "PICKERING.—This is one of the pioneer congregations, has been many year established, and has experienced some of the many and varied changes that time surely brings. Here, many years since, Elder Barclay preached the Good Tidings concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ...Bro. G. J. Barclay (grandson of Eld. Barclay) visits them once a month, and speaks to them morning and evening. The attendance is good, considering the fact that some members live at a distance from the place of meeting..."

Vol. XI, August 1883, No. 128, 247

ITEMS AND NEWS. "PICKERING.—According to his custom, Bro. Geo. J. Barclay spent the first Sunday of the month of July with the brethren in this place, speaking morning and evening to fair congregations."

Vol. XI, September 1883, No. 129, 285

ITEMS AND NEWS. "PICKERING.—Bro. Barclay has been going regularly once a month to this church for more than two years. He was there 5th of August, when the attendance was the largest of any during that time."

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 381-382

ITEMS AND NEWS. "PICKERING.—The brethren at Pickering deserve great credit for their zeal, activity and perseverance. Brethren Forrester, Tripp, Lang, Barclays and other are always in the van of labor and good works. Bro. Forrester abounds in his efforts for the good of the congregation and the spread of the gospel...Mrs. Post is a most invaluable aid to the congregation, although with moderate health for many years...Bro. James Beaty spoke to the morning and evening meetings on the 25th of November..."

Port Hope

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Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 78

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. "...A few hours found me in Port Hope. Here is about the apostolic number of disciples, in good physical and spiritual health, and yet, strange to tell, unlike the Twelve of old...they do not assemble themselves together on the first day of the week..."

Vol. VIII, April 1880, No. 88, 119

ITEMS AND NEWS. "The church of Christ in Cobourg beg to acknowledge the receipt of money collected by Sisters Holman and Campbell from the following:

Friends in Pickering.....	30.25
“ “ Oshawa.....	11.50
“ “ Bowmanville.....	20.80

“ “ Port Hope.....20.00

Friend “ Toronto.....10.00

Vol. XI, September 1883, No. 129, 285

ITEMS AND NEWS. “PORT HOPE.—Brethren Gilfillan and Geo. J. Barclay spent one Lord’s day each at this place in the month of August...Brother Brown, of Wiarton, was with them on the 19th August, and addressed those assembled. Bro. Hertzog was there on the 26th August.”

Vol. XI, October 1883, No. 130, 316

ITEMS AND NEWS. “PORT HOPE.—One was baptized at this place on the 2nd Sept. Bro. Hertzog was present on that day, and on the 16th. Geo. J. Barclay was there on 9th Sept. The meetings were large in attendance.”

Vol. XI, November 1883, No. 131, 349

ITEMS AND NEWS. “MEETINGS AT PORT HOPE.—On Sunday, the 14th October, Bro. James Beaty addressed a good audience at Port Hope, morning and evening. The evening audience was said to be the largest ever gathered in their hall since the congregation commenced work there...Brethren J. H. Mundy, William C. Black, Charles McInnis and others are heroes in this age...”

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 380

ITEMS AND NEWS. “PORT HOPE.—A large number assembled on Sunday night, the 11th November, to hear Bro. Hertzog on the liquor traffic and intemperance.”

Vol. XI, February 1883, No. 122, 57

ITEMS AND NEWS. “PORT HOPE.—The cause is looking up in this beautiful town. Bro. McDonald, a promising young man, is devoting all his time to this new field. The hall is well filled every Sunday night, and the prayer meetings are interesting. The brethren, 18 in number, are faithful...They expect to conduct another series of meetings in March.”

Prince Edward County: Cherry Valley (East Lake, Athol Township), Hillier (Hillier Township), West Lake (Hallowell Township)
(The congregations of Prince Edward County are treated in one section.)

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Vol. VII, March 1853, No. 3, 84

H. L. writes to “Brother Oliphant” from West Lake, P.E.C., 15th Dec. 1852, “I am happy to inform you that brother Platt is holding meetings every Lord’s day, and we have been blessed with good meetings.”

Vol. VII, March 1853, No. 3, 85

Wm. Whitney writes to “Brother Oliphant,” from Sophiasburgh, 28th Jan. 1853, reporting, “There are ten or twelve who meet at Hillier on the first day of the week to break bread, and exhort each other...”

Vol. VIII, Jan. 1854, No. 1, 25-26

D. O. in LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS [1], reports, “Recently more than usual interest has been apparent among the ‘hearers of the word’ in Athol, near Picton, where I laboured occasionally during the summer and autumn. The third week of November, while discoursing at the East Lake, three came forward to put on the Lord...” [2]
“Continuing my labors at the East Lake, Athol, and the adjoining township, Hallowell, six more were immersed...Meetings were held from three to five times per week...P.S. (from Victory, NY, 26th Dec.) It should be added that one who had been previously baptized, but who had walked with our Methodist friends in Hallowell, resolved to be no long ‘on the Class paper,’ but numbered with the disciples of Christ...”

Vol. VIII, Jan. 1854, No. 1, 27

“One of the Interviews:—A non-descript interview was held between Mr. Gilbert Miller, Wesleyan minister, and the writer on the evening of the 7th Dec, near Cherry Valley, East Lake, Prince Edward County. Not far from the close of Nov, I discoursed to the people at the Valley, and friend Miller, with my letter to minister McFadden in his hand, rose as the meeting was concluding and read sundry extracts from said letter, made various statements, and asked a number of questions. He was informed that if he would name a suitable time and place his queries would be heard and considered. This he declined. But the next week, after seeing Mr. McFadden, he sent a note signifying that he would meet me on the evening of Dec. 7th. I complied. From what Miller said during the tow hours of our interview, no one is able to determine what was his main object...This interview has, by some been erroneously called a debate. I had no debate with Mr. Miller...My principal purpose, first and last, was to evince good will to the Methodist community and to show a kind and christian spirit...”

Vol. VIII, July 1854, No. 7, 195-196

D. O. in LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS [3] reports, “Since my last report, I have announced the gospel at various points between Cobourg and Picton. At the East Lake, Athol, I have spoken as frequently as one discourse per month...In the middle of winter a lecture was delivered in the village of Consecon to a large and respectable audience... The brethren in Athol and Hallowell give promise of greater zeal in the things of God... The friends of primitive truth in Hillier have been calling for help...”

Vol. VIII, Sept. 1854, No. 9, 276

D. O. in LABORS OF EVANGELISTS [5] reports, “Near the close of July and the first days of August several meetings were held in the neighborhood of Picton—near the East Lake, by the West Lake and Bloomfield...”

Vol. IX, Sept. 1855, No. 9, 255-256

D. O. in A WORD ABOUT SOME OF THE CHURCHES, reported: “At Athol, near Picton, the friends of the Lord are carrying out their resolves in meeting regularly on Lord’s day. We have endeavored to be with them at least once per month...”

Vol. IX, Oct. 1855, No. 10, 283

THE DEPARTED. “Our brother James Post, near Mellville, Prince Edward County, has bid all earthly connexions adieu, having departed this life not far from the middle of July last. He was a devoted brother. For many years he walked with our friends the Baptists, and entertained strong prejudices against the people ‘everywhere spoken against,’ the Disciples. But some two or three years ago, after pursuing some of our writings and making himself acquainted with the brethren, he give a bill of divorce to his opposition and frankly gave us his hand, his heart, and his influence. Occasionally he exercised himself as a public speaker. At the time of his death he had an appoint to speak at Hillier, but he was borne to the grave before the appointed time arrived...”

Vol. X, Feb. 1856, Vol. 2, 66-67

D. O. in TRAVELS AND LABORS reports, “...A few days after New Year’s, a visit was paid to the friends who reside on the borders of the East and West Lakes near Picton, where a meeting was held on the first Lord’s day in the years...If such brethren as Platt, Palen, Trumpour, Werden, and Lambert were determined to see one another on Lord’s day, and likewise determined to keep up the assembly of the saints on the first day of the week...there is a greater certainty than probability that great things would be the result... The second Lord’s day in January was to have been spent in Sophiasburgh, at a new and large stone School House [but a storm interfered]...I saw brother and sister Whitney in that neighborhood and spent a pleasant season with them at their own family circle. The cause in Hillier and Sophiasburgh needs medicine...”

Vol. X, Nov. 1856, Vol. 11, 354-355

D. O. in NEWS FROM HILLIER reports, “Within a few days after returning from my western tour, a request came from twenty-five miles east of Brighton, for me to labor in the gospel...On making my way thither I found an overflowing excitement in the community arising from a continuous meeting by the friends of Wesleyanism. I remained there a week—addressed the people five times—thirty made the gospel confession and were immersed in the name of the Lord Jesus...There is now a large congregation of disciples in Hillier...”

Vol. XI, Aug. 1857, No. 8, 255-25

D. O. in RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE reports, “Brother J. C. Stark, who labored faithfully for a number of weeks at Athol and Hillier, immersed nine at the former place of meeting also nine at the latter. There were likewise three reclaimed during these meetings...Brother Stark...has left for his own abode in Ohio.”

Vol. XI, Dec. 1857, No. 12, 384

D. O. reports, HILLIER AND ATHOL. “We visited these congregations last month. The friends at Hillier appeared to be prospering, and it was encouraging to be assured that a faithful few were meeting regularly in Athol. Brethren Trumpour and Werden deserve praise for doing their part toward edifying the brethren.”

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Vol. XIV, September & October 1860, No. 5, 258

D. O. reports a SUCCESSFUL MEETING, Picton, 15th Oct., “In the House new (*sic*) erected by our friends in Athol, near Picton, we have recently held a brief series of meetings. At the close, three were introduced into the Lord’s household in the authorized manner.”

Vol. XIV, November & December 1860, No. 6, 257

“At the meeting in Athol within the newly built House for the brethren, we were made glad by six additions—three previously reported.

Vol. XIV, November & December 1860, No. 6, 258

G. L. W. reports DEPARTURE OF FATHER THOMPSON: “Died, at his residence in Athol, C. W., 21st father James Thompson, aged seventy-four years. The immediate cause of his death was a fall from his wagon-house chamber...”

Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 142

D. O. reports: THE CHURCH IN ATHOL.—“The brethren at Athol are, in our judgment, pursuing a wise course in these critical times. They have since last Autumn spent ninety dollars in the business of evangelizing—they are disposed to send one hundred dollars to be used by the brethren in Eramosa for the same purpose—and it is expected that they will yet contribute from fifty to sixty dollars for the like object before 1861 closes...”

Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 143

D. O. reports in INTELLIGENCE, “Several addresses on the gospel were delivered in Hillier lately...one promising young man made the gospel confession...”

Vol. XV, June 1861, No. 4, 144

D. O. reports on THE CHURCH IN HILLIER: “The friends in Hillier are alive. The church there has never been, so far as known to us, in a more healthy state. Brother William Ainsworth and brother Eli Ainsworth, comparatively young members, are actively at work with the beloved Whitney to exhibit the religion of Jesus...”

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Vol. XV, August 1861, No. 6, 204

Henry T. Wood, writing from Picton, July 17th, 1861, in INTELLIGENCE, reports: “Brother Tumpour and myself arrived home not far from 12 o’clock on Sunday night. After parting with you at the meeting, we proceeded to the place of baptism. Arriving at the bridge we found quite an assembly to witness the immersion of the three noble souls who made the good confession at the meeting...[After some comments] We then went down into the water, and immersed, not only the three, but the fourth—the son of our good brother Way. Never did I see a more happy family. A father, a mother, a son, and a young man who lives with them confessed the Lord, obeyed the gospel, and went on their way rejoicing...”

Vol. XV, October 1861, No. 8, 262-263

A. C. [Amos Clendenan] writing from Hillier, Oct 10th 1862, in A MEETING IN ATHOL, reports: “The brotherhood at large, we trust, will be interested to learn that a meeting was held by the brethren in Athol, on the evening of the 23rd of Sept., in the meeting house near East Lake, for consultation in regard to *Banner of the Faith*, and co-operation of the churches. Prominent brethren have spoken feely on the subjects before the meeting, the following—proposed in substance by Dr. Young—was agreed to: ‘That we sustain brother D. Oliphant in publishing *Banner of the Faith* by our means, good wishes, and prayers; and that we request brethren not to get up another publishing enterprise in Canada, sincerely believing such effort may foster a spirit of alienation and division in the brotherhood.’

In relation to evangelizing, the conviction prevailed that the churches would do well to call out and sustain more laborers, than now are engaged in teaching and proclaiming the word of the Lord. In order to effect his, it was proposed that the congregation in Athol, (with the concurrence and assistance of the brethren in Hillier and Brighton, agree to encourage one laborer or more, who could constantly be laboring in the work; and this practice be general over the Province, a number of laborers, not now encouraged, would in this way, be enabled to go into the good work; thus resulting in a much greater amount of labor than in the present mode of operation.

Some days after the above meeting was held, brother Oliphant and myself attended a similar meeting with the brethren in Hillier, in the afternoon of 9th October. They cheerfully and unanimously concurred in the proceedings of the congregation in Athol. The congregations *as such*, working together in calling out and supporting laborers in publishing the life-giving word, and sustaining *Banner of the Faith* were considered, and without a dissenting voice, approved.”

Vol. XVII, May & June 1863, Nos. 5-6, 91

D. O. reports in MEETINGS: “A continuous meeting will be held in Athol, beginning the last Saturday in May, to continue until Lord’s day evening. Those who intend to be present will please remember the date, May 30th and 31st. The first meeting is appointed for 4 o’clock in the afternoon.”

Vol. XVII, May & June 1863, Nos. 5-6, 95

THE USE OF THE PRESS: “On the 28th of May, 1862, a meeting was held in the city of Toronto, by request of the overseers of the church in Athol, for the purpose of considering the publishing interests among the Disciples of Christ in Canada. The main object was to secure unity of action in the use of the press. For this purpose, therefore, ‘it was proposed and agreed to, that a sufficient space in *Banner of the Faith*, up to one half of its pages if necessary, be under the control of the evangelists employed by the Churches in Canada for their reports, and that nothing appear in its pages to wound the feelings of any of the brethren on the subject of co-operation. One year has nearly passed, and yet the proposition has not been accepted by all to whom it was made. The question now is what more can be done to accomplish this object?...”

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Vol. XV, September 1861, No. 7, 236-237

G. Trumppour, writing from Athol, 11th Sept., 1861, in INTELLIGENCE, states: "I desire through the pages of the Banner to make known to the brethren in Canada and elsewhere the success of the gospel in this place. The labors of brethren Black and Lister have been attended with more than ordinary success... Twenty-six have made the good confession and have submitted to the Saviour, being buried with him to rise again to walk in newness of life..." D. O. adds this note: "There is also happy news from Hillier, a few miles from Athol. While laboring there, brethren Black and Lister welcomed fifteen or sixteen to the fold of the Lord..."

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, March & April 1864, Nos. 3-4, 55-56

R. Royce, Treasurer, reports in FEBRUARY MEETING—TREASURER'S ACCOUNT on Feb 13th, 1864: "Cash received... from Gilbert Tumpour, Athol, \$10.00..."

Vol. XVIII, March & April 1864, Nos. 3-4, 59-61

D. O. responds to a letter from A. Anderson, written from Eramosa, 30th March, 1864, in which he asks, "Do you see anything in the co-operative efforts of the brethren in Canada West in sounding out the word of life to prevent you from working cordially with them?" [i.e. the co-operative efforts centered at Eramosa]. Oliphant states generally, after referring to a public letter written by R. Royce that convinced Oliphant "...that cordiality does exist among us to a healthy degree in co-operating to proclaim the glad tidings," he went on to say, "I see therefore no obstacle to the best spiritual health while working with one another in the forth-sending of the gospel to the people of Canada." He follows with two examples, the second being: "2. After the action of the brethren who met in Erin, Feb., 1861, the following words were sent to the readers of *Banner of the Faith*, No. 2, vol. 15, page 79:—"For peace sake—for the sake of cultivating a yielding spirit—and for the sake of endorsing the action of brethren in appointing overseers and deacons to receive the contributions of the churches and attend to important items connected with the business of evangelizing, the brethren at Athol agree to work with the churches westward during 1861. In the work of the spreading of the gospel, therefore, a full share of responsibility will still rest on the brethren of Eramosa, Esquesing, and Erin. As an individual, it is not unpleasant to announce that such is the case."

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 55-56

[Oliphant is discouraged by the negative reaction to the Athol plan for local congregational evangelistic coordination as an alternative to a provincial co-operation. Two "Epistles" are addressed to W. A. Palen of Athol in which Oliphant traces past history and muses on the turn of events.]

First Letter: "Twenty years ago [1845], Brother Palen, we met for the first time on the south shore of East Lake. You will remember the decent little School House on the hill by the Thompson place where we assembled with others to communicate sacred lessons to one another. At that period, not only were the disciples few and feeble in Prince

Edward count, but they were few and feeble in the province. If my memory be reliable, there were in all Western Canada precisely five meeting houses belonging to the brotherhood: one at Jordan, two in Eramosa, one in Esquesing, and one in Toronto. Of these, the one in Esquesing and the one in East Eramosa were log houses, their 'outward adorning' being something aft the fashion of the 'natural man'—the Indian—in the forest where they were erected.

The West Lake School House, a short distance from the residence of brother Lambert, was less inviting than the School House at the East Lake; but the meetings were none the less edifying and joyful.

You recollect that for quite a little time after arriving in the county of Prince Edward, my Labours were directed chiefly toward seeming unity, kindness, and love, among the disciples. Very unheavenly influences had previously prevailed. So considerable were my sympathies enlisted in the work of peace and brotherly favour, that beloved men were heard to say that I was less acquainted with the first principles of the gospel than with the after principles. Not heeding these comments and devoutly desirous of teaching the disciples in that vicinity what they never had been taught, my labours were continued until the alienations were healed, unhallowed feelings modified, and animosities either softened or subdued.

Time went on. It was believed to be wise for the disciples in all that region to maintain their power and keeping together in one congregation known by the name of the church at Athol. You became an overseer. Two other disciples were overseers with you. After a season you were pleased to discontinue acting in a public capacity, for reasons which were unrevealed. Unwilling to be a spy upon any man's liberty, the Lord did not make it my business to ascertain why you were no longer an overseer at Athol, seeing you were disposed to keep the reasons within your own mind.

Meanwhile the disciples at West Lake, and at East Lake, increased in number and in power. In my travels I occasionally called to see you all, and was cheered while ministering cheer to every one as opportunity offered. 'He that watereth shall himself be watered' is a law as sure as any law of the divine government; and as my most youthful labours were principally with the disciples in that region, it was both natural and spiritual for me to cherish very fervent sympathy in behalf of the well being of all.

The years 1848 and 1849 dawned and closed. Chosen to be a scribe to a fervent company of disciples seeking to devise ways and means to sustain proclaimers, my studies were directed to the action of disciples at work in primitive days as described in the sacred writings. After my best attention, I concluded that my readings and reflections did not fit with many beloved men, and my studies were measurably laid away in silence.

Years passed away. Led step by step, not knowing where truth might take me, I finally found myself in the midst of the Athol church submitting an epistle relative to disciples working with one another to convey the gospel of Jesus to the people of Canada. This was in the autumn of 1860. Sent forth by a church united to a man, this epistle gave joy to many whose aim was to learn, and love, and live the truth of Heaven; yet, there were chosen disciples who were uneasy after reading it. Shall we in the meantime draw the curtain of reflection, and partake for a season of the blessing of silence?

As a disciple of the Saviour, your, D. Oliphant.

Second Letter (from Lake Shore, Clinton, March 31st): "Revolution attends reformation... [The American Civil War is referred to as the most recent example.]...Connected with

the Athol epistle of 1860, a variety of events occurred in 1861, three of which allow me to note. 1. A pledge to beloved disciples in Eramosa, that one hundred dollars would be paid within twelve months for evangelizing. 2. A visit from two general laborers. 3. The unction of ordination ministered to four men as overseers.

In 1862, the extended membership of the Athol congregation called for two churches instead of one; and while the meeting house was to be used by disciples adjacent to East Lake, another meeting house was erected at West Lake for the use of the brethren at that point. The first assembly in the new ‘sanctuary’ was held in July 1862.

The next year you will recollect we were privileged to welcome two John’s (sic) as members of the church at East Lake—John Taylor, and John Harvie. These men, though they proved themselves unacquainted with the government of Christ as we understand it, were very useful to test us all anew, so that we could tell with the assurance of faith, where we all are religiously, how much we loved Christ and how much we loved each other.

Of the people like John Taylor and John Harvie, neighbor Spurgeon of London, says, ‘These people will not hear preachers.’ Again he says, ‘These friends have a perfect right to secede from us, and I hold their own view and principles, but inasmuch as they have always amalgamated with our churches, and then seceded, causing heart-burnings and bitterness and I know not what, I can but look upon them as hindrances to the spread of the gospel.

There are two reasons why churches are disturbed by what Mr. Spurgeon calls ‘these people.’ The first is, that the churches are not always composed of genuine material, the ‘lively stones’ being far too scarce, and therefore easily thrown out of order. In the second place ‘these people’ understand not the gospel, and have not been taught the government of the Lord Jesus according to the inspired oracles.

[The letter continues with general references to reformation and division—it is uncertain as to the specific point that Oliphant is making.]

Your brother in grace, truth, and love, D. Oliphant.

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D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake, “The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude...”

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 67-686

[Oliphant is discouraged by the negative reaction to the Athol plan for local congregational evangelistic coordination as an alternative to a provincial co-operation. A BRIEF LETTER TO A DEACON IS addressed to the “Esteemed Brother Ketchum, of Athol” in which Oliphant obliquely criticizes Ketchum.] “Several years since you were appointed a deacon in the church of the disciples at East Lake. Say that you were in the presence of the Lord Jesus to-day, and he would question you relative to what you have done as a deacon, would your honest reply be wholly satisfactory to yourself? I take for granted that you have carefully examined the gospel creek touching the work of a deacon—a very responsible, a very honorable, and a very profitable work...[D.O. follows with references to the deacons, Stephen and Philip, and concludes]...May we pay homage to

the Head of the Church, learning his will and yielding to it. In the meantime I am your fellow-laborer in the gospel. Affectionately, D. Oliphant (Jordan, 3rd April).

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LARGE MEETINGS: “June Meeting in Prince Edward County.—On the fourth Lord’s day in June, in the House of the Disciples at West Lake, situated near the line between Hallowell and Athol, a General Meeting for various purposes will commence. Whether the meeting will be one, two, three, or four days will depend upon influences and contingencies seen and known as the meeting progresses. All the people disposed to hear the tidings of salvation in Christ are courteously invited to attend.”

Vol. XVIII, September & October 1864, Nos. 9-10, 159

D. O. writes of THE DISCIPLES IN THESE PARTS: “The church of Disciples at West Lake, so far as known to us, has not been stronger in truth than at this hour. The disciples at Hillier, who, for the past ten years, have stood shoulder to shoulder in the work of reformation, move steadily and solidly in the ranks... The band of reformers at Murray make progress according to the law of grace, and of faith, and of love. The brethren at Brighton—Ainsworth, Post, and Hart—are active according to the latest testimony.

The disciples at the East Lake, are, on the whole, of ‘one mind,’ but for part of the current year the beloved of the church have been somewhat annoyed and hindered in the work of faith by a few workers who for a period were much esteemed as overseers. It is hoped that whatever is unlovely and unchristlike will be corrected by the church, so that the fruit of the Spirit may richly and happily abound.

Brother A. Anderson, of Eramosa, visited the disciples at West Lake in the month of August, and gave an address highly acceptable and valuable. His traveling companion, Charles J. Lister, also spoke some useful words, chiefly exhortatory. They likewise address the people at East Lake, both south and north shores...”

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D. O. directs three letters to “William Whitney, of Hillier,” in which he details his work and TRAVELS in the Peninsula and in southwestern Ontario.

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D. O. concludes his account of his recent TRAVELS (NO. 4), writing Nov. 1865:

“November 5th, the Lord having brought us on our way as far as Butterfield Settlement, rear of Oshawa, the little company of disciples in that part were enjoyed, and then halting a few hours in Oshawa and some hours in Bowmanville, counseling with brothers in the gospel in both places, we passed rapidly to Picton, helped on our way at different points by W. Ainsworth, brother B. Way, brother D. Spencer, and brother W. Whitney.

Since arriving home, we have spoken once at West Lake, and once at the North Shore of East Lake—both joyful meetings. We have also heard one address by brother Kemp, at West Lake....”

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In a LETTER FROM DISCIPLES TO DISCIPLES, the following, D. Oliphant, F. H. Young, Henry Lambert, J. Trumppour, Jacob Hicks, and Jas. A. Platt, send out these

sentiments from West Lake, 9th July, 1864 (D. O. noting that “It appears to us prudent and suitable to allow the public at this date to see the above.”):

To the Disciples of the Lord in King: Greeting:

After brotherly salutation, and the expression of hope that both your and our faith and love may abound, we solicit your attention to the following considerations:

1. For a period of years the most active disciples among us have occasionally counseled in order to increased exertion in evangelizing the field. A letter sent out by the Church at East Lake, in 1860, met with severe opposition; and several of those who were pleased to oppose were so highly esteemed that it was judged prudent to exercise increasing caution in urging what was in our heart to urge concerning evangelizing. The developments of time furnish us with renewed arguments to activity and fervency; and therefore this letter is addressed to you.

2. It was your pleasure to send a written message to some among us in 1861, expressive of your concurrence with us upon the subject of winning the people to Christ; but from a variety of causes your epistle has remained unacknowledged. We trust it is not too late to testify that your sympathy in the gospel is not forgotten, and also to assure you that we are steadily in favor of additional exertion to reclaim the lost in sin.

3. The disciples at West Lake and likewise at East Lake will be happy of your counsel and co-working power, according to the tenor of your letter to certain of us three years ago; and let us hope that the obstacles to our free correspondence are so far removed that communication may be frequent and pleasant.

4. It seems to us that when we operate and co-operate as individual disciples and as churches of disciples, keeping the models of the New Covenant before us, doing all we are able as individuals and churches, no work will be left for any combination of men undescribed and therefore unsanctioned by the inspired word. But it is not in our heart to enter the opposing list with good men in this province who see differently from us upon the subject of which we speak. While teaching what we sincerely hold to be true, and believed to be in harmony with the whole scope of revelation, we have no controversy with any one call a brother, upon this question.

Trusting that whatever is counseled and whatever is done, all will work wisely and happily according to the law and love of the Redeemer. We are your fellow disciples...”

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NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. VISIT TO MURRAY AND PRINCE EDWARD.

By *Geo. Clendennan*: “Leaving home the 25th of April to attend the funeral of Freddie, infant son of James and Sarah Borland, I remained with the Bowmanville Church over the Lord’s day...in company with *Bro. John Chaplin, the fruit tree man*, started Monday for Trenton, on the Bay of Quinte. Arrived late at *Bro. Benjamin Way’s*, in the township of Murray, County of Northumberland, and received kindly treatment from him and family. Preached three discourses and baptized three. Was also the guest of brethren

Allen Way and C. Ainsworth, who, with their families, place me under many obligations. Saturday, 3rd of May, in company with Bro. Benj. Way, rode 25 miles to Hillier. Continued meeting from Lord's day till Wednesday night, resulting in 5 accessions, 3 baptized and 2 received. The interest was deep, but I was compelled to go to West Lake, where an appointment was out for Thursday night. The meeting at this point was successful in awaking the Church to renewed zeal and activity—no accessions. Meeting closed Lord's day night with a full house, and prayerful interest manifested. Time would fail me to mention the friends by name—the McDonald's, the Martin's, the Platts, Hicks, Trumpours, and a host of others...Bro. Lambert conveyed me on Monday May 12, to Belleville, a distance of 25 miles. Called to see Bro. J. F. Way, timber agent...Returning to Benj. Way's, held a parlor meeting; two confessed the Saviour, and the same hour was baptized. This closed our labors, so we thought. But alas! Vain are our calculations...Bro. Henry Ainsworth was after me to go back to Hillier—four had come out at the meeting of the brethren and confessed the Saviour. We talked and sung ourselves hoarse at Bro. Ways; went to bed at 11 a.m. (sic). At two in the morning I left for a stroll by moonlight on the railroad, five miles, to catch the 4:30 a.m. train for Brighton...Brother Cornelius Ainsworth took me back to Hillier. Had a glorious meeting—3 additions, one baptized, two had been baptized...The fourth June meeting will be at Hillier...The meeting house in Hillier will be finished and ready..."

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NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE HILLIER MEETING.* "...Geo. Clendenan and Robert Beaty left Toronto by the early train on Saturday the 21st June, for Belleville...After crossing the pretty Bay of Quinte, from Belleville, they found brethren Henry Ainsworth, Whitney and Smith from Hillier Township, who had made ample provision for carrying all visitors to the place of meeting. The meeting was held about ten or twelve miles from Belleville, in Hillier, at the east end of that township, and about the centre of the county. Sister Way, wife of Bro. J. F. Way, of Belleville, had crossed the ferry and was waiting to go to the meeting. She had determined to go, if alone, as she had been deprived of the privilege of meeting with the followers of her Lord for years. Her husband intended to have accompanied her, but was called away that morning by telegraph. The meeting house was reached by half-past three, when Bro. D. Oliphant of London, an old acquaintance in that county, and Bro. Edward Trout of Toronto, had already come. The meeting had been given out for 3 p.m., so the people were waiting, and a large number too for a Saturday meeting...On Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m....the house was filled, and several hundred stood at the door and windows, to listen to Bro Clendenan speak to them...The Lord's Supper and the contribution for the poor saints...which for the first time had been attended to in the substantial new house the brethren of Hillier had finished the week before. Again at 3 p.m. the place was as much crowded as in the morning, when Bro. Oliphant spoke...At this meeting the Methodist clergyman of the neighborhood was present, besides a great number of his congregation. At nine o'clock on Monday morning another meeting was

held, when several took part in different ways...with a free interchange of sentiment and thought. A remarkable feature was that the sisters took up the spirit of the meeting, and some expressed themselves in a very animated manner, and with strong and beseeching bequests, exhorted sinners to obey the Lord and Christians to continue in Him...Many old and familiar names were among those present. There were Brethren Ainsworth, Way, Platt, Doolittle, Hicks, Burr, Trumpour, Ketchum, Whitney, Smith, Werdon, &c., &c... Clendenan...intended to remain in these parts perhaps a month, holding meetings. Bro. Oliphant also remained for the week at least, appointments to speak having been made for him..."

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BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "The fourth June meeting commenced in Hillier on Saturday, 21st, was continued over Lord's day, closing on Monday. Delegations from the churches in P. E. County, and from Brighton, Trenton, and Belleville were present, also brethren D. Oliphant, of London; Edward Trout, Robert Beaty, and the writer from Toronto. The brethren of Hillier, true to their promise, had their new meeting-house completed and open. It is of brick, 28 by 40, and a model of neatness and comfort. The meeting was gloriously successful in awakening to greater zeal the disciples of Northumberland and Prince Edward Counties. Two were baptized and two reclaimed...I only regret that many brethren east of Toronto, who are being iced over with the sleet of worldliness, were not present, as assuredly it was their duty to be..."

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NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "We (wife and I) returned to our home in Toronto after an absence of five weeks, during which time I labored daily...The Hillier meeting...was protracted until the 5th day of July, twelve days, with a full house and deep interest that increased to the close...The result of the meeting was seven baptisms and four reclaimed. We parted with the brethren upon the shore of the beautiful Consecon lake, where we had assembled to witness the burial of two young men...and were brought on our way by Bro. Platt...arrived the evening of July 5th...at West Lake...Our labors were mainly for the edification of the Church. One baptism. Preached twice in Cherry Valley at the head of East Lake, and, in company with Bro. And Sister Ketchum visited Bro Anson Palen and family, at Point Peter..."

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A MODEL JUNE MEETING. "G. C." [George Clendenan] writes"...Those who attended the Hillier meeting last year will not be incredulous when told that the meeting at West Lake, commencing at 3 p.m. Saturday before the last Lord's day in June, is intended as a model for all future June meetings..." [The letter goes on in imagining what the participation of Black, Sheppard, Oliphant, Beaty, Franklin, Lister, Anderson, Kilgour, Stephens, and Trout would bring to the meeting.]

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NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. MEETINGS IN JUNE, 1874. "Also June 28th, at West Lake Church, P. E. County... *West Lake Church.*—The yearly meeting for Murray and Prince Edward County, will be held with the West Lake Church, commencing on

Saturday at 3 p.m. before the last Lord's day in June (28th June). Friends from the west will take the stage at Brighton for Wellington or boat at Belleville for Picton. Bro. Franklin will be present."

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BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "...During the past year...Several in Prince Edward County and Murray, including three of Eld. Way's children, have gone the way of Matrimony. A grandchild and a daughter-in-law of Eld. Henry Ainsworth are among the dead. The first, Albert Willson Post, of Brighton, departed *without* the hope of immortality, regretting that he had neglected the 'Great Salvation.' The second, Sister Elizabeth Ainsworth of Hillier, wife of Bro. Benj. Ainsworth, literally fell asleep in Jesus... The Hillier meeting was continued from the first Lordsday to the third Lordsday in May, resulting in five baptisms and gloriously good time generally. I go to-morrow to West Lake, thence to Brighton."

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(Obituary). DYER OGDEN, aged about 70, a member of the Church at West Lake, while engaged in 'rolling,' fell under the roller and was killed. He was baptized about three years since by Bro. Oliphant, and was greatly beloved by the church and community."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 205-206

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY MEETING.

"Brother Franklin left Bowmanville for West Lake, where a meeting had been appointed for him. He held meetings on Sunday, the last in June, at that point, and spoke to large and attentive audiences. He then left for Hillier, where two meetings were held on week nights, and also at Trenton...Bro. David Oliphant was with Bro. Franklin at these meetings."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 210

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BROTHER CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "The meeting at West Lake continued from Wednesday, May 20th, over the following Lord's day; no accessions..."

Vol. II, August 1874, No. 8, 236-237

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. JUNE MEETING AT WEST LAKE. Reported by J. A. Platt, West Lake, Ont., July 21st, 1874: "Bro. Franklin arrived the evening of the 26th... [On the 27th] on arriving at the place of meeting, at 3 p.m., we had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Benjamin Way and a part of his family from Murray; and with him also a Sister from Bowmanville, and Bro. Cornelius Ainsworth and daughter from Brighton, and a goodly number of brethren and sisters from Hillier, and some from Athol, with many other brethren too numerous to mention...Bro. Oliphant also arrived soon after Bro. F. began to speak, and took part in closing the exercises of the afternoon. On Lord's Day, the 28th, there was a good turn out, more coming from Hillier and from Picton, and other parts of the county, arriving at 10 a.m., the time appointed for the morning meeting, filling the house and some outside...After which Bros. B. Wey and D. O. presided at the Lord's Table...There was an appointment then made for Bro. D. O. at half-past 3

p.m....and at half-past 6 p.m., Bro. F. gave the third discourse to a large hearing...On Monday morning we assembled at 10 a.m., and enjoyed a meeting made up chiefly of brothers and sisters...Bros. Franklin, B. Wey, and D. Oliphant taking part...P.S. Bro. Franklin and Bro. D. Oliphant left for Hillier to fill two appoints made for Bro. F.”

Vol. II, August 1874, No. 8, 250-253

(From the *A. C. Review*) Benjamin Franklin reports on his time *IN CANADA*.— *No. 2*: “...Taking leave of all these kind friends [at Meaford], in company with Bro. Lister, we took cars for Bowmanville, our next place of meeting...forty-two miles east from Toronto...where we...were soon carried to the residence of Bro. Burns...On Saturday the brethren from a distance began to come in, and on Saturday night the meeting house was well filled. For Lord’s day morning and evening the large town hall was secured, and was certainly well filled, especially in the evening...We remained and discoursed to the people at nights till Thursday night...with two confessions, and one brother, who had erred from the right way, returned. We met many friends here who acquaintance we made some years since when in this country on former occasions, as brethren McGill, Chase, and Barclay, of Oshawa, and Hon. John Simpson, Bro. Thompson and Bro. McGill, of Bowmanville. We visited Bro. Simpson at his splendid farm residence...He is a Queen’s Senator for life...We took the train on the Grand Trunk Railroad on Friday, expecting to be accompanied by Bro. John M. Trout, but his ill health prevented his going...Passing on some eighty miles east we reached Belleville, and were met by our worthy Bro. Wey (sic), who conveyed us to his office, gave us a good dinner and helped us on our way to the boat on the Bay of Quinte...We took the steamer down the bay for Picton, some thirty miles distant, 3 o’clock and reached Picton at 8 o’clock p.m. Here we were met at the landing by our worthy Bro. Hicks with conveyance and carried ten miles into the country to West Lake, the place of the meeting...Early on Saturday, Bro. David Oliphant, of the *Laborer and Messenger*, made his appearance to join us in the meeting. He was in the midst of his old acquaintances there, as he once resided near there, and surrendered the wife of his youthful days there...”

Vol. II, November 1874, No. 11, 337-339

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *BRO. CLENDENAN’S REPORT*. “...Oct. 1st, left Owen Sound for Hillier, remaining in Prince Edward County over two Lordsdays. The meeting was continued in Hillier until Thursday night. Friday in company with Elder Eli Ainsworth, went to West Lake...An old Disciple, Bro. Bently, was buried some time since in Cherry Valley, Elder Henry Ainsworth preaching the funeral sermon. Returning the same day we held a meeting in Hillier, Lordsday night...Tuesday morning took leave of friends, grateful for their liberality. On account of infirmity did not call at Trenton or Brighton...”

Vol. II, November 1874, No. 11, 352

OBITUARIES. “Death has been busy of late in the family of Sister Doolittle of Hillier. The following is the monthly record of mortality.—August 18, Lury Lucretia; August 25, Emarillia; August 31, Sarah Jane; September 19, Cerintha Alzina; September 23, Jotham Doolittle, the loving husband, the kind father, and a pillar in the church at Hillier. Thus in one month, Our sister lost husband, and all her children, except one son. Bro. Doolittle by

a former wife leave five children, two girls and three boys. A father and four daughters now rest side by side. The eldest, Alzina, was baptized a year ago last May...They died of gastric fever, beginning at the youngest, and so in regular order up to the oldest...The funeral services were held in the meeting house, Oct 4..." G. C.

Vol. III, January 1875, No. 1, 2

WHAT ARE WE DOING? The editors of the *Index* found that "a little over two hundred" additions to the Churches in Ontario were reported to the paper during 1874, not assuming that the figures represent the total additions for the year. They proceed to list the numbers: "Hillier, 5."

Vol. III, July 1875, No. 7, 208-209

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. THE HILLIER MEETING, by G. C.: "Saturday before the fourth Lordsday in June, I left Toronto for Prince Edward County. At Cobourg, met for five minutes, after an absence of twenty-five years, Dr. H. T. Wood, whose sister, wife and little daughter were *en route* for the meeting...The meeting in Hillier was in many respects a happy and successful one. Bro. Oliphant had for two weeks previous been preaching in Hillier or thereabouts, so if the community were not sufficiently unctiozed, they ought to have been...Delegations of disciples were present from London, Toronto, Cobourg, Brighton, Trenton, Murray, West Lake, Cherry Valley, Roblinville, Picton, Ferry Point and from various other points of the country. In addition to the preaching brethren resident in the county, there were present D. Oliphant of London, Benj. Way, of Trenton, William Ainsworth of the Baptist Church, Brighton, and Geo. Clendenann... Bro. And sister Benjamin Way, since I last saw them, have added to their other possessions a little mound in the church yard, their daughter Jennie, a lovely child of fourteen summers..."

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 79-80

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *AMONG THE CHURCHES—NO. 111* by G. C.: "... From Murray, through the kindness of Brother Byron Way, crossed the Carrying Place, and...was in Prince Edward County...[comments about 'a whole peninsula of mud']...I remained in the County over two Lord's days...Death has been there, and his dark shadow still hovers over the sick-bed. Bro. Jared Doolittle's death has been noticed. His sister wife I found and left prostrate with fever. My friend, the beloved wife of Dr. Williams, is dead; also Mary Jane, sister wife of Bro. Geshem Smith, died a few weeks after the June meeting, after only eighteen hours sickness. Little Eli, son of Bro. George Doolittle, we left at the point of death...At West Lake, while I was there, occurred the death of Mrs. Harris, the beloved mother of Sister James Wyatt and Sister Robert McDonald..."

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 96

OBITUARIES. "Among those who have died during the past year in P. E. Co., is Sister Vandusen, of West Lakes..."

Bro. Clendenan. Sister Mahalia, wife of the late Bro. Jared Doolittle, is dead. After a sickness of ten weeks...She was baptized by Bro. C. J. Lister, in 1861, and united with the Church in Hillier.

Vol. IV, May 1876, No. 5, 141

MEETINGS IN JUNE.—“I would inform the brotherhood generally that the meeting for the present year at West Lake will commence on the 24th of June...J. A. Platt.”

Vol. IV, May 1876, No. 5, 160

—*From the Leader*. BENSON.—“On Saturday, April 22, in the 29th year of her age, Sister Emmarilla, wife of David Benson, died of consumption...She leaves one lovely little girl, husband, and parents, one brother and one sister...Benjamin Ainsworth officiated at the funeral. E. A. Hillier, April, 25.”

Vol. IV, July 1876, No. 7, 201-202

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. THE WEST LAKE MEETING*. “...the church assembling at West Lake, County of Prince Edward, commencing Saturday afternoon of June 24th and closing the following Monday... [attending, families of] Ainsworth, Doolittle, Posts, Burr, Hough, Whitney, Platt, Ketchum, Palen, Worden, Mogrimon, Trompour...Mastins, McDonalds, Hyatts, Lamberts, Jinks, Hicks, Strikers, Grahams, Youngs...[Brethren from Murray were absent.] Bro. R. Beaty from Toronto was with us. [Death came too...] A daughter of Brother and Sister Young...Sister Mary Ainsworth of Brighton, wife of Elder C. Ainsworth, and Elder Gilbert Trumpour of West Lake...There were six baptisms. Two meetings are appointed for next year, the first at Hillier the 2nd Lord’s day in June, the other at Cherry Valley, first Lord’s day the following September.”

Vol. IV, October 1876, No. 10, 300

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “...We are pleased to learn from a letter of Bro. R. Ainsworth of Ameliasburg, of a meeting recently held at West Lake, Prince Edward County by Father Ainsworth and Bro. B. C. Ainsworth, resulting in twenty being added to the church, one by confession and immersion and nineteen reclaimed...”

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., May 1877, No. 5, 160

OBITUARIES. “Died at his home in Hillier, P. E. County, March 16th, of heart disease, Bro. William Burr, aged 70. He was among the oldest residents, having lived in that place 57 years. He was baptized 37 years ago by Elder Z. F. Green, among the first fruits of the Reformation in that county...[W. K. Burr was a son.]. Geo. Clendennan.”

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., June 1877, No. 6, 190

CHURCH NEWS. “The June meeting at Hillier, P. E. C., will begin June 9th (Saturday) at 3 p.m. Brethren G. Clendenan and R. Beatty (sic) are expected as the speakers.”

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., October 1877, No. 10, 314-315

OUR REFORMATORY WORK from “Living Laborer” [David Oliphant], London, Ont., Aug. 18, 1877, ARTICLE SEVEN, (*Letter to a Family in Athol*): “Dear A. P. and Believing Household:—Your letter of the 6th August greeted me in due season, and please receive a reply in print. You are pleased to say, ‘We had expected to have seen you at the June meeting, as it was held in Hillier, and thought perhaps you would visit your old

friends once more in Athol.' We were disappointed in not being able to attend the meeting, on account of sickness. As My first reformatory work in publishing began in the vicinity of Athol, thirty-two years ago next month, and as my current article in the department of reform proposes to treat of the Lord's promises, it seems good to me, as saith the inspired Luke, to visit your household by letter to minister comfort to your protracted affliction. The endearing truth that Calista, my dear daughter, now departed in death, was for a period tenderly trained in your family, is not forgotten..."

Vol. III, June 1879, No. 6, 191

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. McDiarmid,—Please announce in Bible Index that our June meeting in Hillier (Prince Edward Co.,) will begin Saturday at 4 p.m., previous to the fourth Lord's day in June...Eli Ainsworth."

Bible Index and Christian Sentinel

Vol. II, January 1882, No. 1, 31

OBITUARIES. "Brother Jacob Hicks, a resident of his life of West Lake, died Dec. 28, 1881, of paralysis, aged 62. For twenty years he was a member of the West Lake church, and for eighteen years an elder of the same...C."

Bible Index

Vol. XI, December 1883, No. 132, 383

ITEMS AND NEWS. "HILLIER.—Fifth concession, about 40 members remaining, so many having died and moved away. Nearest railroad station Wellington. Meetings—Lord's day 11 o'clock a.m....Enquiries may be made of W. K. Burr, M. A., Belleville, Eli Ainsworth, Benjamin C. Ainsworth and Henry Ainsworth, Allisonville, George Werden, Gilbert Milis, or Nathan Hyatt, Ameliasburg.

WEST LAKE.—Bro. H. B. Sherman and bro. Benjamin C. Ainsworth, held a protracted meeting of some two weeks' continuance at West Lake, resulting in thirteen additions by baptism and five reclaimed...Bro. Ainsworth has been laboring for this church for several years and is well like...Bro. Sherman purposes coming to Hillier in January...W. K. Burr"

(Scarborough)

The Christian Banner

Vol. X, Dec. 1856, Vol. 12, 382

Charles J. Lister & J. Butchart Jr report to the Editor in *EVANGELISTS' LABORS*, Report No. II, from Bowmanville, Dec. 6, 1856: "On the evening of the 18th Sept., we held meeting in the School House near brother Wood's Store. From that time until 28th, held meetings in brother Knowles School House, Scarboro',

Banner of the Faith

Vol. XIII, March & April 1859, No. 2, 87

Report of the ANNUAL CO-OPERATION MEETING, at Eramosa, Feb. 1859, James Black, chairman and James Menzies, secretary: "Pickering, 27 added, 8 removed, present number, 68; Scarboro, 6 added, 2 removed, present number, 36..."

Vol. XV, March & April 1861, No. 2, 76-77

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING, A. Farewell, chairman, J. Menzies, secretary: "Pickering, three added, Bible School part of time, present no., 85...[amount contributed] Pickering, \$80.00; Scarboro, present no., 19...[amount contributed] Scarboro, \$20.00."

Stouffville

Message of Good Will

Vol. XVIII, March & April 1864, Nos. 3-4, 62-63

A letter from "L.," from Stouffville, Feb. 1864, is copied by D. O. under INTELLIGENCE: "Since last report spent one day in Stouffville. Had two good meetings. On the following morning one became obedient to the faith. [The letter goes on to report attending a business meeting at Eramosa, including the comment...] There is at least one thing lacking with regard to the business of co-operation, and I would illustrate it by referring to the procedure of two churches. In Pickering, Bro. Forrester *makes it his business* to look around and see what can be raise, collects the money and forwards it, and they generally send more than they promise. In another church east of that they have a number of good preachers, some brethren of good business talent, and the whole church has the best of feelings towards the co-operation, but as the man said, *there aint nobody to attend to the business*. I suppose I have gone far enough out of my track to beg pardon and return. [The report continues...] Started on Friday for Stouffville, where we had the pleasure of addressing a full house. Next morning leaving Bro. Asa Burke at Stouffville, we started for King. Reached Bro. Pearson Well's just in time to have the horses put into a good stable and hurry over to the new house. The Brethren in King have erected a very good house indeed. It is plain and comfortable, with a good shed for teams. And by he way, *no pulpit*. I think the Brethren of King have manifested good sense in the plan of their house. May they see prosperous times—'tis my heart's desire. Here we found Brother and Sister Boyer from Pickering. Bro. Stouffer and Davis from Stouffville, [etc.] ...Brethren Black and Ash discoursed to us in the evening. In the evening the house was well filled, and on Monday evening there was a good turn out...On Tuesday we separated, the writing coming to Stouffville and Bro. Black and Ash planned for two places in King. One confession in this place."

Vol. XVIII, September & October 1864, Nos. 9-10, 153-154

(Page 153 was not available.) "L.," in a letter 29th July, 1864, continues: "Spoke two or three times in Stouffville. One meeting was occasioned by the death of a fine promising boy, son of Brother Wm. Kester. Little Willis has gone... We left for Bowmanville, where

we had two good meetings... Took leave of Bowmanville for Murray. Held meetings there nearly one week. Spoke in four different places. Had a good turn out just above Brighton. Glad to know that Brother Wm. Ainsworth is doing a good work. The church in Murray is doing very well. Thence to Hillier. We have a full house, but there are certain influences at work here, I mean in the County, of which it does not become *me* to speak particularly, which will in all probability prevent us doing much good to perishing sinners.”

The Bible Indicator

Vol. II, October 1869, No. 5, 79

Included in ITEMS: “Bro. Black either visits Luther or Stouffville in a few days... The writer [C. J. Lister] will leave this [Meaford] for Stouffville soon. Explanations will be given to Bro. Royce.”

Vol. II, January 1870, No. 8, 126

The editor [Lister] in ADVICES, reports, “After writing last report, some more meetings were held in Stouffville. The pleasure of hearing some seven more confess Jesus...”

Vol. II, January 1870, No. 8, 127

J. H. Rowe, reporting to “Brother Lister, Spent last Lord’s (sic) in Stouffville. On account of the inclement weather, the meetings were small. Had two immersions on Monday...”

Bible Index

Vol. I, December 1872, No. 2, 28

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. “Bro. Anderson made visits to the congregations at Stouffville and Uxbridge, much to their gratification and help in the Lord...”

Vol. II, April 1874, No. 4, 121

Letter to James Black by C. J. Lister from Bowmanville, March 25, 1874: “You will be glad to know that the brethren at Stouffville are doing well, considering the way they were left. They keep up their regular meetings. Bro. Forrester and the writer paid them a visit and had two evening meetings. The attendance was good...”

Vol. III, March 1875, No. 3, 75, 76

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. BOWMANVILLE ADVANCES, by X. Y. Z.: “Three more immersed in Stouffville, and one in Bowmanville. Many thanks to the Brethren in Stouffville for their kindness and liberality, may they strive to edify one another, exhort and comfort one another...”

FROM BOWMANVILLE.—“Meetings have been continued some three weeks in Stouffville. So far six have been immersed... Brother Anderson did a good work there during his last visit. Bro. Forrester spoke a few times very acceptably. Bro. Gibson assisted at one meeting.” X. Y. Z.

Vol. IV, March 1876, No. 3, 75

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "Bro. A. Anderson, we understand, is about to hold meetings shortly in Stouffville."

"Bro. Joseph Gibson recently met with the brethren at Stouffville, and speaks highly of their zeal and steadfastness in the Lord."

The Christian Sentinel

Vol. 1, March 1880, No. 3

CHURCH NEWS. "—We learn that in a meeting held at Stouffville by Bro. S. Keffer, *four* confessed the Lord."

Vol. VIII, April 1880, No. 88121-122

ITEMS AND NEWS. "Dear Index,—By the request of the Church in Pickering the writer left home on the 14th of February for the purpose of hold a two weeks meeting ... While in Pickering Bro. S. Keffer of Stouffville, paid us a visit traveling sixteen miles for the purpose...pleased to hear that he is devoting his life to the work of the Ministry of the Gospel...his wife and two children...A. Anderson, No. 42 Hunter St. West, Hamilton, March 10th, 1880."

(Trenton)

Bible Index

Vol. I, June 1873, No. 8, 138

BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT. "The fourth June meeting commenced in Hillier on Saturday, 21st, was continued over Lord's day, closing on Monday. Delegations from the churches in P. E. County, and from Brighton, Trenton, and Belleville were present, also brethren D. Oliphant, of London; Edward Trout, Robert Beaty, and the writer from Toronto. The brethren of Hillier, true to their promise, had their new meeting-house completed and open. It is of brick, 28 by 40, and a model of neatness and comfort. The meeting was gloriously successful in awakening to greater zeal the disciples of Northumberland and Prince Edward Counties. Two were baptized and two reclaimed...I only regret that many brethren east of Toronto, who are being iced over with the sleet of worldliness, were not present, as assuredly it was their duty to be..."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 205-206

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Vol. II, November 1874, No. 11, 337-339

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. *BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT*. "...Oct. 1st, left Owen Sound for Hillier, remaining in Prince Edward County over two Lordsdays... Tuesday morning took leave of friends, grateful for their liberality. On account of infirmity did not call at Trenton or Brighton..."

Uxbridge

Bible Index

Vol. I, December 1872, No. 2, 28

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "*Bro. Anderson* made visits to the congregations at Stouffville and Uxbridge, much to their gratification and help in the Lord..."

Vol. II, January 1874, No. 1, 17

DIED. "Sister Howard, of Brougham, Ont., wife of Bro. James Howard died on the 21st November, at her residence. The deceased obeyed the gospel in Scotland, and was connected with the church in Uxbridge, Ont."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 205-206

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE. THE BOWMANVILLE MEETING. By C. J. Lister: "The change in Bro. Franklin's physical appearance was to me the subject of serious thought...Evidently, labor, toil and ill-health have made their mark... There were brethren at Bowmanville from Dorchester, Toronto, Prince Edward's county, Uxbridge, Garafraxa, Eramosa, Pickering, Oshawa, Cobourg, Murray, Prince Albert, Chicago, and Scotland...we can only report three accessions."

Vol. I, 2nd Ser., June 1877, No. 6, 190

CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. S. Keffer recently held a meeting of a week's continuance in Uxbridge. Seven were added to the church through his efforts."

Vol. III, February 1879, No. 2, 62

PERSONAL NEWS ITEMS. "Bro. S. Keffer is holding a meeting at Uxbridge. He is a good man and a good preacher, but so modest that he will not tell what he is doing..."

Miscellaneous

The Christian Banner

Vol. XII, May 1858, No. 5, 160

James Black, "Sec'y" [of the committee of co-operation] reports to Brother Oliphant, from Eramosa, April 26th, 1858, concerning the labours of brethren Kilgour and Lister, "Since the beginning of April, brother Lister labours alone among the churches east of Toronto..."

Vol. XII, May 1858, No. 5, 160

D. O. reports, "Seven were immersed at Castleton [Northumberland County] some three weeks since...Our friends called 'Christians' immersed these."

Vol. XII, August 1858, No. 8, 256-257

D. O. in RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE reports from Hillier, 15th July, "We had the pleasure of taking the confession of one recently. And a short tour of a week was taken away in the Ottawa country, some thirty miles below the City of Ottawa, where three discourses were delivered, one on the Canada East side of the Ottawa Rive and two on the Canada West side. The Baptists were sufficiently liberal in both instances to open their chapels."

Message of Good Will

Vol. XIX, March & April 1865, Nos. 3-4, 66-67

D. O. in INTELLIGENCE, addresses Brethren Platt and Hicks at West Lake (from Lake Shore, Clinton, April, 1865), "The writings of the New Covenant are mainly in the form of letters. Nearly all the New Testament is composed of this class of writing. Allow me to address you in this familiar manner, sending news not only to you but to a multitude..." "Brother Ainsworth gave an acceptable address to the people east of Brighton some weeks ago."

Bible Index

Vol. I, March 1873, No. 5, 71

MEETINGS IN JUNE. The editors of the *Index* encourage congregations in the various regions to conduct meetings in each of the five Sundays in June. The "Eastern section, including the congregations of Brighton, Prince Edward County, &c..." The fourth Sunday, on 22nd June, at Westlake or Hillier..." is proposed. In the "Central Section" along with the congregations of Eramosa, Erin, Norval, Nassagaweya, Trafalgar," are included King, Toronto, Pickering, Oshawa, Bowmanville, &c."

Vol. I, March 1873, No. 5, 73

TRIP TO CANADA. George W. Colston, Toulon, Stack County, Ill., Dec. 25, 1872, (Chicago), writes of his travels in Ontario: "I left Chicago Nov. 4th to visit some of my friends and brethren in the Queen's dominion...[from Toronto] I took the train for Bowmanville. As the worth agent of the Grand Trunk informed that the train did not stop short of Bowmanville. We did stop at Duffin's Creek and Whitby, at which place I got off, found no conveyance, and walked three miles or over to my nephew's, which nearly used me up, being troubled with sciatic rheumatism. Next day visited some of my old friends in Oshawa, and put up for the night with Brother A. Farewell, M.P.P., and enjoyed an excellent visit with him and his matronly companion. On Saturday went out to Butterfield to visit my old and long-trying friend Br. John Henry. Not being at home, tarried but a short time, and returned to Br. Farewell's. Lord's Day morning, met with the brethren in the Son's Hall, to whom I spoke on the subject of 'Truth,' ...At night I spoke

again on the subject of the 'Christian Religion'...It was a joyful reunion after being absent from them for over three years, during which time they have passed through some severe trials, but have maintained their integrity. Their efforts at union with the old Christians I never had any confidence in, knowing the parties as well as I do...They stand on the basis of the union agreed to by a joint committee of the two congregations. The old Christians, for seventy years or more, have plead for union on the same basis, and now, when a practical union is within their grasp, they bolt..."

Vol. I, April 1873, No. 6, 89

NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD. "*Bro. Geo. Clendennan*, of Oshawa, who, we are pleased to learn, intends to reside in Toronto... We understand that Bro. Clendennan met with the brethren in Pickering on the 23rd March, and the next Lord's Day will be at Bowmanville. He has been industrious and energetic in his efforts for the Bible Index, and has sent us a large numbers of subscribers from Oshawa and Bowmanville..."

Vol. II, July 1874, No. 7, 224

John Henry to "Dear Brother Clendenan.—You are aware that my son Wakefield Howard has gone to his rest...Five years [1769] ago he was immersed by Bro. Sheppard at one of Bro. Lard's meetings. I shall never forget the struggle he had; but he came out in right earnest, confessed his Saviour, and always tried to avoid bringing a stain upon the cause..."

Vol. III, April 1875, No. 4, 128

OBITUARY NOTICES. "Bro. Jacob Whurtleff, of Whitby, took sick on the 6th inst., and died on the 8th, and was buried on the 11th, aged 71. he had been a member of the body of Christ for many years, and was characterized through life by probity, honesty, and uprightness. X. Y. Z."

Vol. XI, April 1883, No. 124, 120

CORRESPONDENCE, from W. K. Burr, Belleville, 15 March 1883: "...death has made sad havoc of the churches in this county. In our own congregation [Belleville?], in a few years, some twenty have gone to the grave. At West Lake, they, too, have suffered very much. You [Bro. Beaty, editor] well remember the beloved Jacob Hicks, whose kind hospitality we enjoyed during the last June meeting at that place. His kind home was always a home for me, and indeed for all visiting brethren and friends. His obituary has, I believe, never been written... You will also, doubtless, remember the venerable Henry Lambert, one of the oldest Disciples in this county. He passed away a few months since..."