

RESTORATION IN THE GEORGIAN BAY, 1853-1895
ITEMS FROM THE PERIODICALS

Owen Sound, (St. Vincent) Meaford, 4th Line (Nottawasaga), Stayner, Sydenham,
(Derby) Kilsyth, (Glenelg) Priceville, Proton, Collingwood, Cape Rich, (Brant) Dunkeld,
Walkerton, Glencairn, Euphrasia, Wiarton, Egremont

The Georgian Bay Co-operation

The Bible Indicator, the Christian Worker

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ABBREVIATIONS

BI – Bible Index
BI & CS – Bible Index and Christian Sentinel
BF – Banner of the Faith
CB – The Christian Banner
CS – The Christian Sentinel
CW – Christian Worker
DO – David Oliphant Jr, editor and evangelist
GM – Gospel Messenger
MGW – Message of Good Will to Men
N – Number
OE – The Ontario Evangelist
TBI – The Bible Indicator
V – Volume

(Note: The periodical record available to the researcher for the following items was not complete. For those interested in completing this profile from the periodicals of evangelistic work and church life in the Georgian Bay district (with the exception of the Manitoulin Island and the Muskoka District), please contact G. H. Ellis.)

OWEN SOUND (1842)

- W. A. Stephens in a letter to David Oliphant Jr, editor, Oct. 23, 1853: “We have a very comfortable Meeting House built of brick at a cost of \$600. It was rather heavy on us, there being so few.” DO’s comment: “Both at Wainfleet and Owen Sound new meeting houses have been erected within the current season.” CB, V VII, N 12, Dec 1853, 337.
- Obituary: “Sis Armstrong wife of James Armstrong, Toronto, died age 70 at residence of her son-in-law, T. C. Stephens, Owen Sound. A disciple for the last 24 years.” Reported by W. A. Stephens. CB, V VIII, N 2, Feb 1854, 53.
- DO reports in “Fields of Labour,” Owen Sound is listed as one of the fields “opening up in our rapidly improving country...” CB, V VIII, N 7, July 1854, 192-193.
- Owen Sound is listed as a contributor to the co-operation during June 1853 – June 1854 in the amount of \$24. CB V VIII, N 8, Aug 1854, 226.
- John Doyle, “evangelist chosen by the acting brethren of the evangelizing co-operation,” reports on his evangelistic tour through St. Vincent and Owen Sound, March 1855, “...reached there Thursday night [gave} four discourses...two baptized by Elder W. A. Stephens.” CB, V IX, N 3, Mar 1855, 85-7.
- DO reports, “Brother W. A. Stephens of Owen Sound informs us that brother Bamford was lately at this point and addressed the brethren here. Some time has elapsed since hearing from the congregations at Sydenham and St. Vincent.” CB, V IX, N 9, Sept 1855, 256.
- DO in “Travels and Labours, Number Two,” re his “tour,” from St. Vincent to “Owen Sound 20 miles farther west...not only a growing town, but the disciples there are multiplying. Among old friends and brethren I saw the four brethren Stephens taking the lead in every good work, the Boyds and their partners, sister Miller and sister Mary Stephens, brethren Sinclair, Tucker, Inglis, Maitland, Cummings and their wives...a series of meetings held...several immersed.” CB, V X, N 3, Mar 1856, 98-99
- DO in “Travels and Labours, Article Third,” writes, “While tarrying at Owen Sound, the excellent brother W. A. Stephens put into my hands some copies of the ‘Times’ published in that town” including 3 or 4 letters written by McDonald, a Baptist minister residing in the area. “His letters would indicate that he is apprehensive that either the written or oral teachings of the disciples might to a greater or less degree forestall or thwart his efforts...[and with reference to A. Campbell and the *Christian Banner*] warning...against the deceitfulness and doctrinal heterodoxy of the disciples.” Re Campbell’s irony and caricatures, “They make and finish priests of a certain order, now in Bethany, and Alexander Campbell himself is at the head of the factory...As Mr Campbell denied the influence of the Spirit in conversion, as he pronounced ‘assistance to believe a metaphysical dream,’ etc., etc. CB, V. X, N 4, Apr 1856, 129-131.
- Report of annual co-operation meeting at Esquesing, Feb. 6, 1857, with reports “by various churches represented.” “Church in Owen Sound represented by W. A. Stephens and W. Boyd, 40 present number of members.” CB, V X, N 4, Apr 1857, 126.

- DO's 1857 New Year's greetings, including to preachers: "Owen Sound – Stephens." CB, V XI, N 1, Jan 1857, 5.
- "Report of the Annual Meeting of the Board of co-operation, Feb. 6, 1858... Owen Sound present number 32." CB, V XII, N 3, Mar 1858, 95.
- Report of the Annual Meeting of the co-operation, Eramosa, Feb 1859: "Church in Owen Sound, present number 34...[contribution to the co-operation] \$30.00" BF, XIII, N 2, Mar & Apr 1859, 87, 88.
- Report of the churches of the Disciples of Christ co-operating for the preaching of the gospel, for the year ending Feb. 1864: Cash received from Owen Sound, \$10.00. MGW, V XVIII, N 3, Mar & Apr 1864, 56.
- "We sympathize deeply with the widowed mother of the young man Stephens, who was recently drowned, and with the brother of Stephens, of Grey County in their bereavement. He was capsized from a small boat along with seven other persons, near Collingwood. The severity of this affliction is increased by its following soon after the death of the eldest daughter of M. A. Stephens while at school in Toronto." BI, V 1, N 2, December 1872, 30.
- The *Bible Index* editors recommend five area June Meetings for 1873, including one in "The Northern section, including the congregations of Derby, Owen Sound, Meaford, Collingwood, &c." BI, V 1, N 5, March 1873, 71.
- BROTHER CLENDENAN'S REPORT, "A meeting of two weeks closed August 31, in Owen Sound, and while we cannot report any accessions at either Owen Sound or Derby, I think good results will follow." BI, V I, N 11, September 1873, 167.
- George Clendenan in "Our Late Labours" reports arriving in Owen Sound on Dec. 5, 1873 and preaching until the "Wednesday following," then on to Derby... BI, V II, N 1, January 1874, 18.
- BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, The last Lord's day was with the church in Owen Sound. When here I always ask, with the prophet, 'How shall Jacob rise, for he is small.' Evident it is that here, as in some other places, 'something must be done.'" BI, V II, N3, March 1874, 75.
- MEETINGS IN JUNE, 1874 (four) announced, including June 14th, at Owen Sound. "Owen Sound has now communication with Toronto by the Toronto, Grey and Bruce narrow gauge railway, and probably by that time steamboat from Collingwood and Meaford." BI, V II, N 5, 143.
- GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE, Owen Sound Meeting. W. A. Stephens reports on the visit by Benjamin Franklin to conduct the 1874 June meeting. Met Friday evening, June 12, and Saturday morning and evening in the church building but to the Town Hall for the Sunday meeting for the larger audience. James Kilgour [Inspector of Schools in the County of Wellington] presided at the table. Then again at 4:00 p.m., so as not to interfere with the other churches' meetings. After the morning meeting the daughter of A. M. Stephens responded and following the afternoon meeting, a daughter of Sister Maitland and two daughters of Bro. Mackie (of the Meaford church) came forward. These were baptized in the "pure water of the Owen Sound Bay by Bro. Charles Lister, in the presence of the largest assembly that I have every seen in attendance in this town

- on such an occasion.” Franklin spoke again on Monday and Tuesday (June 16) evenings, again in the Hall. BI, V II, N7, July 1874, 204-205.
- BRO. CLENDENAN’S REPORT, “The churches in Owen Sound and Derby if not prosperous are at least in a healthy state, the latter having one of the best Sunday schools in the township. That the former once had one I know, having attended their annual pic-nic... These churches are the only two in this field, though there are several localities where there are brethren, and these favourably disposed... Two baptisms lately, one at Derby, the other at Owen Sound.” BI, V II, N 11, November 1874, 338-339.
 - “The congregation at Owen Sound has forwarded to Nebraska sufferers \$20 through this office [i.e. the Bible Index, re “suffering brethren in Kansas and Nebraska, Bro. Rice assisting]. BI, V III, N 4, April 1875, 109.
 - C. J. Lister, writing to James Black, reports, “About the first of July I had the pleasure of baptizing two of the daughters of Bro. and sister Inglis near Owen Sound... Had one meeting in Derby and several in the Sound: both churches are in their usual state. The aged and faithful sister Fleming regularly attends the meetings of the Disciples.” BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 279.
 - G. C. [George Clendenan] writes “For the *Bible Index*,” “I lately enjoyed a pleasant and it is hoped profitable visit with the brethren in the county of Grey. Lords day September 5th assembled with the church in Owen Sound, and in the evening preached at Kilsyth... The region roundabout Owen Sound and Kilsyth is an inviting field of gospel labor... There is just a possibility that the ‘brother whose praise is in all the churches’ of Ontario will permanently locate in this field.” BI, V III, N 10, October 1875, 303.
 - W. A. Stephens writes to McDairmid, editor of the *Christian Sentinel*, to send his one dollar subscription and to express approval for having “two papers” [with the *Bible Index*]. From Owen Sound, May 6, 1880. CS, V I, N 6, June 1880, 191.
 - O. G. Hertzog reporting from Owen Sound, Aug. 23rd, 1880, “I began labor here in our chapel on the 15th of this month, and on the 18th moved to the Town Hall where I continued up to 4 o’clock yesterday, when I addressed about four hundred auditors on the Bible... II Tim. iii, 15... In the evening, by request, I preached in the Baptist Church...” the Baptists offering the continuing use of their building. No responses. CS, V I, N 9, September 1880, 278.
 - “Owen Sound church decided at a recent meeting for the purpose of transacting business, to use all their collections in liquidating the debt on their meeting house. Is this wise?” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 2.
 - EDITORIAL DOTS. Owen Sound. —“The Sunday School under the auspices of the Church at Owen Sound, held their annual ‘jubilee’ in their meeting house on Division street recently. Bro. Wm. Fleming reports a good time... speeches by Bro. Stirling (sic) and Mr. Ewing, Pastor of the Baptist Church, who said that he loved the Disciples because he owed his conversion largely to them...” CW, V II, N 4, February 1883, 2.
 - C. J. L [C. J. Lister] sends in a report from Jordan, Jan. 17, 1883. “...in Owen Sound over three months embracing Aug. Sept. and Oct. instead of two weeks as planned. While there it was a pleasure to meet with the brethren at Kilsyth on Lord’s Day, most of the time... Visited Meaford one Lord’s day... Left home on

wheels but was storm bound at Arthur...[aided by] Bro. J. H. “Banker” Hanns who [invited him home for the night and] ...went from place to place in search of a sleigh...[on to] Eramosa...” CW, V II, N 4, February 1883, 4.

- [Robert Beaty reporting] “Owen Sound. —This old church is still maintaining its position...Faces of years ago are to be seen...Bro. W. A. Stephens...recovered from his illness...(see also, BI, V XII, N 137, May 1884, 157.) C. J. Lister present on June 3 and spoke in the evening...Young men, strong and able to handle the plane or plow, but too lazy or conceited to make their own living are fed and pampered, while old veterans of the cross...are left to struggle for a living when past the age to do active work...Robt. Beaty, of Toronto, spoke in the morning, June 3...” BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 223.
- CHURCH NEWS. “See by ‘M’s’ letter Bro. Finch is getting into the work around Owen Sound.” CW, V III, N 9, July 1884, 3.
- “Owen Sound.—It is pleasing to observe that so many brethren at this place take part in the duty in the congregation. Brethren find, Tolton and Fleming...They had Bro. Sheppard and Bro. Stirling speaking to them lately. Bro. Robert Beaty was with the church on...the 17th August.” BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 279.
- Obituary: “Died, at the residence of Mrs T. C. Stephens, Owen Sound, Miss Susannah Armstrong, on the 6th April, in her 76th year. Recollections are vivid of seeing her at the meeting of brethren before 1840. She and her sisters, for a long time before a house was erected for the disciples of Christ to meet in at Toronto, prepared an upper room in their father’s house, on Yonge street, Toronto, every Lord’s day for the assembling of the brethren...Her sister, T. C. Stephens, and myself, were buried with the Lord in Toronto Bay, our watery grave was cut in the ice, the thermometer about zero, on the 10th March, 1844. Sister Armstrong was immersed some years before. C. J. L. writes much of her closing hours was spent in quoting the word of the Lord.” R. B [Robert Beaty, editor] BI, V XIV, N 161, May 1886, 159.
- Owen Sound.—“As will be seen by a communication from bro. Lister, the brethren in this town are building a house to meet in. We hope the appeal for assistance to build this house will not be in vain.” BI, V XVII, N 196, April 1889, 152.
- Owen Sound.—“The corner stone of the new Christian Church at the corner of Division and Hill sts. Was laid on Friday afternoon by Elder W. A. Stephens. The ceremony was very simple, a prayer for the prosperity of Christianity in the town and for the new building, the depositing of a box containing the customary papers, &c. and laying the stone thereon...The church is 40x68 feet over all...the list of articles deposited:--1 cent, 5, cents, 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents. Papers—Owen Sound Times, Owen Sound Advertiser, Ontario Evangelist, Gospel Advocate, Christian Standard, Apostolic Guide, Bible Index, Octographic Review, Christian Leader, Y.M.C.A.—*Owen Sound Times*. BI, V XVII, N 198, June 1889, 190.
- ITEMS AND NEWS. Owen Sound, “mainly carried by sisters.” BI, V XVIII, N 212, August 1890. 250.

MEAFORD (ST. VINCENT) (1848)

- DO reports in "Fields of Labour," "We begin with St. Vincent, where, for a few years past there has been a flourishing congregation of Disciples." CB, V VIII, N 7, July 1854, 192-193.
- John Doyle, "evangelist chosen by the acting brethren of the evangelizing co-operation," reports on his evangelistic tour through St. Vincent and Owen Sound, March 1855, [having left King but because of illness omitted the Township of Wawanosh, to Nottawasaga and] "from this place I was taken by brother Trout (a good fish which I think will not be cast away when the net is brought to land) to St. Vincent...This church has no elders...they work harmoniously...five discourses...14 precious mortals...buried in the waters of Georgian Bay." CB, V IX, N 3, Mar 1855, 85-7.
- DO's article, "Religions in British America," was written in St. Vincent, Feb. 6 1856. CB V X, N 2, Feb. 1856, 53-5.
- "A Disciple" writes re "The Warfare Westward," to DO from St. Vincent, Jan 9 1856: "It is during the gloom of one of our long winter evenings..." on the subject of infant baptism. A visiting preacher supporting this doctrine "invites brother Trout sen., to attend, saying, 'If I am wrong, I want you to put me right...'" The article also quotes a Methodist elder "residing in this place" when exhorting his flock, said, "These discipleites are just like Canada thistles, when they once get into a place it is impossible to root them out." CB, V X, N 3, Mar 1856, 385-388.
- DO in "Travels and Labours, Number Two," following the first two weeks in January in Prince Edward County, set out during the third week of January on a two month tour of "our Provinces West," passing over 250 miles via Toronto and Collingwood, "my first halt was at St. Vincent [and Owen Sound for] two weeks...The church at St. Vincent, which has a membership of one or two less than eighty, was found to be of average spiritual health...new members...and well tried and estimable brethren and sisters as brother and sister Trout, brother Layton and his sister companion, brethren Williams and Whitelaw with their partners, the Coxes and their Christian wives, brother Mallory and brother McMillen and their helpers...and sister Blanchard...to find every grown up member of some families a member also in the Christian family. Our brother trout has...six children who are children of the Lord. Brother McMillen's daughters, two in number...are disciples...[some of] brother Williams and sister Blanchard's...the brethren Cox...twice born children...A series of meetings held." CB, V X, N 3, Mar 1856, 98.
- DO's 1857 New Year's greetings, to preachers included, "St. Vincent – Trout. Creemore – Hood." CB, V XI, N 1, Jan 1857, 5.
- Report of the annual meeting of the Board of Co-operation, Esquesing, Feb. 6, 1857, "Church at St. Vincent, as reported by W. A. Stephens, has 60 members." CB, V XI, N 4, Apr 1857, 127.
- J. M. Trout in a letter to Brother Oliphant, Feb. 25, 1858, reported the arrival of brethren Kilgour and Lister "labouring in the services of the Co-operation...on the 12th instant...commenced operations in our new Meeting House which was

- first opened on that occasion...25 persons confessed.” CB, V. XII, N 3, Mar 1858, 96-97.
- Report of the Annual Meeting of the co-operation, Eramosa, Feb 1859: “Church in St. Vincent, 29 added, 2 removed, 1 expelled, present number 90... [Contribution to the co-operation] \$24.00” CB, XIII, N 2, Mar & Apr 1859, 87, 88.
 - Announcement of the “usual general meeting” [i.e. June Meeting] to take place at St. Vincent, the third Friday in June. BF, V XIII, N 3, May & June 1859, 145.
 - The treasurer’s report re the co-operation in Canada, “in Account with the Churches of Disciples of Christ from 31st of January, 1859, to 31st of January, 1860...Received from Church in St. Vincent, \$22.85.” BF, V XIV, N 6, Nov & Dec, 1860, 296.
 - Report of the annual meeting of the co-operation, Erin, Feb. 2, 1861, reports received from the various churches represented at the meeting: Church in St. Vincent, two added, two dismissed, Prayer Meeting and Sunday School, 121... contributed, \$20.00. BF, V XV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1861, 76-77.
 - “T” writes from St. Vincent, March 14, 1861 to DO: “We have recently had the pleasure of welcoming into the fold of Christ five interesting friends by baptism; and two, who had wandered away, by confession...Brethren Sheppard and Lister were the laborers...Not long ago...[conducted the funeral] of sister E. Barber.” BF, V XV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1861, 82.
 - Report of the annual meeting at Everton, Feb. 7, 1863, churches at Collingwood, St. Vincent, Owen Sound, and Derby not represented. Received from St. Vincent, \$30.00. BF, V XVII, N 3-4, Mar & Apr 1863, 56-7.
 - W. H. Trout writes to DO from St. Vincent, Mar 22, 1863, “...we, although not having the services of any regular preaching brethren, are still making some progress...There have been six added to the congregation since last autumn, five by immersion and one restored. Last Lord’s day, we had the pleasure of seeing two believing penitents obey...With regard to evangelizing, the brethren here have concluded that with the assistance of the neighboring congregations, they will engage the services of some evangelist to labor in this section of the country.” BF, V XVII, N 5-6, May & June 1863, 94.
 - Report of the churches of the Disciples of Christ co-operating for the preaching of the gospel, for the year ending Feb. 1864: Cash received from St. Vincent, \$71.00. MGW, V XVIII, N 3, Mar & Apr 1864, 55.
 - [Robert] Royce, secretary and treasurer for the Co-operation [re Wellington], in a letter to the editor [C. J. Lister] of the *Indicator*, writes, “My Dear Sir, Meetings have been continued in Meaford and some School Houses in St. Vincent...Nine more have been added. The last one of Brother Trout’s family has confessed his Saviour. Spoke yesterday in a house owned, I believe, by the ‘Friends’.” TBI, V II, N 5, October 1869, 79.
 - [Lister] under “Advices” reports of returning from meetings at Stouffville (seven confessions), taking “a track via Aliston, Glencairne, Nottawasaga and Meaford, to find family well...Meetings have been held since that date in Meaford, Cape Rich and Woodford. Speaking in Owen Sound once and Derby once...In

- Woodford, the storms were such that but few came out.” TBI, V II, N 8, January 1870, 126.
- [Lister?] in “Advices” reports, “Since returning from Erin, meetings have been held at Cape Rich, Owen Sound, Stone School house, and one at Woodford... Two came forward at Owen Sound...I attended a meeting at Meaford on the evening of the 24th Inst., in the Town Hall. My ‘Rev.’ opponent, Mr. Will opened his clerical battery and kept firing for nearly two hours. The writer felt the benefit of the Christian armour...The proceedings were such that Bro. Anderson’s Highland heart was stirred within him...” TBI, V II, N 12, May 1870, 189.
 - “Advices,” “Meetings have been held in Wilcox’s School House, Kirvin’s School House, and Meaford. No immersions. One restored. The Kirvin School House is situate (sic) on the Town Line between St. Vincent and Sydenham, where Mr. Sylvester Kerr occasionally speaks.” TBI, V III, N 6, November 1870, 95.
 - BROTHER ANDERSON IN MEAFORD, “This Evangelist is now laboring with us. The roads in places are almost impassable This thins the meetings...The intention is to divide the time between Meaford, Owen Sound, and Derby...one immersion.” TBI, V III, N 6, November 1870, 96.
 - NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, “*Congregation at Meaford*—[drawn from the Meaford *Monitor* published by Messrs. Watt & McLaren” reports a “Sabbath School [Christmas] festival. “Messrs. Beaty and Trout, of Toronto, ...were expected to address the meeting [but were prevented because of a blockage of the railway]...impromptu speeches were called for from Messrs. McKnight, Sinclair, Bond, Johnson and Watt...D. L. Layton, Esq, presided as chairman.” BI, V I, N 4, February 1873, 55-56.
 - The *Bible Index* reports arrangements for a June meeting to occur on the third Lord’s day, 15th day of June, at Meaford, on Georgian Bay, “...well known as terminus of the East Grey Railroad from Collingwood. Collingwood is reached by the Northern R. R. from Toronto, and at present runs twice a day...The journey from Toronto is about seven hours. Brethren D. L. Layton and D. Sinclair, on behalf of the brethren, extend a cordial invitation to the brethren at large to attend the meeting. [Expected to be present] ...W. A. Stephens and Alexander Stephens of Owen Sound, and N. McColeman of Collingwood...Elder Brother Trout, now of Beaverton...” BI, V I, N 7, May 1873, 104.
 - A major report re the five meetings in June, 1873, appeared in the July *Bible Index* in which 30 baptisms were noted with some 4,000 in attendance, including between 1,200 and 1,500 Disciples meeting to break bread. John F. Rowe, assistant editor of the *American Christian Review*, Cincinnati, OH, was the visiting speaker. At Meaford the activities began on Friday evening, June 13 and concluded at Monday noon. In addition to Rowe speaking, Geo. Clendenan, James Beaty, jr., and D. Sinclair also presented lessons, A. Anderson presiding. On Sunday some 600 persons met in the Drill Shed. Following some 150 to 200 met to break bread. Wm. Trout was absent due to illness. Names are listed of many who attended including from Meaford, Cape Rich, Owen Sound, Glenelg, Erin, Nottawasaga, Collingwood, Derby, and other places in the province. Visitors were billeted in the homes of local brethren, who are named. Bro. Lister took ill on Monday. In J. F. Rowe’s report, 800 gathered on the Lord’s day of

which 200 were Disciples. His comment: "It was one of the happiest meetings I ever attended, and the farewell meeting on Monday will long be remembered by that weeping audience." Following the Monday meeting three were baptized. Geo. Clendenan remained to hold meetings during the week resulting in ten more baptisms. BI, V I, N 9, July 1873, 132, 134-135, 143.

- George Clendenan in "Our Late Labours" reports traveling from Derby in mid-December, 1873 "stageing 18 miles to the village of Meaford" and preaching on Sunday, Dec. 21st in the morning and evening and at Cape Rich in the afternoon. "I enjoyed the soeity (sic) of the veteran and venerable Bro. Trout, who is one of the few pioneer preachers left on this side..." BI, V II, N 1, January 1874, 18.
- BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, following meetings at Owen Sound and Derby, he held a meeting at Meaford that "was protracted over three Lord's days. Five baptisms. The religious interest felt by the young people is pleasant..." BI, V II, N3, March 1874, 75.
- "The brethren at Stayner, Ont., have sent \$28 for the sufferers in Kansas. This is liberal for so small a congregation... The amount sent from Meaford was \$60 instead of \$40 as formerly noted. Brethren at Dunkeld have sent \$5 for the same object." BI, V III, N 3, March 1875, 75.
- The 1875 "General Assemblies" for the province are announced, with Meaford scheduled for June 13, speaker, Benjamin Franklin. BI, V III, N 4, April 1875, 109.
- Benjamin Franklin is not able to attend the Meaford meeting and J. H. Jones, "who once attended a meeting at Eramosa some years ago," is selected as the alternative. BI, V III, N 6, June 1875, 170.
- Wm. Trout, writing from Meaford, May 17th, 1875, on behalf of the brethren at Meaford invites "our brethren and friends everywhere" to attend our "yearly meeting to be held here, commencing Friday evening, June 11th." BI, V III, N 6, June 1875, 171-172.
- "General Assemblies," 20th June, commencing on Friday, speakers Alexander Anderson, Eramosa; H. McDiarmid, Toronto; J. Harrison Jones, Mount Union, Stark County, Ohio; and James Beaty, Jr, Toronto. The meeting in the Drill Shed, with estimates of 1,200 in attendance. Monday morning the both aged William Trout and A. M. Stephens spoke. Four immersions in the Georgian Bay. J. H. Jones preached each night during the week, eight were baptized and three previously immersed as Baptists and one with the Methodists joined. Brethren were in attendance from Owen Sound, Nottawasaga, Derby, Collingwood, Stayner, and Pickering. Reported by Hugh Black. BI, V III, N 7, July 1875, 205-207.
- C. J. Lister, writing to James Black, reports, "About the first of July I had the pleasure of baptizing two of the daughters of Bro. and sister Inglis near Owen Sound... Had one meeting in Derby and several in the Sound: both churches are in their usual state. The aged and faithful sister Fleming regularly attends the meetings of the Disciples. BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 279.
- C. J. Lister, writing to James Black, reports, "Since last writing we have had Brother Anderson preaching in Meaford. The 'old co-operative' preachers have a pretty large range of friends and acquaintances, and generally command a good

hearing. Their manners and style are not so enticing as those brought later in the field; but the old bible readers love to hear them.” BI, V III, N 11, November 1875, 345.

- GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE, Benjamin Franklin anticipated as the speaker with meetings arranged on the First Lord’s Day in July at Meaford “and there for some weeks.” BI, V IV, N 5, May 1876, 139-140.
- JULY AND AUGUST REPORT, “...Elder Franklin journeyed to Meaford on the Georgian Bay. A laborer by the name of Berry, as witnessed in the *Review*, preached at Meaford; and we learn that the result of labors at Meaford was an ingathering of forty-two.” BI, V IV, N 10, October 1876, 301.
- CHURCH NEWS, “Brother Franklin’s meetings in Ontario. —We learn that Bro. Franklin is expected to begin meetings at the following places and dates... Meaford, July 8th...We are glad to learn that Bro. Franklin’s health has improved rapidly of late...” BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 5, May 1877, 1855.
- Meaford.—The meeting at Meaford when last heard was still going on. Bro. A. Ellmore, the speaker. Nineteen additions last report. BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 7, July 1879, 222.
- MEETING AT MEAFORD. “Bro. A. Ellemore, of Frankfort, Indiana, has just closed a series of meetings, lasting six weeks...the ministers of the town ... unitedly sent for a revivalist of the Moody and Sankey stripe to hold an opposition meeting. They secured the Drill shed...not a single convert, although there were nearly a dozen ministers hard at work...Bro. Ellemore succeeded in turning eighty-two persons into the way of the Lord...chiefly men and women, many of them heads of families. Seventy-two were buried...in baptism, nine had been baptized, and two were reclaimed...This we believe to be the most successful meeting, not only in point of numbers added, but in every other respect, ever held among the Disciples in Canada. James Trout, Meaford, 5th August, 1879. BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 8, July 1879, 250-251.
- “Bro. Ellemore is continuing a meeting at Meaford—with what success we are not informed.” CS, V I, N 7, July 1880, 217.
- “Bro. Braden spoke to the audience at Meaford on Monday and Tuesday in place of Bro. Ellmore, who was expected to be present.” CS, V I, N 9, September 1880, 286.
- [H. B. Sherman] “We beg to inform you that we have one pure Canadian in our family now. Henry Garfield Sherman, born at Meaford, Ont., December 20th, 1881.” CW, V I, N 2, December 1881, 2.
- PERSONALS. “J. T. Hawkins from Ghent, K’y who held the June meeting at Meaford this year, closed his meeting on the 11th of this month [July]. As a preacher, the brethren say he is second to none who have preached here...[cf] Benedict, Rowe, Franklin, Jones, Ellmore...” CW, V I, N 9, July 1882, 2.
- (Advertisement) Meaford Ontario. [Ad placed by Trout & Jay, advertising 200 improved and 50 bush farms for sale, and describing the attractions of this area.] Population of over 2000, including about 200 Disciples of Christ. Also a church 7 miles to the north-west [Cape Rich], another 8 miles south [Euphrasia?], Owen Sound 18 miles westward, and Collingwood 22 miles southeast. CW, V II, N 1, November 1882, 4

- “That Circular Letter.” “We sent out a circular letter on the 25th of last month, to all the churches in the Province [proposing a province wide co-operation]... We have received a favourable response from... Walkerton, and we thing that we can speak for... Collingwood, Glencairn, and Meaford...” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 2.
- Law and Whitelaw are listed as the Publishers and Proprietors of the *Christian Worker*. Their ad appears in various issues re VALUABLE PUBLICATIONS, listing hymnals, commentaries, debates, miscellaneous, “Works of Campbell,” sermons, and tracts, including about 50 titles. Cf. CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 4.
- From the *Christian Worker*, a report of the “Christmas Tree,” at Meaford for a Sunday School anniversary celebration on Dec. 26, 1882. J. C. Whitelaw, superintendent. Addresses made by Sherman and Bro. Gard of Stayner. A Christmas tree with 50 wax tapers burning when the curtain fell. Bibles, Testaments, presents under the tree. BI, V XI, N 122, February 1883, 62-63.
- Arrangements for a meeting to begin June 17 at Meaford are announced, Bro. Elliott of Kentucky, the speaker. BI, V XI, N 125, May 1883, 156.
- The *Christian Worker* also reports on these plans: H. W. Elliott, with whom H. B. Sherman is “intimately acquainted with this gifted young man... is 23 years old and has been preaching 6 years. He is well known in Ky., as the ‘boy preacher’ and is pre-eminently successful as an evangelist.” CW, V II, N 6, April 1883, 2.
- “Meaford.—“Bro. Elliott and wife, of Kentucky, arrived here on 14th June... commenced preaching... on the 17th... three times on Sunday... each evening during the week... some had to stand... a good sound gospel preacher and remarkably clever for a young man... three immersed... one more has confessed... the meetings will continue for some three to four weeks.” BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 224. See as well, CW, V II, N 98, June 1883, 2.
- Obituary.—“Died, in Meaford, On Tuesday, 26th June, Mattie M. eldest daughter of H. B. & H. R. Sherman, aged 12 years, 6 months and 26 days.” BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 224. See also, “Death,” the extended thoughts of her father, who names her Marth Manerva Sherman. CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- PERSONALS. “We had made arrangements to leave Canada [to become the State Evangelist for the State Board of Oregon, *Christian Herald*, Aug. 1883, 3; Feb. 1884, 6; but withdrew because of his wife’s refusal following their daughter’s death], but it seems ordered otherwise...” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- “Meaford.—Our meeting [with Bro. Elliott] closed on Lord’s day night July 8... seven... immersed. I [J. J. Johnson] had, in the company with Bro. Sherman, the pleasure of hearing Bro. Harding preached at [Kilsyth] on the 12th... Bro. H. positively refuses to enter into a contract to preach for any particular length of time for a certain fixed sum of money...” BI, V XI, N 128, August 1883, 250-251. See also “Meaford Meeting, Seven baptisms during the meeting...” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- OBITUARY, “Jay.—Died, at Meaford, on the 28th of July, Mary, wife of Chas. H. Jay... Our sister the daughter of our late Bro. Wm. Trout... was among the first who were immersed in Meaford, if not the first, being then about sixteen years old... Her age was 52 years... leaves four children...” BI, V XI, N 129, September

- 1883, 287. See also, PERSONALS. “Bro. C. H. Jay left Meaford to tour England, on the 2nd inst. He intends to be gone about three months. He will visit Scotland and France...He will find many changes in the old home in thirty years.” [Thus was absent when his wife passed away.] CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- “Meaford.—Robert Beaty...spoke to a large audience morning and evening of Lord’s day 30th September. Sister DeLaunay of Paris, addressed an overflowing house for two hours in the afternoon...Bro. Layton has returned from his eastern trip...” BI, V XI, N 130, October 1883, 318. See also, CW, V II, N 11, September 1883, 3.
 - Wm. C. Beaty, of Omagh spoke to the assembly at Meaford at both meetings, 21st October. BI, V XI, N 131, November 1883, 348.
 - “Stirling.—We regret exceedingly to have to say that Bro. Stirling, who has been preaching at Kilsyth and neighborhood for some time past, has had to give up on account of his health and is now living near Meaford. He hopes...to resume preaching...” BI, V XI, N 132, December 1883, 381.
 - NEWS AND NOTES. “Bro. J. A. Harding, of Ky. commenced a meeting at Meaford June 15th.” CW, V III, N 8, June 1884, 3. (See also, BI, V XII, N 138, June 1884, 187.)
 - (Further to the Harding meeting) Seven persons made the good confession. Brethren from Owen Sound, Wiarton, Kilsyth, Euphrasia, Collingwood, and Cape Rich visited us during the meeting with closed on Tuesday, July 15. CW, V III, N 9, July 1884, 3.
 - CHURCH NEWS. “At the evening meeting in Meaford, Lordsday, Sept. 21st, one made the good confession and was baptized by Bro. Law the same hour of the night.” “Bro. A. H. Finch passed through Meaford, Oct 3rd, on his way to Muskoka District to assist Bro. D. Stirling in a meeting at Magnetawan.” CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2.
 - Died. “At Meaford, on the morning of October 10th, Brother James Sinclair, second son of Elder D. Sinclair. He had been ill for over two years...He was baptized here by Bro. Hertzog about nine years ago...” CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 3.
 - Married. “...Bro. W. A. Ellis, of Meaford has taken Sister Louisa Newcombe, formerly of Owen Sound, to be his wedded wife...” CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 3.
 - Meaford: Praised as “a model congregation...fully alive to its duty.” Leaders mentioned: Layton, Sinclair, Stirling, Johnston, Whitelaw, Jay, Trout and others. James Beaty addressed a large audience, Sunday, Dec. 16. BI, V XII, N 133 January 1884, 30.
 - J. J. Johnston reports, July 23, 1884: Re the meeting with J. A. Harding of Kentucky, June 15-July13, with seven responding, being “buried with Christ by baptism in the beautiful waters of the Georgian Bay...Bro. Harding preaches the old apostolic gospel...Like nine-tenths of our brethren in this congregation, bro. H says he cannot find any scriptural authority for the formation of what is called the ‘Ontario co-operation of the Disciples of Christ.’” BI, V XII, N 140, August 1884, 255.

- J. A. Harding, in a report to the *Gospel Advocate*, “gives what he considers a good sample of efficient eldership as seen in the church of Meaford...I am at this writing, in a meeting at Meaford, Ontario, Canada. The work of restoration was begun here about forty years ago by William Trout and a brother Geo. Jackson. In a little while this Bro. Jackson moved away, but his place was filled by Bro. D. L. Layton, who remains one of the elders this day. This has been the mother congregation of all this country...The church now numbers about one hundred and sixty...This congregation has never called a preacher ‘to take the pastoral charge of it,’ or to speak regularly for it, at the Lord’s day meetings. There are in it seven or eight who preach and teach successfully...at Meaford...and at places around about.. The talent of the church has thus been developed by the elders—brethren Trout (who has been dead for some time), Layton and Sinclair...” BI, V XII, N 140, August 1884, 256.
- “Meaford.—Bro. Sheppard, on his way to Portage La Prairie, where he has gone to visit, spoke at Meaford on Friday, 8th August, and Lord’s Day, 10th August.” BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 279.
- J. J. Johnston reports on DEBATE AT MEAFORD, following the meeting at Euphrasia, July 16-August 18, with 16 additions, “most...from the Methodists. As these additions were among ...the most prominent citizens in Euphrasia it produced quite a sensation among the people generally, but more especially among the clergy...Mr. Paterson the Presbyterian minister...delivered one discourse on Infant Baptism and one on the mode of Baptism. One of these was reviewed in Euphrasia and both were reviewed in this town [Meaford] by bro. Harding...Mr. J. L. Wilkinson of Brantford who debated with bro. McDiarmid at Acton a few years ago was summoned to attend...it has been agreed that the debate shall begin about the middle of December next in either Meaford or Euphrasia...” BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 280-281.
- Meaford Debate.—“The Harding-Wilkinson debate...arranged last August...commenced 15th December and continued until 20th December...two sessions on the six days of two hours each, making in all 24 hours debating. Two propositions...Bro. Harding taking the affirmative...‘Christian Baptism is immersion, in it there must be a burial in water.’ J. L. Wilkinson affirming...‘That infant baptism is of Divine authority, and has been practised from Apostolic times.’ The debate created a great stir in the town and vicinity as it had been the theme of conversation for over four months...The Town Hall, the largest room in the place, where the debate was held could not accommodate those wishing to be present. Hundreds had to go away...(possibility of being published).” BI, V XIII, N 145, January 1885, 27-28.
- Meaford Debate.—As reported by J. A. Harding, in the *Advocate*: “Two reporters were engaged for the Meaford debate; one by the disciples, the other by the Methodists. Our man, on the second or third day, gave up the work stating that he was sick...at the conclusion of the debate, I proposed to them to assist them all I could in selling their book, if they would give a fair report...I have just received proof sheets of the first two speeches, but they are the second proofs, and I am informed by the printer that the work is to be out in about ten weeks...At a glance I saw that my speech is much shorter than Mr. Wilkinson’s, and upon counting

the lines, found that min is only two-thirds the length of his; that is, supposing we spoke with the same rapidity, twenty minutes of my hour's speech are cut out..." BI, V XIII, N 148, April 1885, 116.

- St. Vincent.—“Meetings are being held in this township about nine miles from Meaford. Bro. Scott of Walkerton is speaker.” BI, V XIII, N 151, July 1885, 216.
- “Bro. Harding...commenced a series of meetings here [Meaford] on Wednesday last, the 22nd instant [July]. One young man came forward at the close of Wednesday evening meeting...Our meetings will likely continue for some weeks...Bro. Scott has be preaching in St. Vincent, about 15 added.” BI, V XIII, N 152, August 1885, 255.
- “The series of meetings commenced in this town, on July 22 by Bro. Harding, of Kentucky, closed on the 14th of Aug...eleven added...a daughter of mine was of the number. J. J. Johnston.” BI, V XIII, N 153, September 1885, 283.
- J. A. Harding, in the *Advocate*. “Mr Wilkinson prophesied, during the debate, that no more dippings would take place in all this region. Since the debate, which was held last December, there have been about 70 baptized in Meaford, and within a few miles of it. These baptisms were about equally divided between the Baptists and ourselves...” BI, V XIII, N 154, October 1885, 315.
- Meaford.—“A letter from bro. J. J. Johnston, dated 22nd June, says, ‘Bro. Elmore came here on Saturday, the 12th inst., and commenced holding meetings the next day, ‘Lord’s day)...No additions yet. Bro. Elmore can and may stop in Canada six weeks. The brethren in Euphrasia want him to go there after he leaves Meaford.” BI, V XIV, N 163, July 1886, 217.
- Robert Beaty spoke on the 24th October and reports “...there must have been 120 who broke bread. On examination they find that eighty-two have moved to other parts in a short time...A great amount of regret is expressed from the fact that Brother Whitelaw who left there in the summer, to travel in hope that it would benefit his health has returned, not better, but rather worse.” BI, V XIV, N 167, November 1886, 351.
- “Meaford Meeting,” by Samuel Keffer, December 1891, eleven baptized. BI, V XX, N 229, January 1892, 21.
- H. M. Evans, “editorial jottings,” describes a visit to Meaford, April 28, 1894, scene of Braden-Underwood, Harding-Wilkinson debates, meetings conducted by Elmore, Harding, Sommer, etc. Young men preparing to preach: F. C. Lake, S. Whitfield (using correspondence studies with the Bible college, Kimberlin Heights, TN). Travelled to the home of R. Hammond, postmaster/merchant, at Kimberly in the Beaver Valley where there is “a small congregation.” On to home of John Cann, of the small congregation in the township of Euphrazia (sic). Preached Sunday at Meaford and in the afternoon at Cape Rich. GM, V I, N 5, June 1894, 2.
- Samuel Keffer, Meaford, to enter the field for “more extensive evangelistic work.” GM, V I, N 9, October 1894, 1.
- Obituary. D. L. Layton, written by Mrs. W. H. Trout, Meaford. Died September 19, 1895, age 77. David Lynds Layton, b. Mar. 6, 1818, in Great Village, Lynds, NS. Learned watchmaking at Halifax. Became a Baptist there, then met the Disciples and was encouraged by W. W. Eaton to come to Ontario in 1843. He

worked as a watchman in Georgetown in the store of Bro. T. C. Stephens. Married Ellen Stephens, Mar. 6, 1848. Came to Meaford 1846-47, only three families making up the village. Worked in the store of Bro. George Jackson. In the spring of 1848, Wm. Frost and wife (parents of W. H. Trout), D. L. Layton and wife, George Jackson and wife, met as a church of Christ in the Mallory home in Vincent Township. In 1859 he became postmaster, and later reeve of both township and town. Twenty-three years ago he was appointed elder. GM, V II, N 10, October 1895, 5.

STAYNER (1877), 4th LINE, NOTTAWASAGA (1849)

- James Black, in Nottawasaga “for two days” leaving for St. Vincent on the 18th of Jan., 1853, writes DO. CB, V VII, N 3, Mar 1853, 83.
- Nottawasaga supported the provincial co-operation with 1 Pound, reported in the 1853 annual report. CB, V VII, N 9, Sept 1853, 249.
- DO writes encouraging “the brethren of Nottawasaga, St. Vincent and Owen Sound [to] find their way to Williamsville (Rainham Township) [for the 1853 June meeting]. Brethren Trout and W. A. Stephens we doubt not, will do what they can to send themselves and the brethren with them to the meeting.” CB, V VII, N 5, May 1853, 139.
- Letter to James Hood, Nottawasaga, May 18, 1854, re the passing of John McArthur, 24, cf. his aged father, mother, brother and sister in the church, who “more than three years ago he made the good confession.” CB, V VIII, N 6, June 1864, 1854.
- DO, “Fields of Labour,” reviews “numerous and extensive fields of usefulness opening up in our rapidly improving country, i.e. Canada West...In Nottawasaga also there is an opening for precious gospel seed.” CB, V VIII, N 7, July 1854, 192-193.
- John Doyle’s evangelistic tour, spring 1855, “took cars to Nottawasaga...” and was cared for by J. Stephens and family who “doctored his cold.” CB, V IX, N 3, Mar 1855, 85-7.
- Obituary: Margaret Hood, wife of James Hood, native of Scotland, in her 68th year. Reported by A. McArthur, Nottawasaga. CB, V X, N 11, Nov 1856, 353.
- “The esteemed A. McArthur of Nottawasaga, informs us of the death of the aged James Hood. ‘He was,’ says our brother, ‘a native of Scotland; embraced Christianity in the year 1808; united with the Scotch Baptists of Glasgow in 182?; came to this country, and in 1348 (sic) united with the Disciples of Nottawasaga, and since that time occupied the office of an elder’ ...Brother McArthur adds: ‘Another one of our number has gone to her rest; our sister’s name was Elizabeth, wife of William Jack, son of James Jack, of Essa.’” BF, V XIV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1860, 112-3.
- “The venerable disciple, A. McArthur, of Nottawasaga, writing lately...’My old acquaintance and brother in the Lord, James Black, has been here, and preached in this neighborhood several times and immersed two penitent believers.’” BF, V XVII, N 5-6, May & June 1863, 94. Report of the churches of the Disciples of Christ co-operating for the preaching of the gospel, for the year ending Feb. 1864:

- Cash received from Nottawasaga, \$30.25. MGW, V XVIII, N 3, Mar & Apr 1864, 56.
- "News of the Brotherhood" "*Bro. A. Bell*, of Stayner, having heard of the intended issue of *Bible Index*, writes to say that he is 'glad to hear that there is a monthly periodical at the point of being issued from Toronto... He says further that 'good and faithful servant *Bro. A. Anderson*, has been laboring in this vicinity between Nottawasaga and Sunnidale these three weeks... (one made the good confession and oe restored)... *Bro. Anderson* has also been preaching at Beaverton where our elder Bro. Trout has been residing and laboring with his usual zeal for a time." *Bro. Smith* and wife of Beaverton were immersed in the Shuter Street (Toronto) Church a short time since by Bro. Campton." BI, V 1, N 2, December 1872, 30.
 - "G. C." [George Clendenan], "OUR LATE LABOURS," reports, "The first Lord's day of the new year I met Bro. Anderson at the Fourth line meeting house in Nottawasaga, near Bro. McArthur's and alternating between there and Stayner, we continued meeting one week. Bro. A. then went to Priceville, in Proton, and I to the town of Collingwood... Returning, resumed the meetings at Stayner, and the Fourth line, resulting in one baptism." He mentions the area caught up in political activities, naming Mr. D'Arcy Boulton, the Hon. E. Blake, and the Hon. Archie McKellar. "Still the little church did nobly, and only accepted defeat which, with God on our side, was glorious victory." BI, V II, N 2, February 1874, 53.
 - NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, includes a report that James Black, having gone to Toronto with his wife to visit with their seriously ill son, W. C. Black, left "for Stayner, and other parts north, where he purposes to spend a month or so among the brethren." BI, V II, N 5, May 1874, 142.
 - BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, "Touching at King, arrived at Stayner, April 11th, and Lords Day morning met with the brethren at the 4th line. From thence, by the grace of God, and the energy of Bro. Becroft... reached the charming little village of Nottawa in the evening, where, through the active exertion of Bro. And Sister Neff and Bro. and Sister McKechnie, a large audience patiently awaited our coming." BI, V II, N 6, June 1874, 175.
 - NOTES AND COMMENTS, "Bro. Black recently visited Glenelg, Proton, Nottawasaga, and Collingwood townships and baptized two at Proton." BI, V II, N7, July 1874, 202.
 - "The brethren at Stayner, Ont., have sent \$28 for the sufferers in Kansas. This is liberal for so small a congregation... The amount sent from Meaford was \$60 instead of \$40 as formerly noted. Brethren at Dunkeld have sent \$5 for the same object." BI, V III, N 3, March 1875, 75.
 - James Black, writing from Nottawasaga, 20th of May, 1875, to the editor, "I am here since Saturday the 8th. On my arrival at Bro. Gilbert McArthur's house... still working though lame... Sister MacArthur has got over the effects of the accident... scar on forehead... The church here is small, numbering between thirty-five and forty members scattered over the township and Sunnidale, some of them seven or eight miles from the meeting house, yet they continue to meet regularly... Five or more of the brethren are pretty good speakers... The organ would only be a nuisance here. If it were even lawful, it would not be expedient... I spoke

- every night through the week...none responded...I go on to Collingwood Township. BI, V III, N 6, June 1875, 171.
- C. J. Lister, writing to James Black, reports, "Brother Johnston and this writer visited Notawasaga (sic) about the middle of August; found Bro. Crewson there. He had been speaking several times to good congregations; we assisted at three meetings. BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 279.
 - W. M. Crewson, writing from Acton, Aug. 24, 1875, reports on his "tour of the North undertaken during my vacation, at the request of brethren G. McArthur, of Stayner, and J. McKechnie, of Priceville...Next point was Nottawasaga, 4th line, near Stayner. Bro. J. McKechnie took us in his buggy, and kindly made us acquainted with many of the brethren, with whom we laboured till the 20th inst, visiting also New Lowell and Collingwood town." BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 281.
 - C. J. Lister, writing to James Black, reports, "Since last writing we have had Brother Anderson preaching in Meaford...the writer had a pleasant meeting of a few days among the brethren near Stayner; three immersions. The Baptists are pushing a movement on the Moody and Sankey plan. They solicited all the clerical help available in and about Stayner to make converts." BI, V III, N 11, November 1875, 345.
 - Report from W. M. Crewson: "Early on Christmas morning I went to the station of the Northern Railway...arrived...at Stayner, where I was met by Bro. Hill and conducted to his house enjoyed a good Christmas dinner...in the evening rode out to Bro. G. McArthur's...Here I made my home...At Stayner...they are about to lose Bro. P McEachern, the principal of the school...going to Pickering...Saw nearly all the members of the church on the 4th line of Nottawasaga, and a good few who are not members but ought to be. Was very glad to learn that since my former visit a meeting for singing, prayer, and the study of the Scriptures, has been kept up on the Lord's day evenings in Stayner, from house to house, and is likely to do good...Held three meetings in N...Started on Tuesday, 28th for Priceville..." BI, V IV, N 3, March 1876, 77.
 - GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE, Benjamin Franklin anticipated as the speaker for some of the meetings with other arrangements made for Stayner on the third Lord's Day in June." BI, V IV, N 5, May 1876, 139-140.
 - W. M. Crewson writes to editor H. McDairmid, "I have now been about six weeks in this county (Simcoe) spending about two weeks in each of the following places: Nottawasaga, Stayner, and Glencairn. The two last are new points...I am now enjoying the hospitality of Bro. M. N. Stephens and family [location?]. Six members of the household...are members of the household of faith, and I thrust (sic) that they may soon enjoy the privilege of meeting in a church capacity." BI, 2nd Series, V 1, N 3, March 1877, 87-88.
 - CHURCH NEWS, "Brother Franklin's meetings in Ontario.—We learn that Bro. Franklin is expected to begin meetings at the following places and dates... Stayner, July 1st... We are glad to learn that Bro. Franklin's health has improved rapidly of late..." BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 5, May 1877, 1855.
 - Bro. Hertzog, writing from Plymouth, PA, expects to be in Stayner about the end of January or the first of February. CS, V I, N 2, February 1880, 57.

- “Bro. O. G. Hertzog reports two additions at Stayner. Owing to an affection (sic) of one of his eyes the meeting there was cut short. He eye has been operated upon at Buffalo and is at present nearly well again.” CS, V 1, N 3, March 1880, 92.
- G. McArthur, Stayner, is listed as a supporter of the Wellington Co-operation in the amount of \$100.00, in a report tabled at the annual meeting at Erin, June 5, 1880. G. McArthur is listed as the representative of Stayner at the meeting. CS, V I, N 7, July 1880, 214-215.
- O. G. Hertzog returns to Stayner in May, 1880, and spoke a week. One baptism. CS, V I, N 7, July 1880, 213.
- J. R. writing from Stayner, P. O., April, 14th, 1882, reports that “Brother Sherman led an intelligent brother into the water last Lord’s day morning, and baptize (sic) him in the presence of a small gathering...[he] recently lost his wife, leaving a family of three small children...” BI & CS, V II, N 5, May 1882, 141.
- The annual meeting of the Wellington Co-operation held in Everton on the 3rd of June, 1882, reports its accounts that a contribution of \$50.00 from Stayner. No representative from Stayner was present at the meeting.” BI & CS, Supplement, V II, N 6, June 1882, 1-4.
- W. M. Gard reports, “...began a series of meetings at the house of worship situated two miles south west of the Stayner village...delivered 20 discourses... three ladies added by baptism...a Lord’s day school organized by James R. Roberts as Sup’t...regular attendance has been 33...” CW, V I, N 7, July 1882, 3.
- EDITORIAL JOTS. “Bro. Gard of Stayner, expects to leave for Indiana about May 10th.” CW, V II, N 6, April 1883, 2.
- H. T. L [H. T. Law] reports on the “Stayner Meeting” conducted in a Baptist meeting house by H. B. Sherman, beginning on the 2nd inst. On Lord’s day evening the seating capacity was taxed. The attendance continues to be good during the week. CW, V II, N 6, April 1883, 2.
- STAYNER MEETING. [Reported by H. B. Sherman] Continued for three weeks, using the meeting house of the Baptists, “treated with uniform kindness.” “We were told by the citizens of the village that our meeting were (sic) attended by the largest audiences ever assembled in the village on week day nights.” “Of course we had the usual amount of opposition from Sectarian bigots...” “Bro. John Doner, after a full and free investigation of our plea cast his lot with us. Bro. D— has been a preacher among ‘the brethren’ (Dunkards) for over 20 years.” “Brother Gard was with the writer most of the time and assisted much with his prayers.” “The coolness manifested by some of the ‘saints’ that live within gunshot of the meetings is not very commendable.” CW, V II, N 7, May 1883, 2.
- W. M. Gard, Stayner, May 7th, 1883, writes a farewell letter. For the past ten days he was engaged in his last of three protracted meetings. One young lady baptized. During the year we have held two protracted meetings at Priceville and one at Collingwood, where a portion of his time was regularly given. CW, V II, N 7, May 1883, 3.
- Mrs. S. Burke writes from Stayner, May 28th, 1883 to Mr. Sherman with details concerning the passing of her husband, Asa Burke, who had died on the 22nd inst., 73 years and 19 days old. “He was the son of James and Jane Burke who came to Canada from the United States several years before the close of the last century

[18th] at which time this Province was but a little more than a wilderness. They located and made for themselves a home in the township of Darlington and near the shore of Lake Ontario... These old people was well acquainted with the principles and objects of the religious reformation advocated by A. Campbell and others at that time, having I believe taken the *Christian Baptist* and *Millennial Harbinger* from the commencement of their publication. They with several of their children including Asa, were among the first to be baptised by the Christians so called when their preachers first visited that part of the country which was I think in 1826, or thereabouts. They were among the first also who united with the Disciples when their churches were established some years afterward. I think it was in 1842 that both Asa and I united with the Disciples at Harmony school house, the place referred to by Bro. Ash in his memories at Whitby school house, and it was through Asa's influence that the meetings were commenced in the Darlington base line or Captain Trull school house. Asa like all of his people was in religious controversy with sectarians always uncompromising... Your sister in Christ Mrs. S. Burke. P.S. I might say that Asa and I were members of the Church at Oshawa and afterward of the Pickering and Uxbridge churches, but during the last eight or nine years of the church here in Nottawasaga..." CW, V II, N 8, June 1883, 4.

- "Stayner.—At one of the meetings in this place at which bro. Hiram Brown spoke one confessed the Lord and was immersed." BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 279.
- CHURCH NEWS. "Bro. Crewson reports two baptism and added to the Church in Stayner, Sept. 13th, he started for Muskoka the following Monday." CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2. (See also, BI, V XII, N 136, April 1884, 126.)
- W. M. Crewson writes, "I was with the brethren in Nottawasaga on Lord's day September 14th, and at the evening meeting two confessed..." BI, V XII, N 143, November 1884, 346.

SYDENHAM (1850)

- Robert McCutchin writes from Sydenham, Dec. 1852 to DO, "Standing fast...[the church] in an infant state" and reports on an "addition." CB, V VII, N 1, Jan 1853, 28.
- DO, "Fields of Labour," "At Owen Sound and in the Township of Sydenham there are congregations stretching out their arms and lifting their voice for assistance in the great work of presenting the gospel to their fellow settlers." CB, V VIII, N 7, July 1854, 192-193.
- DO reports, "Brother W. A. Stephens of Owen Sound informs us that brother Bamford was lately at this point and addressed the brethren here. Some time has elapsed since hearing from the congregations at Sydenham and St. Vincent." CB, V IX, N 9, Sept 1855, 256.
- DO, "Travels and Labours, Number Two," held one meeting at Sydenham [after St. Vincent and Owen Sound] where brethren McLaren and McCutchin are located. While passing over a portion of Sydenham I observed some stoney ground as well as ledges of rock, but the friends of truth there will be glad if the soil of humanity, in which the good seed has been sown, does not prove stoney." CB, V X, N 3, Mar 1856, 98.
- PERSONAL MENTION. "Bro. H. Brown called at the Worker office on his way from Collingwood. Bro. B. is getting well into the work, he expects to hold a meeting in Sydenham township very soon." CW, V III, N 11, September 1884, 2.
- CHURCH NEWS. "A friend from Sydenham township near Meaford called at the Western office to say that Bro. H. Brown of Wiarion preached a few discourses in that locality, that they were pleased and edified, and had his promise for a lengthened visit and more preaching ere long." CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2.

KILSYTH (DERBY) (1858)

- J. M. Trout writes from St. Vincent, Feb. 25, 1858, and reports that Kilgour and Lister, working for the Co-operation, arrived at St. Vincent on the 12th of Feb., having come from the Township of Derby and the Town of Owen Sound. "In the former place [i.e. Derby] 23 persons were immersed, and a Church organized upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." CB, V XII, N 3, Mar 1858, 96-97.
- W. A. Stephens, Owen Sound, writes, re "the brethren lately brought together as a church of Christ... says, 'They meet at present at a School House, but they have the timber out for a Meeting House, which they intend to build the ensuing summer.'" CB V XII, N 4, Apr 1858, 127.
- Report of the Annual Meeting of the co-operation, Eramosa, Feb 1859: "Church in Derby, 2 added, 2 left, present number 34." BF, XIII, N 2, Mar & Apr 1859, 87.
- Report of the annual meeting of the co-operation, Erin, Feb. 2, 1861, reports received from the various churches represented at the meeting: Church in Derby, about 20... contributed, \$10.00. BF, V XV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1861, 76-77.
- Report of the churches of the Disciples of Christ co-operating for the preaching of the gospel, for the year ending Feb. 1864: Cash received from Derby, \$12.00. MGW, V XVIII, N 3, Mar & Apr 1864, 55.
- George Clendenan in "Our Late Labours" reports arriving from Owen Sound in mid-December, 1873 "six miles distant" and preaching from Thursday until the "Wednesday following." BI, V II, N 1, January 1874, 18.
- BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, Following spending Sunday with the church in Owen Sound, the next Tuesday commenced meeting in Derby. Continued over Lord's day and closed on Thursday. Good attendance; no accessions. Would commend the correct business tact of this church in the matter of paying preachers. 1st. *They pay him*. 2nd. He receives it as *wages earned*, and not as *alms bestowed*.. BI, V II, N3, March 1874, 75.
- BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, "The churches in Owen Sound and Derby if not prosperous are at least in a healthy state, the latter having one of the best Sunday schools in the township. That the former once had one I know, having attended their annual pic-nic. When the Derby brethren do what is only their reasonable service, and that which they have financial ability to do viz.—build a new house—they may look for a return of the good old days of gospel success. These churches are the only two in this field, though there are several localities where there are brethren, and these favourably disposed... Two baptisms lately, one at Derby, the other at Owen Sound." BI, V II, N 11, November 1874, 338-339.
- G. C. [George Clendenan] writes "For the *Bible Index*," "I lately enjoyed a pleasant and it is hoped profitable visit with the brethren in the county of Grey. Lords day September 5th assembled with the church in Owen Sound, and in the evening preached at Kilsyth... The region roundabout Owen Sound and Kilsyth is an inviting field of gospel labor... The brethren at Derby will build a house soon, they have \$800 subscribed already." BI, V III, N 10, October 1875, 303.

- “Six persons were added to the church at Derby recently, in a meeting held by C. J. Lister.” BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 4, April 1879, 123.
- PERSONALS. “Bro. Sterling (sic) has moved from Meaford to Kilsyth. He intends to divide his labors between Kilsyth and Wiarton.” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 3.
- ITEMS AND NEWS, “Kilsyth.—The church meet in a very comfortable house in this place, built by them lately. Bro. Stirling lives here with his family, but spends about half his time in Wiarton...spoke in the morning...Robert Beaty of Toronto in the evening...Bro. Stirling’s wife, a daughter of the late Bro. Trout, talks about things pertaining to the Bible with the energy and spirit that used to be in her father in his lifetime.” BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 222.
- ADDITIONS, “Kilsyth.—By invitation Bro. J. A. Harding, of Winchester Ky, held us a three weeks’ meeting, including four Lord’s days, closing on the 15th [July] with twenty added to the Church by confession and baptism...meetings twice a day the first two weeks and three every Lord’s day...interest increasing... last night a crowded house...[by] D. Stirling, 20th July, 18883.” BI, V XI, N 128, August 1883, 249.
- PERSONALS. “Brother J. J. Johnston and the writer [H.B.S.] attended the meeting at Kilsyth on the 12th. Bro. Harding will hold a meeting at Wiarton next, and pay Meaford a short visit, and likely hold a meeting in Collingwood before he returns to Kentucky.” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- “Another Correspondent from Kilsyth writes, July 29...splendid meeting during Bro. Harding’s stay, and with regret adds that ‘Bro Stirling has been in very poor health ever since you [Robert Beaty] were here. He is now on his way to the Lakes of Muskoka for his health’...now in Meaford.” BI, V XI, N 128, August 1883, 249. See also, “Kilsyth Meeting, Bro. J. A. Harding, one of Kentucky’s best evangelists began a meeting at the named place, June 24th, and is continuing the work at this writing (July 12th). The last word...18 baptisms...” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 3. See also, “There were twenty additions at the Kilsyth meeting. We did not hear of the last two until our paper was out. Bro. J. H. Harding left Canada immediately after the Kilsyth meeting closed. This was rather unexpected...” CW, V II, N 10, August 1883, 2.
- CHURCH NEWS. “The brethren at Kilsyth enjoyed 3 days visit from Bro. G. Munro very much, and will be pleased to see him again.” CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2.
- C. J. L. (Lister) reports, “...to Owen Sound. Spoke to the friends in Kilsyth on the next 1st day. These friends sent me off on a mission. From Sister Jennie Fleming I received \$20. and from Bro. Jno. Fleming I received \$30. I presume the sums were on account of the church. From Owen Sound, on Steamer ‘Pacific,’ I reached Little Current, thence to Green Bay...” BI, V XIII, N 153, September 1885, 287.
- C. J. L. reports “Have been speaking in Kilsyth chiefly of late. Meetings in the evenings are not as large as they were...Had a pleasant visit at Bro. Peter Ballard’s, near Woodford...” BI, V XIV, N 162, June 1886, 187.

GLENELG (Township) (1859), PRICEVILLE (Village) (1873), (WEST GREY TOWNSHIP), (PROTON TOWNSHIP)

- "J. McKechnie, an excellent brother, writing from Glenelg, a western county in Canada, writes, 'Through the kindness of a friend the banner found its way to our home, and although read with pleasure and profit, still I did not feel to enjoy it so much as if I paid for it myself. I now send...and desire for the future to read the Banner with unalloyed satisfaction. I have to mention that we now count ten disciples who are pledged to the Christian code. Eight of our number were rejected or I may say excommunicated from the Baptists for non-conformity (not to Jesus or his Twelve) but non-conformity to their enactments.'" BF, V XIII, N 6, Nov & Dec 1859, 237.
- DO in "Intelligence," wrote: "We learn through brother A. McArthur that our steadfast brother John McKechnie, of the township of Glenelg, is still enjoying the society of a little band of disciples, assembling on every first day of the week to worship Jesus unitedly." BF, V XV, N 3, May 1861, 106.
- John McKechnie writes from Glenelg, Oct 4, 1861: "About the first of September last, brother Archibald McDougald, from Fullerton [worked for] two weeks... mainly among the Gaelic people; although he did occasionally speak a little in English...two were added, and were immersed by brother McDougald [including] my son. I accompanied brother McD. through Glenelg, Artemesia, Proton, Egremont, and Bentick (sic). We spoke publicly and from house to house. We were kindly received by the Baptists in general. Like their ancestors, the Scotch Baptists, they seek the unadulterated milk of the word, and they grow thereby, and also in, discarding human creeds and confessions..." BF, V XV, N 8, Oct 1861, 269.
- NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, A. Anderson, writing Feb. 21, 1874, states, "Dear Brother Clendenan, -After parting with you at Stayner in January I laboured two weeks in Glenelg and Proton, we held meetings in three different localities, in one of these places the attendance was good and the people listened attentively to the truth still no one expressed a desire to obey the gospel. We made our home with Bro. McKechnie, who accompanied us to all the meetings and by whose advice we were directed...and when ready to leave brought us on our way to Durham, some nine miles on our way to Brant, where we intended to labour for some time and where the brethren had give appointments for us, but..." learning of his wife's illness, left immediately for his home in Rockwood. BI, V II, N 3, March 1874, 77.
- "G. C." [George Clendenan], "OUR LATE LABOURS," reports, "The first Lord's day of the new year I met Bro. Anderson at the Fourth line meeting house in Nottawasaga, near Bro. McArthur's and alternating between there and Stayner, we continued meeting one week. Bro. A. then went to Priceville, in Proton, and I to the town of Collingwood. BI, V II, N 2, February 1874, 53.
- "NOTES AND COMMENTS," "Bro. Black recently visited Glenelg, Proton, Nottawasaga, and Collingwood townships and baptized two at Proton." BI, V II, N7, July 1874, 202.

- James Black, writing from Priceville, July 23rd, 1875, to Bro. Lister, reports, "I came here on the 12th. And have been labouring in Proton since the 14th, and had, upon the whole, a good hearing, and six believers were baptized. I am resting today at Bro. McKechnie's...able to speak twice on Lord's day. Then I calculate to go to Collingwood Township on Monday..." BI, V III, N 8, August 1875, 232.
- W. M. Crewson, writing from Acton, Aug. 24, 1875, reports on his "tour of the North undertaken during my vacation, at the request of brethren G. McArthur, of Stayner, and J. McKechnie, of Priceville...went to Priceville and Proton, where our excellent Bro. Black was so successful a short time ago, remained until the 9th of August, holding meetings every night, and two or three times on the Lord's day...three baptized...thus making eleven additions to the church within a few weeks...I left with regret." BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 281.
- Report from W. M. Crewson: From Nottawasaga during Christmas week, "Started on Tuesday, 28th for Priceville, and on account of a too lengthy visit at Bro. Becroft's I missed the stage; but I continued my journey on foot, traveling some twenty-eight miles. I met with a friend, however, a Mr. McQuaig, of Osprey, who lived many years ago near Oshawa. Although a stranger to me he was very kind, and took me up and gave me a lift of some four or five miles, going far past his own place to help me on. And then, when I was nearly worn out for the time, who should I see but Bro. John McKechnie, of Priceville coming to meet me...to his comfortable home... you will hear from me again with reference to my stay in Proton, &c." BI, V IV, N 3, March 1876, 77-78.
- W. M. Crewson, Acton, held meetings in Glenelg, Proton and Collingwood townships, and at Clarksburg. BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 12, December 1877, 381.
- W. A. W. [Wm. A. Watkins, Pittsburg, PA], Priceville, Dec. 16th, 1878, "On the last Monday in October, after filling appointments in Walkerton and Dunkeld the preceding Lord's day, I began a protracted effort in Brant, at Duncan Black's place, lasting two weeks...Leaving Walkerton, I crossed over into Glenelg, Grey Co., and was kindly received and cared for by Bro. Jno. McKechnie, in whose house I addressed a fair gathering Friday evening, and on the following Lord's day began a protracted meeting at Proton, where our brethren have a church building. At this point I delivered twelve discourses in all, with no visible result in additions; the roads being for the most part impassable. Spoke also in Priceville, in the Baptist Church...and next went to McCuaig's schoolhouse, where we delivered five discourses...in all twenty-five discourses...no immediate results." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 1, January 1879, 27.
- OBITUARY. Jessie McKechnie, wife of Robert Boaks, [died] on Thursday, the 29th of May at her father-in-law's residence, in the Township of Glenelg. She was nineteen years and eight months old. She was baptised with a cousin of hers, about three years ago, by elder James Black, and was a zealous, consistent and active member of the church in Proton. J.M.K. BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 7, July 1879, 224.
- CHURCH NEWS. H. McDairmid held a meeting near Priceville, six baptisms, five were Presbyterians. DEBATE. T. Haddon, Methodist and H. McDairmid arranged to discuss in Priceville, in September, about the 22nd, the following propositions: 1. Dipping in immersion is Scriptural baptism. 2. Sprinkling is

Scriptural baptism. 3. Infants are Scriptural subjects for baptism. 4. To a penitent believer, baptism is a condition of pardon. It is expected that the debate will not happen. BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 8, August 1879, 249-250.

- A MUDDLE. The debate between Haddon and McDairmid occurred in a school house three miles from Priceville, “the last of July and first of August, going on for about three weeks, and were attended largely by Presbyterians and Baptists. Very few Disciples live near enough the place to attend...the preaching was not of a sensational character, but was adapted to thoughtful men and women—still made a sensation. Four Presbyterians confessed the Lord and were baptized...” What follows is report of sorts of the exchanges for the evenings of Friday and Sunday, Aug. 10 and 12 graphically described by “One Who Was There.” BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 9, September 1879, 281-285.
- CHURCH NEWS, “After the discussion in Priceville, 8 persons were baptized.” BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 11, November 1879, 348.
- W. M. Gard reports, “[From Stayner] to Priceville and found a faithful little band... We will return to this point in a few weeks to dedicate a House purchased in the village by our brethern to worship in...” CW, V I, N 7, July 1882, 3.
- NEWS ITEMS. “The last we heard from Bro. Gard he was sounding out the gospel at Priceville...” CW, V II, N 1, November 1882, 3.
- PERSONALS. “Bro. Gard of Stayner, recently held a meeting at Priceville with one or two additions...” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 3.
- W. M Crewson writes to report a series of meetings at Priceville, indicating that the people are not turning out very well. Thus the meeting was moved to the old meeting house in Proton “where we had a good and attentive hearing.” Six additions. The church in Priceville enjoys the advantage of talented elders. The field about Priceville is wide and promising that calls “not for a Pastor, but for an Evangelist.” CW, V III, N 11, September 1884, 2.
- “Proton.—A letter to the *Worker* says that Bro. Wm. Crewson held meetings at this place. There were seven additions to the Church lately.” BI, V XII, N 142, October 1884, 315.
- Spreading the Truth.—“The *Worker* says the church in Priceville lost thirty-three by removals, &c.” BI, V XIII, N 152, August 1885, 249.
- S. Keffer, writing “Paragraphs” from Meaford reports that S. Whitfield will spend six months at Priceville, and that the brethren at Meaford will miss him. GM, V II, N 1, January 1895, 5.
- S. Whitfield here for six months, two baptized, also at a preaching point, Dundalk where there is a family of Disciples nearby, name of McClure. GM, V II, N 6, June 1895, 1.
- S. Whitfield left after six months, three baptisms in all, “an able speaker for one so young in the work.” GM, V II, N 7, July 1895, 8.

COLLINGWOOD (1860)

- DO reports in "Visits and Labours," visiting Nottawasaga, Collingwood, and St. Vincent among other places (p. 250). Later in "Two More Churches" he writes: "In Collingwood township, not far from the shore of the Georgian Bay, a fervent company of Disciples have met since February last. The labors of sister Walters and brother Trout were instrumental in gathering together this little band. While up that way lately, one was added to their number, and one was added in Nottawasaga." BF, V XIV, N 5, Sept & Oct 1860, 257.
- Report of the annual meeting of the co-operation, Erin, Feb. 2, 1861, reports received from the various churches represented at the meeting: Church in Collingwood, 8. BF, V XV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1861, 76-77.
- "The pleasing news is received that the brethren at Collingwood have been cheered by three accessions through the labors of brethren Black, Trout, and Lister." BF, V XV, N 2, Mar & Apr 1861, 82.
- DO in "The Work of God Among Us, No. 3" writes, Between Collingwood, St. Vincent, Owen Sound, and Derby, some progress is making, and a laborer is to be maintained in the general service of the Lord." BF, V XVII, N 5-6, May & June 1863, 88.
- "G. C." [George Clendenan], "OUR LATE LABOURS," reports, "The first Lord's day of the new year I met Bro. Anderson at the Fourth line meeting house in Nottawasaga, near Bro. McArthur's and alternating between there and Stayner, we continued meeting one week. Bro. A. then went to Priceville, in Proton, and I to the town of Collingwood; preached two evenings in the hall of the Good Templars. The first meeting had a good audience. The next snow storm and politics against us. There are a few names in Collingwood, and they are worthy. Monthly or semi-monthly preaching in the town is contemplated. BI, V II, N 2, February 1874, 53.
- NOTES AND COMMENTS, "Bro. Black recently visited Glenelg, Proton, Nottawasaga, and Collingwood townships and baptized two at Proton." BI, V II, N7, July 1874, 202.
- NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, "Bro. C. J. Lister is about to hold meetings in Barrie, Orillia and Collingwood and also at Bowmanville." BI, V II, N 11, November 1874, 337.
- W. M. Crewson, writing from Acton, Aug. 24, 1875, reports on his "tour of the North undertaken during my vacation, at the request of brethren G. McArthur, of Stayner, and J. McKechnie, of Priceville...Next point was Nottawasaga, 4th line, near Stayner...with whom we laboured till the 20th inst, visiting also New Lowell and Collingwood town; at the latter place found our old friends, Bro. and Sister Hill, formerly of Erin, also several others who will not give up the name of Disciple, although they have no meeting there." BI, V III, N 9, September 1875, 281.
- "The Editor of the *Worker* preached two weeks in the Music Hall in Collingwood this month [Dec. 1881], and organized a church. This will be good news to the brethren who have so long desired to see primitive Christianity unfurl her banners in Collingwood town...." CW, V I, N 2, December 1881, 2.

- “Collingwood, Ont., Dec. 14th, 1881. Many thanks to Bro. McD. For your kind notice of *Christian Worker*. Our next paper is an improvement over the first issue. I will organize a congregation here next Sunday. We are having good interest. We will have 15 or 16 to start with, and very good material. Your bro. H. B. Sherman.” BI & CS, V II, N1, January 1882, 18.
- H. B. Sherman reports: “Since our last issue we have added eight to our number—four be relation, two from the Baptists, and two immersed...” CW, V I, N 4, February 1882, 3.
- Collingwood: “...now we have twenty-two members—nine males and thirteen females... The church was organized Dec. 18, 1881... We have secured a lot 60 feet front and 110 feet deep, centrally located for \$500... We now have several students here attending the Collegiate Institute who are members of the Church of Christ... This city is a great thoroughfare, having two railroads, and being the terminus of the Chicago and Duluth Steamer Line on the Lakes... The Church unanimously selected Sister Maria Frame for Treasurer...” CW, V I, N 5, March 1882, 2.
- “We are glad to hear that Bro. Sherman has succeeded in getting a preacher for Collingwood... Bro. Wm. M. Gard is the name of the brother who is to locate at Collingwood.” BI & CS, V II, N 5, May 1882, 138.
- Reported from the *Christian Worker*, COLLINGWOOD, “We have let the contract for the building of our meeting house and the work is now progressing rapidly. The house will be ready for use by the tenth of August, and will cost us twelve hundred dollars, this, with five hundred for the lot, makes seventeen hundred dollars, and not much over half of it raised yet... a helping hand... We *must* have money now. Our house is 50834, with an eight foot projection in the rear for pulpit and baptistery... Send all money to Miss Maria Frame, Collingwood, Ont.” BI & CS, V II, N 5, May 1882, 157-158.
- Collingwood: H. B. Sherman announces the formal opening of the Collingwood building on the 27th of August... more than \$1,500 has been raised. “The house will comfortably seat 275 persons. In size it is 34x50 feet main building, and a 3 foot projection... at the rear forming pulpit and two dressing rooms, with baptistery under the pulpit... Window are plain gothic 3 on each side, two in front...” CW, V I, N 10, August 1882, 3.
- OPENING. Members gathered from Meaford (20), Stayner, Glencairn, Aurora, Owen Sound, Euphrasia, Collingwood Township, Walter’s Falls, Parry Harbor and Toronto. House was packed. 92 broke bread. McDairmid spoke in the afternoon. CW, V I, N 11, September 1882, 2.
- NEWS ITEMS. “Bro. James Beaty, M. P., of Toronto, preached for our little band at Collingwood on the 4th Sunday in last month. The brethren report a full house at each meeting, and a very profitable time. We hope Bro. Beaty will come again.” CW, V II, N 1, November 1882, 3.
- NEWS ITEMS. “Collingwood had the labors of Bro. Barclay of Toronto, on the first Sunday in this month and Bro. H. T. Law of Meaford on the second. They need a good preacher there now all the time. A golden opportunity is slipping away...” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 2.

- PERSONAL. “Bro. Gard baptized two at Collingwood on Christmas day...Bro. Gard thinks of returning to the States when his year is out.” CW, V II, N 2, January 1883, 3.
- H. B. Sherman reports preaching at Collingwood on Jan. 31, 1883. “Two were immersed recently...When we look back to December 18th, 1881, when the church was first organized...needs financial help...” Taken from the *Christian Worker*. BI, V XI, N 122, February 1883, 59. (See also, CW, V II, N 3, January 1883, 3.)
- PERSONALS. “Bro. M. R. Hammond has decided to enter completely into the Master’s work as a preacher...He has made an engagement to labor one half of his time in Collingwood and the other half at Glencairn.” CW, V II, N 7, May 1883, 2.
- M. R. Hammond reports a business meeting held “last night” by the Elders and Deacons at Collingwood that determined that an appeal for funds re their building indebtedness. The editor [H. B. S.] follows with comments: the mortgage stands at \$700, at 7% (\$49 per annum), plus \$100 due to Bro. J. M. Hill who advanced it during construction. As well, one-half of Bro. Hammond’s support, \$175, is needed. There are only 30 members. CW, V II, N 7, May 1883, 3.
- “Collingwood.—Brethren in Christ we appeal to you for pecuniary aid...still owe \$900 on our church building. We are weak numerically...Yours fraternally, M. R. Hammond, Minister, J. M. Hill, J. McKechney, Elders.” BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 223.
- NOTES AND NEWS. “It is now arranged for Bro. Lediard to hold the meeting in Collingwood this winter.” CW, V III, N 3, January 1884, 2.
- J. M. Hill reports from Collingwood, Feb. 5th, ‘84 to say that Bro. Lediard from Erin has been holding a meeting in Collingwood and “was well liked.” Because of large union meeting taking place in town “our gathering was small.” CW, V III, N 4, February 1884, 2.
- James Lediard reports on Collingwood’s “present condition and future prospects.” “I have paid a visit to Collingwood...learned a few things...take the liberty of setting before the brethren, in the hope...help...The history...The Georgian Bay Co-operation thinking Collingwood a good point to establish the cause...sent Bro. Sherman, their evangelist...He gathered some scattered brethren and baptized some others, thus making a membership of somewhere near thirty persons. The next step was to build a meeting house, large, convenient and neat...Since the opening...proclaimed the gospel...always met on the first day...have had the occasional services of brethren Mackey, Law, Whitelaw, Barclay, and others and the more continuous services of Gard, Caldwell, and Hammond. But for some cause there has been no indication of growth since the beginning...[supposing] the church was much larger...my surprise when...I found just *twelve persons* present in a house that will probably seat 350...weighed down by debt. \$700 at 7% is too heavy a burden...Bro. M. N. Stephens of Glencairn offers \$100 toward this debt if the balance can be raised...” CW, V III, N 6, April 1884, 3. (See also, BI, V XII, N 138, June 1884, 187.)
- The Lediard meeting at Collingwood: seven additions. Meetings still going on. CW, V III, N 7, May 1884, 2.

- W. M. Crewson reports coming to Collingwood “some three weeks ago and commenced. Then Bro. Lediard came and spent ten days while I visited Glencairn and Stayner. On my return Bro. Lediard left for Ridgetown and I have continued with the meetings with ten baptisms, and one take membership, and three to be baptised yet, making fourteen in all...” BI, V XII, N 138 June 1884, 190.
- “The first year of the [Ontario] co-operation shows...[among] places helped... Collingwood.” CW, V III, N 8, June 1884, 3.
- J. J. Johnston reports Bro. Hiram Brown of Wiarton in a meeting with the church at Collingwood Town, beginning July 13, with one person confessing. BI, V XII, N 140, August 1884, 248.
- Obituary: “Our Bro. McColeman (85 years), of Collingwood Township, was buried near Thornbury, Wednesday 25th of March. An honest faithful Christian these many years.” BI, V XIV, N 161, May 1886, 157.
- Collingwood.—“Bro. Geo. J. Barclay had a letter from Bro. Sinclair, that at a meeting held in this town nine had been added to the Lord.” BI, V XVII, N 193, October 1889, 152.

CAPE RICH (1870)

- [Lister] under “Advices” reports of holding a meeting at Cape Rich in the Baptist meetinghouse for a few evenings “well filled.” “The clergyman attended twice. Obviously he and the writer did not speak the same things—not perfectly joined together in the same mind and the same judgment. And while arranging for another meeting, the deacon sturdily said, ‘It is settled, sir, that you don’t get this house any more’...As many as were saved in Noah’s Ark, have resolved to meet every first day of the week to break bread. Two of them are from Pickering, Brother and Sister Flummerfelt. One from Eramosa—Sister Greaves. The others have been residing in the neighbourhood some time.” TBI, V II, N 8, January 1870, 126.
- [R.] Royce, secretary and treasurer for the Co-operation [re Wellington], in “Advices” writes, “The work at Cape Rich has not flagged in interest. We have had four immersions and one united from the Baptists. In almost every house they talk about the Bible daily. Groups gather and discuss religious matters.” TBI, V II, N 9, February 1870, 143.
- [Royce] reports, “Meetings have been continued at Cape Rich. Three more have been immersed. Bro Maxwell and wife intend uniting with us. He formerly stood connected with the Evangelical Union of Scotland, was immersed by the Baptist clergymen at Cape Rich; but owing to his anti-calvinistic views was prohibited preaching. He obtained a certificate of good character; and a separation took place, quite agreeable to Bro. Maxwell...Brother Black has been of good service to the cause in this quarter. His ability to speak in both languages (Gaelic and English) contributed much to his usefulness. Mr. Ross the Baptist clergyman took him home one night and treated him gentlemanly; but avoided for good reasons, every thing like controversy...Bro. Black held some meetings in the afternoon, on what is called Hog’s Back...The brethren about Cape Rich wish to meet as a church.” TBI, V II, N 10, March 1870, 159-160.
- [Royce or Lister?] in “Advices” reports, “Some meetings were held in Meaford and Cape Rich. In the latter place, the brethren intended according to last report to meet as a church the next first day. That day, however, was very stormy. A few of us went up on the ice from near Meaford and the friends not seeing us pass concluded there would be no meeting. There was however a fine ‘turn out.’ On the following first day they met as a church. Through Bro. R. Cox we learn they had good meetings subsequently. The writer during the time meetings were in progress, was hospitably entertained at Bro. Halleck’s. Four of his children are in the church and all interested in the good cause. We frequently had brethren from Meaford and Bro. Joseph Cox’s sleigh would be many times well filled. Then we had Bro. Johnston. These traveled from 8 to 10 miles and back.” TBI, V II, N 11, April 1870, 173-4.
- [Lister?] in “Advices” writes, “Since the last report the writer has spoken at the following places Cape Rich, Wilcox School House, McCollum School House, Meaford, and Clarksburg...Nothing specially noted at Cape Rich...[one each came forward and were baptized] at McCollum School House...and Wilcox

- School House...It is the intention to speak at Owen Sound and Derby on the two first days of each month..." TBI, V III, N 2, July 1870, 77.
- George Clendenan in "Our Late Labours" reports preaching in Meaford Sunday, Dec. 21st in the morning and evening and at Cape Rich in the afternoon at three. He was accompanied by C. J. Lister. "...it was growing dark, and [with] an appointment at Meaford, 9 miles distant, at 7:30 p.m., we marched through the darkness and the cold, keeping step to the sublime music of the 'waves dashing wildly on the rock bound coast' of the beautiful Georgian Bay, and were only ten minutes late." BI, V II, N 1, January 1874, 18-19.
 - "Brother Sterling (sic) baptized two recently at Cape Rich...Bro. Sherman has been preaching in a Baptist Chapel at Cape Rich, and expects to preach thee again at their request. This is brotherly, and every way proper. We be brethren. The middle wall should soon disappear altogether." BI & CS, V II, N 5, May 1882, 138.
 - [H. B. Sherman] "...is now engaged here [Meaford] preaching on Lords day evenings and at Euphrasia and Cape Rich, alternately on Lords days at 11 a.m." CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 2.
 - J. C. Whitelaw reports on the St. Vincent Meeting, June 21-July14, 1885, conducted by A. Scott, nine miles N. W. of Meaford on the 7th line. Fifteen baptized, making in all 18 added to the church of Christ near Cape Rich on the 7th line. "The brethren are very much encouraged, especially old Elder Cox, who has for many years presided at the Lord's day meetings, continuing steadfast even when only two or three came together to break bread..." CW, V IV, N 9, July 1885, 2.
 - A. Scott reports speaking at Cape Rich on the evening of Sept 7, and four responded and the next night one more. Four of the five are heads of families. Bro. Whitelaw was left to baptize two of the candidates. CW, V IV, N 11, September 1885, 2.
 - Cape Rich.—"The brethren at this place are trying to erect a house for themselves, and have sent a circular for help, referring to several of the old brethren at Meaford. They have been working hard to succeed for years and deserve encouragement. Let those who can help, forward to John B. Lister, Cape Rich. BI, V XIV, N 160, April 1886, 124.
 - Cape Rich.—"The brethren at this place are still struggling to pay off the indebtedness on their meeting house..." BI, V XIV, N 165, September 1886, 279.
 - J. J. Johnston reports on the new meeting house at Cape Rich. "The building is frame, size 40X26 feet, well furnished and comfortably seated, beautifully situated on the corner of bro. Richard Cox's place, from which can be seen the beautiful water of the Georgian Bay. It is about eight miles distant from the town of Meaford. The first discourse was preached in it on Lord's Day morning, the 12th inst., by Bro. Scott. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. It will comfortably seat about 200 persons. Meetings were continued by Bro. Scott until Tuesday evening, the 21st, and then closed with eleven additions...Bro. Richard Cox is an elder of the congregation...Bro. C. J. Lister has also assisted much...No doubt the good seed sown at different times during the last 16 or 17 years by Bro.

C. J. Lister is now being reaped by others. This church has now a membership of about 55.” BI, V XIV, N 166, October 1886, 317.

- Bro. Scott held a short meeting at Cape Rich in November...discontinued because of inclement weather. “The brethren there are preparing to erect a good meeting house next spring.” CW, V V, N 2, December 1885, 2.
- Cape Rich.—“The congregation feel very comfortable in their new house. Bro. Stirling went out to them from Meaford on 24th Oct., and returned for the evening meeting at Meaford, in which he took part. He says he is well just now, that is, for him” BI, V XIV, N 1676, November 1886, 347.
- S. Keffer, Meaford, in a meeting at Cape Rich, GM, V I, N 3, April 1894, 3.

DUNKELD (1874), (BRANT TOWNSHIP), WALKERTON (1879)

- James Black, in a letter to C. J. Lister, from Eramosa, published in the *Bible Index* reports, "I started next across the country to Dunkeld, and spent two Lord's days with the brethren in Brant [Township] and found them all well and generally doing well. The time was busy, and the congregations on the week day nights were but small at first, but continued to increase till Mr. McNiven's house was pretty near filled the last few nights. None made the good confession... The brethren in Brant deserve all the help they require for a while, and I trust that the church there may yet become a mother church in the County (sic, Township) of Brant." BI, V II, N 8, August 1874, 239.
- BROTHER CREWSON'S REPORT, to the *Editor of the Bible Index*: Dear Brother,--After recovering from illness, I left home on Saturday, Feb. 14th, for Minto, where I arrived in time for meeting on Lord's Day, intending to remain a few days; but finding the neighborhood in a turmoil with the election of a member for the Local Legislature, Bro. Darrach, with whom we always find a pleasant home, advised me to go on to Brant and make them a visit on my return. Did so, and was well received by 'mine host' Brother Moses Whitebread (sic) and his kind family, and by all the friends. Commenced meetings and continued every evening with but little interruption till the 9th inst. The attendance was small at first, but steadily increased both in numbers and interest, till we had some good meetings, especially on the Lord's Day. Three were added by immersion, and two or three others who had been baptized before met with the church for the first time since its commencement. The place selected to the ordinance [baptism] (one of the best I ever met with) was pointed out to us by a kind neighbour, Mr. Crawford, who not only went to work to cut and clear out the ice but also gave us the use of his house, conveniently situated near the banks of the beautiful Saugeen. On the last evening of my stay in Brant, the brethren invited me to a business meeting... After attending to some minor business, the brethren resolved to hold weekly meetings from house to house for praise, prayer, and the study of the Divine Oracles... They also arranged to start a fund for the spread of the gospel, and another for the purpose of building a meeting house at no distant day. At the close Bro. James Tolton, on behalf of the church, presented me with the sum of \$29 and the following ADDRESS" [that thanked Crewson for his service] ...on behalf of the brethren and sisters in Brant" and signed by James Tolton, Thos. Whitehead, Overseers, Dugald McLeod, Moses Whitehead, Deacons. By W. M. Crewson, Acton, March 23rd, 1874. BI, V II, N 4, April 1874, 112-113.
- W. M. C. (Crewson), reports from Erin, June 29th, 1874, re the Erin June Meeting, (where it was expected that Benjamin Franklin would be present but due to a mix-up was not), indicating that visitors were present among the 1,600 to 1,800 who gathered on Sunday, June 28, from Owen Sound, Brant, etc. At the business meeting of the Wellington County co-operation was listed the Brant church represented by Thomas Whitehead. "The limits of the co-operation were extended to include all churches contributing to the evangelist fund..." BI, V II, N 7, July 1874, 207-208.

- “BRO. ANDERSON’S REPORT: “Our [James Black and A. Anderson] next field of labor was still farther north in the County of Bruce, within seven miles of Walkerton, in the township of Brant. There are settled in this locality quite a number of brethren, formerly of the Everton church... They have no meeting house, but Mr. Malcolm McNiven (who is not a Disciple but ought to be) seated his barn floor for us and made it clean and comfortable, and here we spoke nearly two weeks to a very good congregation. Four persons made the good confession and were baptized into Christ, and the brethren greatly strengthened and encouraged.” BI, V I, N 11, September 1873, 167.
- A. Anderson, in the employ of the Wellington County co-operation, writing from Rockwood, Dec. 7. 1874, writes to Brother Clendenan re his northern tour, leaving Amabel, “Our next place of labour was Brant near Dunkeld. Here a Church was formed a year ago under the care of Brethren Whitehead and Totton. They are doing well.. We had the best attendance of any meeting yet held there. The place, however, is new and the truth new and strange to most of them...one confession and baptism...I am not without hope that there may be yet a large congregation of Disciples at Dunkeld.” BI, V III, N 1, January 1875, 24-25.
- “The brethren at Stayner, Ont., have sent \$28 for the sufferers in Kansas. This is liberal for so small a congregation... The amount sent from Meaford was \$60 instead of \$40 as formerly noted. Brethren at Dunkeld have sent \$5 for the same object.” BI, V III, N 3, March 1875, 75.
- W. K. Burr writes, Nov. 1st, 1875, “NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, “Bro. Thomas Whitehead (Dunkeld P. O.) writes that four were immersed during Bro. Anderson’s last visit there...” BI, V III, N 12, December 1875, 360.
- GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN JUNE, Benjamin Franklin anticipated as the speaker with meetings with other arrangements made at “Brant, County of Bruce, on the second Lord’s Day in June.” BI, V IV, N 5, May 1876, 139-140.
- NEWS OF THE BROTHERHOOD, “Brother McDairmid has been preaching to large and interested audiences in Dunkeld and two were added to the Lord.” BI, V IV, N 10, October 1876, 300.
- CHURCH NEWS, O. G. Hertzog, having closed a meeting a Luther (eleven additions) “has gone to Walkerton, where he can be addressed during the month of December.” “Bro. A. Anderson, when last heard from, was speaking to large gatherings at Dunkeld. From there he was going to Lucknow.” BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 11, November 1877, 349. (P. 381, Hertzog preached at Walkerton for the month of November, adding two.)
- A. Anderson preached in Dunkeld, Brant Township for three Lord’s days, where Thomas Whitehead and James Totton are elders, and then went on to a preaching point (St. Helena), at Lucknow, Huron County, at a school house near home of John Butchart. BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 12, December 1877, 383.
- AN OPEN LETTER (from Wm. A. Watkins, Pittsburg, PA), “In the latter part of February last, having finished a final engagement in Ontario by some three and a half months’ continuous speaking through the counties of Bruce, Grey and Simcoe, we started for home...A more unfavorable season for evangelizing could not well been selected...we had but five immersions... We began the first meeting at Brant near Walkerton...after two weeks labor here, we spent the next

some four weeks speaking at different points in Grey County...started next for Stayner...reached Bro. Gilbert McArthur's...major storms for two weeks...By the advice of Bro. McArthur we left Stayner for Thornbury...twenty-six miles along the bay...Finding a house and a welcome at Bro. Jno. Sterling...securing a hall, and immediately began work...small audiences...mainly our brethren...we left to begin a series of meetings on the mountain near Bro. Wm. Walter's place, where the brethren have an organization...remained four weeks speaking every night...aided by Bro. Johnson and others from Meaford...back to Thornbury for a Lord's day afternoon meeting in the public hall, assisted by the venerable C. J. Lister...Finishing...we returned to the church near Stayner, and spent...a week...little church building packed on the last Lord's day evening." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 5, May 1879, 156-158.

- EDITORIAL REMARKS, "Elder Rowzee, formerly of Philadelphia, is now located at Walkerton. He was present at the June meeting at Everton, and spoke several times with much acceptance." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 7, July 1879, 217.
- W. Rowzee, reporting to Bro. McDairmid (editor) from Walkerton, Sept. 3rd, 1879, states, "The brethren here have decided not to build a meeting house this fall, but will make arrangements for building next spring." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 8, September 1879, 311-312.
- Walkerton is listed as a supporter of the Wellington Co-operation in the amount of \$20.00, in a report tabled at the annual meeting at Erin, June 5, 1880. Thos. Whitehead and W. Rowzee are listed as representing Walkerton. CS, V I, N 7, July 1880, 214-215.
- The annual meeting of the Wellington Co-operation held in Everton on the 3rd of June reports in its accounts a contribution of \$40.00 from Walkerton. Walkerton was present "By Letter." BI & CS, Supplement, V II, N 6, June 1882, 1-4.
- A letter from Wm. Rouzee (sic) from Louisville, KY reports that his blindness is pronounced incurable. Looks forward to hearing a report of work done at Walkerton by McDairmid. CS, V I, N 12, December 1880, 382-383.
- The annual meeting of the Wellington Co-operation held in Erin on the 2nd of June reports in its accounts a contribution of \$25.00 from Walkerton. BI, , V XI, N 127, July 1883, 216-217.
- Thos. Whitehead, writing from Brandon, MB, June 3, 1883, speaks of a visit to his home community: "...most of the month of April at home in Walkerton, Co, Bruce, Ont., with my family, and enjoyed while there, the company and fellowship of the little band of faithful disciples that meet for worship every Sunday in that place...service presided over by...Jas. Tolton...assisted by...N. C. Royce...a discourse by John Tolton...[departing] April 22, and reached here on the 26th..." BI, V XI, N 127, July 1883, 219.
- "We are pleased to hear that Bro. H. A. Macdonald has been engaged to labor between the Walkerton and Wiarthon churches." CW, V II, N 11, September 1883, 2. See also, "We are sorry to hear that Bro. McDonald cannot come to Wiarthon and Walkerton as announced in this issue." CW, V II, N 11, September 1883, 3.
- NEWS NOTES. Andrew Scott reports four conversions at Walkerton since he "came among them," during their regular meetings. Hopes of a special effort soon. (Scott, in the same section reports 25 additions, 22 by baptism and 3

restorations at West Haven, Mich., six additions at Nassagaweya with converts being baptized at Acton. Law & Whitelaw include a report that Scott is giving half of his time to Walkerton and the other half to the Wellington co-operation.) CW, V III, N 2, December 1883, 2.

- A. Scott reports baptizing at Walkerton a married lady from Paisley “where I preach once every two weeks.” “I go to hold a meeting in Minto next week.” CW, V III, N 4, February 1884, 3.
- A. Scott reports a two-week meeting at Minto with eight additions. Then a young woman made the confession at the regular meeting on the 24th and was baptized at Walkerton on the 27th. CW, V III, N 6, March 1884, 2.
- A. Scott reports two added to the church at Walkerton making the confession Lord’s day, April 27, a husband and wife, and being baptized on the Wed. following. CW, V III, N 7, May 1884, 2.
- “Bro. Scott of Walkerton, called at this office last month and gave the information that he had been holding meetings for ten weeks previously. He reported...that over thirty had been immersed at these gatherings.” BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 279.
- CHURCH NEWS. A. Scott reports, Walkerton, Oct. 6, 1884, “Report of work during the year, beginning October 1st 1883, ending October 1st 1884.” “Number of sermons preached, 183; Number of baptisms, 103; Number reclaimed, 6; Number of addresses, 30; Churches visited, 8; Churches organized, 1; Sunday Schools organized, 8.” “Almost constant visiting and preaching from house to house during the year. Added to this meeting held in West Haven, Michigan, in company with elder Siar, during part of Sept. 1883, I baptized 25 persons, making 128 baptisms in all during the last 13 months. This is the result of Co-operation. Closed a meeting of two weeks duration in Lucknow on the 5th of October. Baptized one—this was the first immersion in Lucknow and drew a large crowd. One added from the Baptists. Two commenced with us who belong to the Christian Connexion...A church was organized. Bro. Anderson, Morgan and Watson will be the main workers.” CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2.
- Walkerton.—Bro. Whitehead gives the pleasing information that a young man—an Episcopalian—has been under the preaching of sister Royce and others for some time...was immersed by bro. Tolton (the 4th of July). Bro. Anderson, of Hamilton, spent the same day with the church at this place...” BI, V XIV, N 164, August 1886, 243.
- Robert Beaty, Toronto, visited and preached on the 28th November morning and evening, and reports, “The brethren in this place are still earnest and working together for the faith of the gospel....With such brethren as the Toltons, the Whiteheads, Royce, and others...” BI, V XIV, N 168, December 1886, 375.
- Bro. A. Scott of Walkerton is about to move to New York State. CW, V V, N 5, March & April 1886, 2.
- “Home Mission Work” [i.e. serving the Co-operation]: C. W. Martz reporting from Walkerton, Oct. 22, 1886: returning to Indianapolis, Ind., health suffering from travels: preaching at Collingwood (five baptisms), Glencairn, Meaford (congregation refuses the Co-operation), Owen Sound (in sympathy with the Co-operation, along with nearly all the churches in the province), Kilsyth (sick), and

Wiarion. OE, V I, N 7, November 1886, 3. See also, Martz's final report, after returning to Indiana, Nov. 1: traveled 2,025 miles, presented 196 lessons, over forty-one baptized. OE, V 1, N 10, February 1887, 3.

- "Home Mission Work," reported by the Co-operation evangelist, J. Lediard: Walkerton ("snowstorm"), Wiarion ("help needed"), Kilsyth ("vigorous"), Euphrasia ("healthy," McKay of Meaford visits often), Owen Sound (Lister lives here: Finch going to Portage La Prairie, Manitoba), Cape Rich ("fifty members, convenient meeting house"), Meaford ("strong," one of six churches in the province with over 100 members, and largest Sunday School in Ontario; about to build a new building). OE, V II, N 1, May 1887, 4.

GLENCAIRN (1876) (1880?)

- W. M. Crewson writes to editor H. McDairmid, "I have now been about six weeks in this county (Simcoe) spending about two weeks in each of the following places: Nottawasaga, Stayner, and Glencairn. The two last are new points...I am now enjoying the hospitality of Bro. M. N. Stephens and family [location, Glencairn]...Six members of the household...are members of the household of faith, and I thrust (sic) that they may soon enjoy the privilege of meeting in a church capacity." BI, 2nd Series, V 1, N 3, March 1877, 87-88.
- "Bro. A. A. Trout is now in the general field again. A week ago he went from Toronto to Glencairn." CS, V 1, N 3, March 1880, 90.
- "Bro. A. A. Trout is continuing a meeting at Glencairn—fifteen confessions. The meeting still goes on." CS, V I, N 4, April 1880, 118.
- Glencairn.—"The meetings at this place Bro. Stephens says were continued up to the 28th March and would likely be for sometime longer...Seventeen have confessed the Lord. Bro. M. Stephens must be well pleased to see the house built by him for worshipping in so well filled. Sometimes over one hundred attend. Bro. A. A. Trout will remain sometime longer." BI, V VIII, N 88, April 1880, 118.
- "Dear Sentinel,—"...through the preaching of Bro. A. A. Trout in this place, by which twenty have been added to the saved. Last Lord's Day we met for the first time as 'the Church of Christ' in Glencairn...One of the Brethren, Glencairn, April 1st, 1880, CS, V 1, N 5, May 1880, 155.
- "Dear Index.—In March Number, Page 84, you erred in stating that Bro. A. A. Trout's meetings at Glencairn were the first efforts there. I held meetings there some four different times—twice for I think a week each time. On a Lord's day—several disciples being present, we attended to breaking the loaf, etc. Please make correction and oblige. Your Brother, W. M. Crewson, Acton, March 18th 1880. BI, V VIII, N 88, April 1880, 120.
- "One of the Brethren" reports, "Since my report in August, the church in Glencairn has been blessed with the teaching and preaching of kind brethren from a distance, and three have been added by baptism." CS, V I, N 12, December 1880, 381.
- NEWS ITEMS. "Bro. Caldwell immersed one at Glencairn on the 13th inst." CW, V II, N 1, November 1882, 3.
- PERSONALS. "Bro. M. R. Hammond has decided to enter completely into the Master's work as a preacher...He has made an engagement to labor one half of his time in Collingwood and the other half at Glencairn." CW, V II, N 7, May 1883, 2.
- Glencairn.—Report (by M.R.H.) of a lady over 70 who requested baptism. Because of her enfeebled condition "it was deemed prudent to fit up a bath for the purpose and have her baptized in the house. She would not, assent to have it done in the house and said, 'I want it done outside publicly and not in the house.' So the bath was placed outside and the dear old lady's wishes complied with...This makes the seventh addition to this congregation since last fall." CW, V III, N 5, March 1884, 2.

- W. M Crewson, writing from Glencairn, 2nd March, '84, "We closed a meeting at G. with five additions by baptism." CW, V III, N 6, April 1884, 3. (See also, letter to editors, Glencairn, Mar. 17, 1884, "Bro Hammond is labouring with me," citing three baptism. Of the five baptisms cited in the CW, that must have included the two at Stayner. BI, V XII, N 136, April 1884, 126.)
- C. Sinclair reports, Oct. 30, 1884, concluding a meeting at Glencairn on Friday the 22nd, with ten responses. He made his home with M. N. Stephens. CW, V IV, N 1 (37), November 1884, 1.
- Glencairn.—"Bro. Sheppard addressed them on the 19th July..." BI, V XIII, N 152, August 1885, 248.
- C. J. Lister reports, "Have been here more than a week; in poor health; one confession on evening of first day... This is a prosperous little church and Sunday school." BI, V XIV, N 159, March 1886, 92.
- A follow up by J. J. Johnston, March 25th, nineteen additions in the Lister meeting at Glencairn. Responding to a telegraph, he went to Euphrasia and baptized one, and returned to finish the meeting. BI, V XIV, N 160, April 1886, 125. See also, "Bro. Henderson did most of the baptizing." BI, V XIV, N 160, April 1886, 125.
- "Items and News," Samuel Keffer at Glencairn, "some disciples sowing good seed for some time." C. J. Lister assisting during February-March. Eighteen baptized. BI, V XX, N 232, April 1892, 120.
- C. J. Lister in a meeting at Glencairn. GM, V I, N 3, April 1894, 3.

EUPHRASIA (1878), GRIERSVILLE

- [H. B. Sherman] “The editor of this paper visited Euphrasia the 4th Sunday of last month and baptised two: the wife and son of Bro. Donally... They have a neat little house in which to meet. We expect to hold a series of meetings there soon.” CW, V I, N 1, November 1881, 2.
- [H. B. Sherman] “...is now engaged here [Meaford] preaching on Lords day evenings and at Euphrasia and Cape Rich, alternately on Lords days at 11 a.m.” CW, V II, N 2, December 1882, 2.
- PERSONALS. “The Editor [H.B.S.] is continuing the meeting at Euphrasia this week. Had a fine audience on Lords day the 15th at 11 a.m.” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- “The Editor continued the meetings of nights for two weeks at Euphrasia. The attendance was excellent during the entire meeting...when they are in the midst of the harvest.” CW, V II, N 10, August 1883, 2.
- “Euphrasia.—Bro. J. J. Johnson drove Robert Beaty from Meaford to this place on Lord’s day, 30th September, to a meeting in the afternoon, where a large number were assembled, who he addressed. Bro. T. C. Whitelaw, of Meaford, spoke at the meeting in the morning.” BI, V XI, N 130, October 1883, 318.
- CHURCH NEWS. “Bro. J. A. Harding of Kentucky, commenced a meeting with the church at Euphrasia Tuesday, July 15th, expecting to continue over two weeks at least.” CW, V III, N 9, July 1884, 3.
- EUPHRASIA MEETING with J. A. Harding, began July 16 and continues at the time of this writing, Aug. 18. Sixteen responses. The [area] preachers stirred up, e.g. the Presbyterian minister, Mr. Paterson, and the Methodist minister, Mr. Wilkinson, who was sent [from Brantford] to preach on baptism in Euphrasia on Aug. 19 “near our meeting house.” CW, V III, N 10, August 1884, 2.
- CHURCH NEWS. “The brethren in Euphrasia commenced a Sunday School last Lord’s day. Many of the brethren were present to take part and also of younger brethren.” CW, V III, N 11, September 1884, 2.
- W. J. Cann in letter to the editor, March 10, 1885, “The congregation at Euphrasia is advancing steadily. Last summer, during Bro. Harding’s preaching with us, sixteen obeyed...one more a short time ago...Bros. Law & Whitelaw of the *Worker*, and Bro. Mackey are regular speakers for us...J. C. Whitelaw authorized to solemnize marriages, in accordance with the marriage amendment act, passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario...Feb. 11, 1883.” CW, V IV, N 5 (37), March 1885, 2.
- CHURCH NEWS. “Bro. Harding’s meeting at Euphrasia closed August 18th... Arrangements are being made for a debate between Bro. J. A. Harding of the Church of Christ, and Mr. T. Wilkinson of the Methodist Church. It will likely take place in December next...on the subject of Baptism...” [The Harding-Wilkinson debate on Baptism, did take place at Meaford, December 15-21, 1884. The debate has recently been reprinted.] CW, V III, N 11, September 1884, 2. (See also, “...sixteen were baptized among them some of the chief people of the neighborhood. This aroused the sects who sent for the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson of Brantford to lecture in opposition.” BI, V XII, N 141, September 1884, 279.

- “Bro. Harding closed his meetings in Euphrasia on Tuesday evening last, the 21st instant [July], with six additions by confession and baptism, and commenced a series of meeting here [Meaford] on Wednesday evening last, the 22nd instant.” BI, V XIII, N 152, August 1885, 255.
- C. J. Lister reports, “The brethren at Euphrasia are still at work. They sent for help to preach, on the 24th, in meeting house, and to baptize a man of excellent character, 74 years of age.” BI, V XIV, N 161, May 1886, 153.
- CHURCH NEWS. Ellmore of the U.S. in a meeting at Euphrasia for two weeks, three baptisms. OE, V I, N 5, September 1886, 3.

WIARTON (1879)

- BRO. ANDERSON'S REPORT: "My next field of labor was in the Township of Amabel, some fifteen miles west of Owen Sound. Here some of my own family are settled, and at their request I went there to preach the primitive Gospel. They have during the past winter built a very comfortable school house, which the neighbors kindly granted to hold meetings in. We spoke here for nearly two weeks...They would be pleased if some of our Northern preachers from Meaford or Owen Sound would pay them a visit...and try what life in the bush is." BI, V I, N 11, September 1873, 167. BI, V I, N 11, September 1873, 167.
- BRO. CLENDENAN'S REPORT, "The churches in Owen Sound and Derby if not prosperous are at least in a healthy state...These churches are the only two in this field, though there are several localities where there are brethren, and these favourably disposed...Perhaps special mention should be made of a visit to North Keppel, at the mouth of Colpoy's bay, where in the Christian family of Bro. Boyd, Mrs. C. and myself were entertained in a princely fashion...A pioneer meeting was held and arrangements made for a meeting some time during good sleighing. It was on the programme to visit Wiarton and Amabel, where Bro. Anderson in times that are past did pioneer service. BI, V II, N 11, November 1874, 338.
- A. Anderson, in the employ of the Wellington County co-operation, writing from Rockwood, Dec. 7. 1874, writes to Brother Clendenan re his travel with his ailing wife by steamer, the Frances Smith, to Thunder Bay and back. "We paid...a short visit to the Brethren in Minto, Dunkeld, and Amabel, and did all we could to strengthen and encourage these dear brethren in their isolated position... Following Sept. 19 he returned to labour first in Huron County, then on Oct. 25, by steamboat from Goderich, "a terrible day," he traveled to Bruce County, landing safely at Southampton, by stage to Allanford, and then the next day some six miles "where our three sons are living, in the township of Amabel. We had meeting the same evening and continued our labours there over three Lord's days. The hearing was very good all the time, still no one yielded to the gospel invitation." BI, V III, N 1, January 1875, 24-25.
- THE CAUSE AT WIARTON, reported by O. G. H. [O. G. Hertzog], "On the first day of September I began a series of meetings at Wiarton, which is situated at the head of Colpoy's Bay, and contains about six hundred inhabitants. These meetings continued through the entire month of September, closing the second day of October...well attended...people...represented almost every phase of religious thought, and yet out of all these contending parties we gathered a people that became one in Christ without a denominational aspect...There were about thirty that determined to keep the ordinances...eleven of these were baptized during the meetings. The others were made up by the few scattered disciples, Baptists, baptized Methodists, &c. The same energy that was put forth in establishing this church is now turned to the direction of erecting a new house in which to worship God according to His Word...I made my home...with Bro. and Sister Brown...Then there was our amiable Sister Trout and her family...During our stay we were greatly encouraged by visits from many of the brethren at

Meaford, Owen Sound, and Big Bay...we expect to return at the opening of the new house and conduct a meeting of days. Bros. Sterling and Brown will for the present take the oversight of the work in Wiarton..." (from Luther, Oct. 12th 1877). BI, 2nd Series, V I, N 11, November 1877, 348-349.

- A. Anderson returned to Amabel Township (where his sons live) and preached in a school house. BI, 2nd Series, V 1, N 12, December 1877, 382.
- "Bro. Stirling is devoting most of his time to the Church at Wiarton...where he and Bro. Brown are joint laborers." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 3, February 1879, 62.
- Wm. Rowzee, reporting to Bro. McDairmid (editor) from Walkerton, Nov. 14, 1879, states, "I had a pleasant time at Wiarton, and at the request of the brethren, continued the meetings over four Lord's days. There were only three confessions, but considerable interest in the village." BI, 2nd Series, V III, N 12, December 1879, 381.
- APPRECIATIVE.—"A good sister in Wiarton, who knows how to appreciate good preaching, writing of Bro. Rowzee's meeting there, says, 'He is an elevating speaker'...The reason...he thinks and then speaks...far removed from twaddle..." CS, V I, N 1, January 1880, 2.
- A DEBATE.—"The editor of the Sentinel [H. McDairmid] begins a religious discussion in Wiarton with a Church of England minister, Aug. 30th. CS, V I, N 9, September 1880, 286.
- H. McDairmid reports, "Our debate in Wiarton began on the 30th August and continued *eleven* nights, two hours each night. Attendance large; order good. No small stir. It closed prematurely on the eleventh night, owing to an announcement by the Rev. W. Stout, Moderator, that they had found a Presbyterian minister of Woodstock, who was ready to meet me in debate in Wiarton, on the 5th of October. This was a virtual confession that Rev. Wm. Stout...was not succeeding very greatly...It is arranged that Mr. McKay of Woodstock, meet me at Wiarton and discuss the *action* and *subject* of Baptism, for several days. Till then I expect to speak in this northern region, night after night, to those assembled...Brethren Lister and Johnson have agreed to furnish a report on the discussion." J. L Lister [or C. J.?] was moderator for nine evenings, and J. J. Johnson for the last two days. CS, V I, N 10, October 1880, 311-312.
- "James and John" [C. James Lister and John J. Johnson] report on the Wiarton debate. Two propositions: 'Immersion is the Act commanded by Christ and practiced by the Apostles.' Bro. McDairmid affirmed. 'The unconscious infant of believing parents are scriptural subjects for Apostles.' Mr. Stout affirmed. The debate lasted nine nights then closed, then opened again for four nights and lasted only two, when an October debate with Mr. McKay from Woodstock was announced. CS, V I, N 10, October 1880, 315-316.
- THE SECOND DEBATE AT WIARTON (by McDairmid) gives the background of the speakers in rather acerbic terms and leaves it to C. J. Lister to give the actual report. It began on Tuesday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. before a large audience with ten to twelve preachers present, including Lister, Sterling, and Butler. J. J. Johnson of Meaford was McDairmid's moderator. The discussion lasted for three days, five hours a day, 10-12 and 7-10. CS, V I, N 11, November 1880, 325-327.

- THE WIARTON DEBATE [the first debate] is reported on by “One Who Was There” [perhaps J. J. Johnson] who explains its background: During July Ellemore of Indiana held a successful meeting at Meaford which led Rev. W. Stout, a minister of the Church of England, to challenge him to discuss publicly points of difference. Finally it was arranged for McDairmid, *Christian Sentinel* editor, Toronto, to meet him. The reporter gives an extensive coverage to the ideas presented. CS, V I, N 11, November 1880, 341-345.
- THE SECOND WIARTON DEBATE is reported on by “One Who Was There.” “The *five* Pedo-baptist churches in town united to bring Mr. Thos. Gallaher [from Lagrange, Missouri]. Mr. McKay came as an assistant. Considerable reference is made to the Greek and Hebrew meaning of the words in question was made by both speakers. This report was followed by a similar report on the WIARTON DEBATE from C. J. L. [C. J. Lister]. (Between the three reports of McDairmid, Johnson and Lister, a full sense of the debate is available.) CS, V I, N 12, December 1880, 372-377, 377-379.
- C. J. Lister on the Wiarthon Debate between H. McDairmid, Disciple, and W. A. McKay, Woodstock, Presbyterian, and T. Gallaher, Lagrange, MO, on baptism with propositions that dealt with dipping and sprinkling, affirmed by Mr. McKay, a believer is the Scriptural subject, affirmed by Mr. McDairmid, and an infant child of a professed believer is a proper subject, affirmed by Mr. Gallaher. Moderators are named, and a gist of the debate follows. BI, V VIII, N 96, December 1880, 376-378.
- PERSONAL. “Bro. Duncan Stirling has moved his family from Wiarthon, and is again on his old place, about a mile from Meaford.” CW, V I, N 1, November 1881, 2.
- PERSONALS. “Bro. Stirling made Meaford a flying visit recently. He reports good meetings in his field—Wiarthon and Kilsyth, where he preaches alternately. One was baptized at Wiarthon on a recent visit.” CW, V II, N 5, March 1883, 2. See also, “We are pleased to hear that Bro. H. A. Macdonald has been engaged to labor between the Walkerton and Wiarthon churches.” CW, V II, N 11, September 1883, 2. “We are pleased to hear that Bro. H. A. Macdonald has been engaged to labor between the Walkerton and Wiarthon churches.” And, “We are sorry to hear that Bro. McDonald cannot come to Wiarthon and Walkerton as announced in this issue.” CW, V II, N 11, September 1883, 3.
- PERSONALS. “Bro. H. A. Macdonald has been at Wiarthon for some two weeks preaching the Word. We do not know what his next move will be, but have been informed that he is going to New York. We are sorry to hear that he continues in poor health.” CW, V II, N 9, July 1883, 2.
- NEWS NOTES. “Bro. Hiram Brown of Wiarthon, recently spent a week with us at Meaford. He says he has been desirous of giving his time to proclaiming the word, for many years, but complications of business have hindered him until now. He authorized us to say that he is now ready to enter upon the work of telling the Gospel story...Bro. B. has been with the church at Wiarthon from the beginning...” CW, V II, N 10, August 1883, 2.

- ITEMS AND NEWS, O. G. Hertzog preaches on 12th and 19th of August. One was immersed. On the 19th, elders and deacons were appointed.” BI, V XI, N 129, September 1883, 285-286.
- “Wiarion.—Bro. Geo. Munro has removed from Lexington, Ky., to this place.” BI, V XII, N 135, March 1884, 93.
- George Munro writes from Wiarion, June 6, to report that T. L. Fowler of Everton was with them over three Lord’s days. “Notwithstanding that the Salvation Army was in full blast, we were favored with good audiences.” Four added. CW, V III, N 8, June 1884, 3.
- Obituary. “At Wiarion on the 1st of Sept. in the 53rd year of her age, Sister Owen, wife of Bro. Joseph Owen departed this life.” G.M [George Munro]. CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 3.
- Wiarion.—“Bro Sheppard spoke twice to the congregation on Lord’s day 25th July and each of the two following evenings. There was good attendance at each meeting.” BI, V XIII, N 153, September 1885, 281. See also, that reports E. Sheppard remaining for 11 days, then going on to Owen Sound, Meaford, Euphrasia (during Ellmore’s meeting), and to Collingwood (with C. W. Martz) where there were three baptized. OE, V I, N 5, September 1886, 3.
- H. Brown reports A. Scott’s meeting at Wiarion, Sept. 20th to Oct. 6, One was baptized, one added from the Latter Day Saints, and one, formerly a member at Erin Centre, repented. CW, V IV, N 12, October 1885, 2.

EGREMONT (1895)

- John McKechnie writes from Glenelg, Oct 4, 1861: "About the first of September last, brother Archibald McDougald, from Fullerton [worked for] two weeks... mainly among the Gaelic people; although he did occasionally speak a little in English...two were added, and were immersed by brother McDougald [including] my son. I accompanied brother McD. through Glenelg, Artemesia, Proton, Egremont, and Bentick (sic). We spoke publicly and from house to house. We were kindly received by the Baptists in general. Like their ancestors, the Scotch Baptists, they seek the unadulterated milk of the word, and they grow thereby, and also in, discarding human creeds and confessions..." BF, V XV, N 8, Oct 1861, 269.
- "Field Notes," S. Keffer reports, "a near point," near Bro. Wm. Yake, in a meeting May 12-20, three baptized. Then again in July, four baptisms, "a church now meeting regularly, presided over by Wm. Yake." There is talk about a building; F. Rusnell offers land. Also at Kimberly "a few evenings." GM, V II, N 8, August 1895, 8.

GEORGIAN BAY CO-OPERATION

- [THE 1863 CO-OPERATION] W. H. Trout writes to DO from St. Vincent, Mar 22, 1863, "...we, although not having the services of any regular preaching brethren, are still making some progress... There have been six added to the congregation since last autumn, five by immersion and one restored. Last Lord's day, we had the pleasure of seeing two believing penitents obey... With regard to evangelizing, the brethren here have concluded that with the assistance of the neighboring congregations, they will engage the services of some evangelist to labor in this section of the country." BF, V XVII, N 5-6, May & June 1863, 94.
- "The Co-operation": "It is a pleasure to learn that the brethren in the United States have simplified their Missionary Society to such a degree that in many respects it resembles our Co-operation, And that in Great Britain something like it has been in existence for years. There are a few things in which our British brethren differ from us in this matter. They, at their yearly meetings, discuss subjects and take actions upon matters which do not necessarily belong to evangelizing. Nothing is allowed to be done in our yearly meetings but what legitimately belongs to missionary work. Another item of difference is, the time their labourers remain in one place. Three months and six months are terms not unusual in Britain. With us, as many weeks are regarded a long period... Again, they appoint labourers to a field or to fields irrespective of what comes from that field in contributions. In this respect they are in advance of some of our churches." TBI, V II, N 8, January 1870, 125.
- "The brethren in Grey Co. are making a move to employ an evangelist, (not a 'Pastor,') to labor throughout the County. If they all subscribe as they did in Owen Sound he will be well provided for. Bro. Kilgour or Bro. Sinclair would find plenty to do here; and they are the men who could do it." TBI, V II, N 11, April 1870, 173.
- "At the Annual June Meeting of the Churches of Christ co-operating for the spread of the Gospel, held in Everton June 25th, 1870... [it was moved] That in the consequence of several Churches in connection formerly with the present Co-operation manifesting a strong, and we trust sincere, desire to unite together in smaller Co-operations, be it therefore Resolved that the present General Co-operation... be, and is hereby dissolved by mutual consent..." In a further article, "Small Co-operations," it is noted that "the churches in Grey County have formed themselves into a Co-operation." TBI, V III, N 2, July 1870, 29-31.
- *Minutes of the Meeting of Delegates of the Christian Church of the County of Grey convened at Meaford on the 5th May, 1870, by Circular issued by the Church at Meaford, to consider the propriety of engaging and sustaining an Evangelist to labor in the County of Grey.*
 "Delegates present—Brethren W. A. Stephens, Owen Sound; R. Cox, Cape Rich; D. L. Layton, J. J. Johnston and W. Whitelaw, Meaford; Hiram Brown, Woodford, and W. Fleming, Derby. Collingwood, Stayner and Priceville were represented by letter.
 The Meeting was opened (sic) by singing and prayer.

Resolved that W. A. Stephens act as Chairman and W. Fleming as Secretary of the Meeting.

The Chairman stated the object of the meeting. The letters of the Churches of Collingwood, Priceville and Stayner were also read—Stayner wished to be admitted into the Co-operation, though not located in the County.

AMOUNTS GUARANTEED BY THE DELEGETES.

Stayner, (by letter)	-	-	\$30.00
Collingwood, (by letter)	-	-	50.00
Cape Rich,	-	-	45.00
Woodford,	-	-	20.00
Owen Sound,	-	-	140.00
Meaford,	-	-	230.00
Derby, (on the understanding that Evangelist would devote his whole time to the work)			<u>100.00</u>
Total			\$615.00

It was resolved that Stayner be admitted into the Co-operation.

Resolved that Bro. C. J. Lister be employed as the evangelist...[alternatives]

Kilgour, Anderson, Sinclair...in order

- Resolved that D. L. Layton be General Treasurer; and that the churches pay quarterly to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer quarterly to the Evangelist...

Bro. Lister has consented to labor for this Co-operation, and commenced 1st July.

Resolved that W. A. Stephens, J. J. Johnson, W. Fleming, R. Cox and H. Brown be a Committee to confer with the Evangelist concerning the best method of evangelizing, &c.” TBI, V III, N 2, July 1870, 32.

“Received from the Grey County Co-operation the several sums of \$60 and \$31.50c., and \$43, It is the intention to acknowledge all amounts in this way.

Thank the brethren kindly. –Ed.” TBI, V III, N 5, October 1870, 78.

- [THE 1881 CO-OPERATION] “In July, 1881, plans began to come together in meetings at Meaford. Two evangelists, Sherman and Duncan Stirling, would be under the direction of an advisory committee composed of the evangelists and representatives from each participating congregation. There were ten: Glencairn, Collingwood township, Stayner, Euphrasia, Cape Rich, Meaford, Wiarton, North Kappel, Kilsyth, and Owen Sound. The first half-year report indicated that one \$541.73 of the required \$1,600 had been raised from eight churches.” G. Ellis, “An Inquiry into the growth of the Disciples of Christ in 19th Century Ontario” (unpublished thesis, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1993), 122.
- The Georgian Bay Co-operation. “...The need of co-operative work in this region has been discussed by the brethren for two or three years, but nothing definite was done until last July, when the series of meetings were going on in Meaford. Many of the brethren from the different congregations were present, and held a consultation ...H. B. Sherman and D. Stirling were chosen as evangelists to labor for one year. The evangelists are to labor in the limits of the co-operation under the direction of an advisory committee, composed of the Evangelists and brethren of each congregation. Each congregation is to select their representatives to act with the Committee. Each congregation is to say what it can give to support the

- work, and pay the amount quarterly. Nearly all of the congregations have said what they will do. The work of the evangelists is to hold protracted meetings in all the congregations and preach in new places..." CW, V I, N 2, December 1881, 1.
- Our Work. "We propose to labor in protracted meetings in the following places during the year: Glencairn, Derby, Owen Sound, Wiarton and Big Bay." CW, V I, N 1, November 1881, 3.
 - Co-operation Meeting. "A meeting of delegates was called to meet at Meaford, Nov. 19th. Glencairn was represented by Bro. M. N. Stephens; Collingwood, by Bro. Hill; Stayner, by Brethren G. McArthur and Robinson; Euphrasia, by Bro. Falls; Cape Rich, by Brethren Cox and Dougherty; Meaford, by a number of brethren; Wiarton, by letter; North Keppel, by letter. [Meeting described...] Bro. Boyd writes from Big Bay, saying that is good opening is there now for preaching the Gospel. The work at Collingwood was thoroughly canvassed, and it was decided for the Evangelist to begin work there the first Sunday in December. An Advisory committee on Evangelizing during the year was selected consisting of seven brethren of the Meaford church, and at least one from each church co-operating. The name of the co-operation is '*The Georgian Bay Co-operation.*' Hall rent at Collingwood is a part of the legitimate expenses of the Co-operation. H. T. Law was chosen Secretary and Treasurer...The *Christian Worker* being a child of this Co-operation, it was urged that each member working in the co-operation labor to spread the *Worker*. CW, V I, N 2, December 1881, 3.
 - Stayner: "...The brethren [at Stayner] complained that their name had not appeared as part of the 'Georgian Bay Co-operation.' It was the Secretary's fault in not notifying me...So now when we speak of the 'Georgian Bay Co-operation, we include Stayner." CW, V I, N 4, February 1881, 2.
 - H. T. Law, Sec.-Treas., reports on the first half-year from the commencement of the Co-operation. "...At the inception of the movement it was thought that \$1500 would be the amount required, but...[re] Collingwood...\$100 more, or \$1600 in all...divided among ten congregations...Total amount received to 1st April, 1882, \$541.75 [with amounts per congregation shown]...Total amount paid out. \$565.18 [to Sherman, Sterling, McDairmid]...[with later receipts and expenditures] it will be necessary to raise \$1008.25 during the balance of the year." CW, V I, N 6, April 1882, 3.
 - With the failure of the co-operation to raise the targeted amount of funding, Sherman was ready to abandon it. He advocated in its place smaller co-operations involving three or so churches, each to do their own work, e.g. Meaford with Collingwood, Euphrasia and Cape Rich; Owen Sound with Kilsyth and Wiarton; and Stayner with Glencairn and Priceville. "These three co-operations can do more good than they all can do in one. Each can sustain a man all the time." CW, V I, N 8, June 1882, 2.
 - SUMMARY OF WORK. First year concluded. 36 baptized, 21 gathered. "I must say this is the lowest number that I have ever reported as the result of our years labor [HBS]...Principle work...Collingwood...27 on the roll... We have preached for a longer or shorter time at Meaford, Collingwood, Stayner, Glencairn, Euphrasia, Cape Rich, Owen Sound, Kilsyth and Wiarton...Bro Stirling has also

baptized 8 or 10 ...His health will not permit him ...” CW, V I, N 11, September 1882, 2.

- NEWS NOTES. “The churches at Meaford, Cape Rich and Euphrasia have formed a co-operation to keep a preacher all the time. Preaching at Euphrasia and Cape Rich on alternate Lord’s days, and preaching at Meaford every Lord’s day evening. This will cover the ordinary work. Some effort will be made from time to time to consult the brethren as well as preach and do the most good possible... H. B. Sherman beginning Dec. 1st.” CW, V I, N 12, October 1882, 3.

PERIODICALS

THE BIBLE INDICATOR

- The Bible Indicator was began in 1869 by C. J. Lister, with the first issue arriving in January, it is believed. The publication was dedicated to “the Discussion, Elucidation, and Defense of the Word of God.” At first it was produced in Owen Sound with a subscription rate of sixty cents per year. The second volume began in June 1869 and was published in Meaford, with J. Rutherford its publisher. The paper lasted for some three years and was somewhat irregular in its appearance, i.e. 1869-1871. Lister lived on a farm six miles out of Meaford. J. F. Rowe, American editor and author, visiting Meaford at the 1873 June Meeting, wrote of him, “...on account of financial embarrassment his hands are tied and his lips closed; and instead of being in the field evangelical preaching the glad tidings of salvation, he is working on his farm like a slave to extricate himself.” Eugene C. Perry, *A History of Religious Periodicals in the Restoration Movement in Canada* (Beamsville, ON: Gospel Herald Foundation, 2003), 72-73.

THE CHRISTIAN WORKER

- “The *Christian Worker*, edited by H. B. Sherman of Meaford, ...[began] in November 1881 as the organ of the Georgian Bay Cooperation.” Joseph Ash said it was “printed in Owen Sound, brother C. A. Fleming manager...and was designed to be a reporter of religious news in that region and was to show how the Cooperative work was prospering...after two months it was moved to Meaford with Bro. J. C. Whitelaw as business manager.” A large format, thirteen by nineteen inches, it was issued monthly at a subscription rate of thirty cents a year. It was printed by the *Meaford Monitor*. “In late 1883 claim was made to larger circulation than had been attained by any paper ever published for the brethren in Canada.” After three years of editing, Sherman retired and was replaced by H. T. Law in October 1884 with Whitelaw sharing editing duties [see CW, V III, N 12, October 1884, 2], both were engaged in fulltime employment and were busy as well with the work of the Meaford congregation and preaching in such mission points as Euphrasia and Cape Rich. In February 1886, with the dissolution of the Law & Whitelaw business partnership, the *Worker* mailing list was taken over by George Munro of Guelph and T. L. Fowler of Everton who conducted it as the *Canadian Evangelist*. Perry, 98, 107-110, 114-115.
- Our Apology. “Our readers will notice that the *Worker* is late and only half the size... We contracted with the publisher of one of our local papers to print the *Worker* for us the fifteenth of every month, but one account some unforeseen difficulties his office was taken possession of, when our paper was almost ready for the press, bu the Bailiff, for two different parties. Our manuscript was among other papers, &c., in the office, and part of it now cannot be found. Among the lost articles are the communications of J. B. L. and W. A. S...” CW, V I, N 2, December 1881, 3.

- H. B. Sherman has resigned as editor of the *Christian Worker* after three years, has ceased to evangelize for the Ontario co-operation...has removed from Guelph to Beamsville, and his entire time will be devoted to preaching in Beamsville, Lakeshore, Smithville, Selkirk, and at other points, in what is know as the Niagara District. Reported in the *Christian Standard*. CW, V IV, N 1 (37), November 1884, 1.
- WORKER CHANGE. "We announced in the February No. that there would probably be a change in the *Worker*, on account of the dissolution of partnership of L. & W. But we are pleased to be able to announce that the paper will be continued under its present name or one that may be thought more appropriate. Bro. Geo. Munro of Guelph, and T. L. Fowler of Everton have decided to conduct a paper in the interest of the church, as we have endeavored in the past. To those who have paid us in advance for the *Worker*, these brethren will send the paper up to the time such subscriptions have been paid...We also send these brethren our entire list..." J.C.W. [J. C. Whitelaw]. CW, V IV, N 5, March & April 1886, 2.