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EARLY REFERENCES TO ST. CATHARINES IN THE PERIODICALS

Researched by Myrna Perry

The Witness of Truth

St. Catharines Conductor Travels, Notes, Facts, Reflections. No.3 Vol. 2, No. 1 p. 10-13

St. Catharines Oliphant, D. More Controversial Labour Vol. 3, No. 12, p. 280-282

Christian Mirror

St. Catharines Clendenan, A. Religious Intelligence: Letter 1851 p. 165-166

The Christian Banner

St. Catharines O., D. Note to St. Peter's Church, Niagara Falls July 1853 p. 194

St. Catharines O., D. Our New School Bill. No. 2 July 1855 p. 189-193

St. Catharines O., D. Brantford Messenger, The August 1855 p. 208-212

St. Catharines Oliphant, D. Agreements & Differences Between Baptists & Disciples. No. 2
October 1855 p. 265-270

St. Catharines O., D. News of Accessions April 1856 p. 131

St. Catharines Springs O., D. Our New School Bill. No. 2 July 1855 p. 189-193

Banner of the Faith

nothing

Message of Good-Will to Men

St. Catharines O., D. Prince Edward County July/Aug 1864 p. 128

PERIODICAL REFERENCES TO ST. CATHARINES IN THE 19TH CENTURY

Researched by Geoffrey Ellis

CB [The Christian Banner], IX, 8, Aug. 1855, 241 – Excerpts from the report of Alexander Campbell's visit to Canada: "The beloved Campbell and lady and youngest daughter arrived in St Catharines among the first days of August, or rather the last days of July. Being enfeebled by various labors previously, and needing repose, brother Campbell did not immediately commence his labors in our country, but for some days tried the virtues of the St. Catharines Springs. Having been invigorated either by the mineral waters or other agencies, he addressed the brethren and friends in the village of Jordan, Saturday evening, August 4th. On Lord's day 5th brother Campbell delivered an address at St. Catharines, the Baptist chapel having been granted for the occasion. Monday evening he arrived in the township of Eramosa..."

CB, X, 4, April 1856, 131, – NEWS OF ACCESSIONS, "From brother Palmer of St. Catharines, we learn that two have lately been immersed at Jordan.

BF [Banner of Faith], XIV, 5, July 1861, 170 – DO reports visiting St. Catharines and being courteously received by the Baptist elders there, but regretted that the chapel there was not available. "...we found true disciples of Jesus known by the name Baptist."

MGW [Message of Good-Will to Men], XVIII, 7 & 8, July/Aug. 1864, 123 – J. William Kemp writes DO from St. Catharines, 10th June, 1864, speaks positively about Oliphant's reply re the co-operation question.

BI [Bible Index], I, 2, Feb. 1877, 58-59 – Letter from Mrs. Alexander Campbell, Bethany, West Virginia, Jan. 12, 1877, to Brother McDiarmid (upon receiving an issue of the *Bible Index*) "...It is pleasing to me to see two of Bethany College students' names affixed to it, yours and brother Sheppard's...It was always a matter of pleasure that dear Mr. C., recurred to his visit among the brotherhood in Canada West. A committee of some eight or ten visited St. Catharines, Bro. Ash, Bro. Lister, Bro. Farewell with others...Bro. John Scott with a son of Bro. Joseph Ash, were good reputable students of Bethany some time ago, all of which is revised in my memory. Brother D. Oliphant was for some time an inmate in our family, and also a student of Bethany College. His unwearied labours in the gospel speak well for him..."

CW [Christian Worker], III, 5, March 1884, 2 – FIELD NOTES. (HBS) (St. Catharines) "On Friday we came on to St. Catharines and domiciled at Bro. Sol. Wardell's, whom we found very anxious to see the cause established in that city. We looked over the city and viewed the available places for holding meetings, and decided that they were very good, and that the right kind of an effort would succeed. After calling on bro. Campbell and his invalid wife, and meeting a few others of the scattered disciples we left for Welland..."

GM [Gospel Messenger], II, 4, Apr. 30, 1895, 8 – OBITUARY. Sister Matilda Walker, wife of Bro. W. A. J. Walker, died at her home, St. Catharines, Apr. 17, 1895, at the age of 41 years. Funeral at Beamsville Apr. 19, burial at Mt. Osborne cemetery. H. F. Stevens

GM, II, 8, Aug. 30, 1895, 8 – OBITUARY. Eva Grace, daughter of W. A. J. Walker of St. Catharines died July 31, at the residence of Robt. L. Walker, Beamsville, aged 5 months and 10 days. H. F. Stevens

CW, III, 10, Aug. 1884, 2 – FIELD NOTES (HBS) Bro. Lister has been working in St. Catharines.

CM [Christian Messenger], IV, 1, Jan. 1, 1900, 2 – ST. CATHARINES. W. D. Cunningham, provincial evangelist, reports: This church is about two years old, about 30 members, "but does not co-operate with other churches in Mission work. Trustees are Chas. Clause, Geo. Culp and ___ Laws; treasurer, Wm. Walker. They have no elders and no deacons. They have no Sunday school,

no prayer meetings, no Christian endeavor. The members meet in the morning and J. H. Sterling of Toronto preaches at night. The deed for their property forever prohibits the use of an organ. S. Jones of Nashville, Tenn., began a series of meetings November 2. One has been added up to Nov. 23rd, when the writer attended the meeting. Two copies of THE MESSENGER were taken. Most of their literature is published in Tennessee. They do nothing for Home or Foreign missions.

EXCERPTS ABOUT ST. CATHARINES FROM *THE BIBLE STUDENT* 1904-1913

Researched by Myrna Perry

January 1904, page 3

The Field and Workers – H. M. E.

Bro. W. F. Neal is laboring at Meaford, Ont.; Chas. W. Petch at Selkirk, Ont.; S. M. Jones, at Beamsville, Ont., J. Madison Wright, at St. Catharines and Jordan, Ont., and the writer at Hamilton and Tintern, Ont.

June 1904, page 4

St. Catharines is planning to re-paint their house and build a shed this summer. Bro. C. H. Claus is the efficient and untiring leader in this congregation.

We had the pleasure of visiting these two congregations lately and preaching twice at each place. St. Catharines is only a young congregation.—Ed.

July 1904, page 1

Beamsville Items – S. M. Jones

I expect to hold meetings at the following places before the Bible School reopens (which will be on the 31st of October): Erin, this is a new place, a tent will be used; Niagara Falls; Fenwick; Carpenters, Tenn.; Stevens' Point, Wis.; and St. Catharines, Ont.

July 1904, page 3, 2nd paragraph

Annual June Meeting – O. E. Tallman

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

[June Meeting was at Fenwick]

August 1904, page 3

Meaford Items – W. F. Neal

Our meeting at Smithville was enjoyed by Mrs. Neal and I very much ... Brethren from Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick, Jordan, Attercliffe and St. Catharines attended.

November 1904, page 2

Editorial Jottings

The meetings conducted by Bro. Jones in Wisconsin last month resulted in four additions. His meetings now going on in St. Catharines have, up to the time of going to press, resulted in three accessions, with others almost persuaded.

January 1905, page 3

Editorial Scraps and News Notes

Bro. J. M. Jones, of Nashville, Tenn., who came to labour with the church at St. Catharines, Ont., had to return home unexpectedly, on account of eye trouble.

February 1905, page 3

Report – Madison Wright

The following sums were received during our children's illness.

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April 1905, page 2

Editorial Notes and Scraps

Bro. Petch informs us that there has been one confession and baptism at the St. Catharines congregation since he began work there.

April 1905, page 3

Selkirk Notes – Chas. W. Petch

I left Selkirk on March 7 and moved to St. Catharines to continue the work of "holding forth the word of life" in this city. Many of the brethren at Selkirk showed their love to us when we left; some being displeased because we would not stay longer, but "I must preach the gospel to other cities also." Any loyal evangelist passing through will be welcomed by the brethren at Selkirk who meet at 2.30 p.m. My prayer is that "all things (there) will work together for good to those who love God."

May 1905, page 4

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch

The work here is moving along nicely. The attendance is gradually increasing. We expect Bro. Jones to begin a protracted meeting here on April 17th. We look for good results, as we are planning for special efforts to be made by all hands. "To the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore."

June 1905, page 1

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch

The meetings conducted by Bro. Jones, which began on April 17th, closed on May 12th with a good interest. While there was but one addition, yet otherwise it was the best meeting every held here, so I have been told. The hearing from non-members was much better than ever before, and the preaching was the strongest and plainest I ever heard. I believe it is making some people here think as they never did before. I know it has strengthened my faith in the word of God, and encouraged me to persist more earnestly in preaching the word of the living God just as it is written. We hope to reap in the future more fruits from this meeting.

June 1905, page 2

Editorial Notes and News Scraps

Bro. Petch reports two baptisms at St. Catharines since Bro. Jones' meetings closed.

July 1905, page 1

British Columbia Mission Report – Madison Wright

Church at St. Catharines, by C. H. Claus 5.00

July 1905, page 3

Editorial Scraps and News Notes

There have been one or two more additions to the St. Catharines congregation and one addition to the congregation at Hamilton since last issue.

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch

The cause here is progressing favourably. Since our last report eight has been added to our numbers, six from other congregations, one from the Baptists and one lady was baptised. We are now having meetings at Port Dalhousie on Lord's Days in the afternoon. The prospects are still encouraging to the faithful ones here. Pray for us, brethren, that God may work in and through us to the greater advancement of His cause in this place, and to Him we will ascribe all the praise.

July 1905, page 4

The Niagara District June Meeting – O. E. Tallman (last paragraph)

The June meeting next year will be held in St. Catharines, Ont.

July 1905, page 4

Wedding Bells: Shelly-Snure

On the 8th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, Jordan, Ont., Bro. W. C. Shelly, of St. Catharines, to sister Cora Snure, Bro. Jones officiating. Sister Cora is a exemplary young lady,

and will be sadly missed as the leader of the song in the Jordan congregation. They intend, we believe, to attend Potter Bible College next session. The Bible Student extends congratulations to the newly married pair, and especially congratulate Bro. Shelly in his excellent judgment in the selection of a life partner.

September 1905, page 2

Bro. Wright and His Work (first two paragraphs)

We enjoyed a long and interesting conversation with Bro. C. H. Claus, of St. Catharines, a few days ago, in which he expressed his delight in the condition of his home congregation under the efficient services of Bro. C. W. Petch, the evangelist of that congregation.

In the course of the conversation Bro. Claus stated that St. Catharines congregation owes the price of its existence to the faithful and heroic labors of Bro. Wright, our B. C. missionary, who began the work in that city under the dark clouds of indifference and bitter opposition. That mission, first opened by Bro. Wright under such discouraging circumstances, is now, though young and comparatively financially weak, a healthy, growing, earnest and enthusiastic little body, and is developing a missionary spirit that is well worthy of imitation by older congregations. In addition to its other work it has decided to remit regular contributions to our B. C. mission.

September 1905, page 2

Editorial Notes and News Scraps

Since the last issue Bro. T. Q. Martin, of Toronto, preached several discourses at Smithville, and also visited Beamsville and St. Catharines. The longer Bro. Martin stays in Canada the better he is liked and we regret that he cannot see his way clear to remain and labor in our Dominion. The brethren are pressing him to stay, but duty seems to call him home.

September 1905, page 4

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch

Church work here is progressing in a way that is encouraging to all concerned. The audiences at the regular meetings are the best ever known here since the work began. Credit is due the faithful men who have labored here previous to my coming, and to the earnestness and faithfulness of the "little flock," who have striven to maintain the pure teaching and worship under all circumstances.

One excellent man, the head of a family, was baptised on Aug. 9th. We find some still who are willing to follow the scriptures "as it is written." Brethren pray for the further success of our Master's cause in this place. Yours in the "one hope."

October 1905, page 2

Editorial Briefs

Bro. and Sister Shelly, of St. Catharines, Ont., and Bro. O. H. Tallman, of Winnipeg, Man., will ere this reaches our readers, have taken up their studies in Potter Bible College, Bowling Green, Ky. These are true and noble young people, and are destined, we believe, to accomplish much good in the world. Success to all three. We will soon have a number of young preachers in Ontario. Bro. J. D. C. McMurchie and C. Watterworth are among the number who have done some acceptable preaching this summer.

November 1905, page 2

Editorial Briefs

Bro. C. W. Petch, St. Catharines, reports one baptism Sept. 3; also one reclaimed at the nine days' meeting at Port Dalhousie. Bro. Petch still preaches at that point Lord's day afternoons.

November 1905, page 3

From the Field – O. E. Tallman (2nd paragraph)

The last Lord's day in August we spent in St. Catharines with Bro. Petch and I had the pleasure of speaking in the afternoon at Port Dalhousie. The church in St. Catharines is earnest and energetic, and by the help of Bro. Petch is doing a good work in that city.

December 1905, page 3

Report – Madison Wright

A Brother and Sister, Toronto, and a Bro. St. Catharines (by C. H. Claus) \$2 03

Church at St. Catharines, Ont. (C. H. Claus) \$10 00

St. Catharines Church News – Charles W. Petch

Since our last report two more took membership here. The work is moving along as usual. We are all encouraged by the results of Brother W. D. Campbell's meeting at Jordan. Fourteen were added to the church there. We hope they will be nurtured and established in the one faith.

January 1906, page 2

St. Catharines' News – Chas. W. Petch

The attendance at our regular meetings has been some better lately, and we are still encouraged to continue our efforts. Since our last report one sister took membership, and one young man from the Salvation Army was baptised. He wants to still work with the Army; but I fail to see how he can do so and uphold the teaching of Christ, which he has confessed and obeyed. I preached ten discourses at Merritton since Nov. 19th. We had good audiences on Lord's days, but the attendance was small during the week. Still the word was sown in some hearts and shall not return void.

January 1906, page 5

B. C. Mission Report – L. J. Keffer

Church at St. Catharines, Ont. \$2.70

February 1906, page 3

Annual June Meeting

The annual June meeting of the Church of Christ of the Niagara Peninsula will be held this year at St. Catharines, on June 9th, 10th and 11th. Bro. E. A. Elam, of Tennessee, is expected to be present. He will hold a protracted meeting for several weeks at St. Catharines, following the June meeting.

Further information may be received from Chas. W. Petch, 16 Duke St., St. Catharines.

February 1906, page 4

Editorial Briefs

Bro. Petch reports three more baptisms at St. Catharines since last report. The St. Catharines congregation is certainly growing under his labours.

February 1906, page 5

B. C. Mission Report – Madison Wright

Church at Catharines (by C. H. Claus) \$5.40

February 1906, page 6

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch, 16 Duke St. (article one; 2nd paragraph)

During my absence the Lord's day morning meetings here were well attended. This is a good sign that the brethren here do not all go to meeting to worship the preacher. The Sunday night meetings are steadily improving. Others are attending regularly and the seed is being sown, the fruits will be seen from time to time. We want to make 1906 the most prosperous year in the history of the church at St. Catharines. During the last ten months this congregation has supported me and my family, had Bro. Jones here for near a month, and have sent regular contributions to Japan and to Bro. Wright in B. C. Some older and more able congregations should take lessons from this one and "do likewise."

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch, 16 Duke St. (article two)

The interest in the church work, and the attendance at all the meetings, of both members and non-members, continue in such a way as to prophesy a successful year for the church here. On Feb. 4th, two more were added to the congregation. One had been baptised by the

Christadelphions, the other by the "New Body of Disciples," as some call them. We are glad to note that some people see a difference, and acknowledge the "newness" of that body. May we always retain the characteristics of the "one body," the "old" one which was born at Jerusalem.

We are looking forward to a glorious June Meeting here, with Bro. E. A. Elam with us. Let all who can, make arrangements to be present.

March 1906, page 8

Obituary: Geo. Lama – Chas. W. Petch

Bro. Geo. Lama, a motorman on the local line of N. St. C. & T. R. between St. Catharines and Thorold, was fatally injured in a collision near Merriton, and died a few hours after at the hospital here, on Feb. 17th. He leaves no near relatives, his wife having died about two weeks before. Bro. Lama died at the age of 34, and was never known to have one bad habit. His character, as a moral man, was almost blameless. His position on the railway, and his wife's long sickness and blindness, kept him from regularly meeting with the church; but he seemed to be glad when he did get to meeting. His funeral was largely attended, as he was well spoken of by all who knew him. Our meeting-house did not accommodate all who came. I improved the opportunity to present the gospel of Christ, and the preparation that is necessary for the judgment after death and the resurrection. "In the midst of life we are in death." Dear reader, are you prepared for the summons, which may come "as a thief in the night?"

March 1906, page 8; April 1906, page 2

Annual June Meeting – Chas. W. Petch

Everybody will be made welcome at the annual June meeting of the churches of Christ of Ontario at St. Catharines on June 9th, 10th and 11th. We will try to accommodate all who will come. Bro. E. A. Elam, of Tennessee, will be present, and several other preaching brethren. We cordially invite all to attend. On behalf of the church.

March 1906, page 8

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch

To be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," is the only way that a church of Christ can grow and prosper. We are endeavouring to follow that rule at St. Catharines, and the fruits are being seen. On Feb. 18th another lady was "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus," and on Feb. 25th one man, who had been baptized by the "Christian Brethren" near Stouffville, but had "erred from the truth," was converted, and united with the church here. Sisters S. P. White and her daughter Ruth moved here from Meaford on Feb. 12th. Thus four more have been added to our numbers.

We were told last spring that the church here would never grow until we got an organ to draw the people. If the early churches in the first centuries, with the gospel of Christ as "the power of God unto salvation," grew and prospered, why can not we, with the same power? - Feb. 27th, 1906

April 1906, page 6

Glencoe News – S. Whitfield (1st paragraph)

We expect Bro. Petch, of St. Catharines, to begin a meeting at Woodgreen about the first of April.

May 1906, p 6

Beamsville Bible School (3rd paragraph)

After this we all had great pleasure in hearing Bro. Chas. Petch, of St. Catharines, who delivered an excellent address on the subject of "True Education." Many good points were brought out and I am sure all interested in the Bible School are thankful for the great encouragement he gave. One of his very complimentary remarks was: "The Bible School is doing the greatest work in the Dominion of Canada for the cause."

June 1906, page 2

Annual June Meeting – Chas. W. Petch

The annual June meeting of the Disciples of Christ of the Niagara District will be held at St. Catharines, Ont., June 9th, 10th and 11th, 1906. The meetings on Lord's Day will be held in the Opera House, Ontario Street. On the 9th, commencing at 3 o'clock p.m., and 11th, in the Church House, Raymond Street. Evangelists E. A. Elam, Lebanon, Tenn., W. F. Neal, Meaford, Ont., and others are expected to be present.

We most cordially invite all disciples of the Lord to meet with us, and we will extend to you such hospitality as loving hearts and willing hands can give.

Signed on behalf of the church at St. Catharines.

June 1906, page 3

St. Catharines, Ont. – Chas. W. Petch

The work here is moving along quietly. The attendance is very good. We hope for a good representation from all the churches within reach, at the June meeting. Those who cannot attend will be welcomed any time during Bro. Elam's meetings, which will continue for three weeks after the annual meeting.

June 1906, page 4

Editorial Briefs and News Notes

The BIBLE STUDENT acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from the Church of Christ, St. Catharines, Ont., to attend the annual meeting of the disciples of Christ, of the Niagara District, to be held at the above named city June 9th, 10th, 11th. The invitation is extended to every faithful disciple and congregation in the Dominion.

July 1906, page 3

The June Meeting – Chas. W. Petch

Another June meeting is recorded among the events of time, and the brethren have returned to their respective homes and posts of duty, stimulated for another year's work in the master's cause, by the many good things which they heard from the word of truth, and by the hallowed associations of their beloved brethren, during the three days of the meeting.

While with deep regret we announced the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. A. Elam, because of sickness in his family, yet we were cheered up by the presence and powerful preaching of Bro. S. M. Jones, who returned from the south just in time to fill Bro. Elam's place at the meeting. As I heard his strong voice echoing through that spacious building and beheld the deep interest manifested on the face of his auditors, while he fearlessly proclaimed the truth, I asked myself, "How much better could Bro. Elam do?" With the exception of Bro. J. A. Harding, no man has influenced my life like Bro. Jones. We were indeed glad to have him here, and we feel sure that if any present were in any way prejudiced against Bro. Jones yet they could not "withstand the wisdom and spirit by which he spake."

The meeting opened on Saturday June 9th at 3 p.m., with a rather small attendance. Short, edifying speeches were made by a number of brethren, and a welcome extended to all. A much larger crowd assembled at night and heard a much needed and profitable discourse from Bro. S. Whitfield on, "What must I do to be saved?" Bro. W., emphasized the observance of "all things whatsoever I have commanded you" as being applicable to the Christian and necessary to salvation.

On Lord's day morning Bro. W. F. Neal of Meaford delivered a strong and convincing discourse on "God's thoughts and ways are not man's thoughts and ways." Bro. Neal has been laboring in Canada for more than five years, and has shown himself to be not afraid "to declare the whole counsel of God." His presence and preaching was quite a help to the meeting.

The meeting would hardly be a success without the presence of that venerable veteran of the cross Bro. Forrester of Toronto, who presided at the Lord's table, and kept up well under the infirmity of age. To see such aged veterans as he, Bro. Duncan Stirling, Bro. Riley and others, still "contending earnestly for the faith" is a source of great encouragement to us young brethren. If they have "fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith and are now ready to be offered," yea! waiting and yearning for the departure to be with Christ, why cannot we be as faithful as they have been. May He who has cheered and comforted them in their long warfare, strengthen us to brave the battle fearlessly.

On Lord's day afternoon Bro. Jones preached to about five hundred people on the great theme "God." He called attention to several characteristics and attributes of God which are seldom or never spoken of by modern preachers. He emphasized the point that false ideas of God will surely lead to an evil life and produce a false religion. At night Bro. Jones again preached to a good audience on the subject of "Death and Life" from the text. Rom. 6:23.

On Monday afternoon the writer preached to an assembly in the church house on the subject of "Loss and Gain" from Phil. 3:7, 8. Perhaps the best meeting of all was held on Monday afternoon, when short talks were made by several brethren on the question How may we most advance the cause of Christ in Canada at this present time? It was an inspiration to hear and see the zeal for mission work and church edification expressed by numerous speakers. The necessity of getting the scriptures into the minds and hearts of all people seemed to be the main thought. This is to be accomplished best by more individual effort everywhere by everyone, by evangelistic work in the weaker churches and in destitute fields, by more interest being taken in the Beamsville Bible School where young men and women may be more quickly and thoroughly fitted for the great mission of life, which is expressed in the above question. It was noticeable that all the students and parents of students of the Bible School, who spoke upheld the school and the work done there as the best means of obtaining that preparation needed to enable us as Christians to more successfully advance the cause of our redeemer.

Bro. Neal again preached at night and closed the meeting with an excellent discourse on "The (apparent) foolishness of God."

The meeting so far as I can tell, was a success all the way through. Many spoke as being highly pleased. We tried to show hospitality towards all and respect to none. If we failed in any instance it was not intentional on our part.

The place of meeting next year has not been decided upon yet, but will be announced later.

St. Catharines, Ont.

July 1906, page 4

Editorial Briefs and News Notes

Bro. Petch reports the meetings in St. Catharines, Ont., growing in interest.

July 1906, page 6

Meaford Items – W. F. Neal (1st paragraph)

With next train I will be off for June meeting at St. Catharines.

July 1906, page 6

Wedding Bells

Married at St. Catharines on May 23rd, 1906, Bro. Charles Copeland to Sister Maggie Culp, both of Beamsville, Chas. W. Petch officiating. We wish them a prosperous and happy life.

Married at Port Dalhousie on June 6th, 1906, Bro Seymour Beckett of St. Catharines, to Sister Rose Culp, of Port Dalhousie. The ceremony was performed by S. M. Jones. Many nice presents were given and a host of well wishes from their friends and acquaintances.

August 1906, page 3

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch 16 Duke St.

The attendance at our regular meetings has been somewhat better since the June meeting. The brethren seemed to be much encouraged by the meeting. We anticipate doing some mission work this summer and fall at places outside the city.

Bro. Duncan Sterling is living at Port Dalhousie for the summer, and we are enjoying his presence in our midst, and his words of exhortation are an inspiration to all. His health is improving.

Sometimes duty calls us to do that which is not pleasant to perform. On June 17th the church here withdrew fellowship from Bro. Geo. A. Culp, who has absented himself from the assembly of the saints for several years, and has been advocating ideas and teaching contrary to the scriptures. The congregation has no ill feeling towards Bro. Culp, and we pray that the influence of this action on the part of the church may lead him to repentance.

'Withdraw yourselves from every brother who walks disorderly: has been a very much neglected command and because of this neglect, I believe, many churches to-day are in an almost lifeless condition. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" said Paul.

August 1906, page 6

Bro. Keffer's Report – L. J. Keffer
From Dec. 15th, 1905, to June 18th, 1906:
Church, St. Catharines, Ont. 2.00
Church, St. Catharines, Ont. 2.00

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Report – Madison Wright
Church at St. Catharines [by Chas. H. Claus] 10.00

September 1906, page 8

St. Catharines News – Chas. W. Petch 16 Duke St.

The church here is continuing its work and worship in peace and harmony. There seems to be an earnest desire on the part of all, to have it continue thus. In view of the importance and necessity of unity, as indicated by Christ's prayer, each and every Christian should see to it, that none of their whims or notions mar the peace of any congregation. The brethren here realize that no one has the right to be "boss" of the church, hence they seek, not to lord it over one another. It is a pleasure to labor among such.

We expect to hold a series of meetings about Sept. 1st, at Grantham, three miles from this city. It is a new field for our work, but the prospects are somewhat favorable for a good hearing.

The reports of meetings held by our young Canadian brethren, will surely convince all that they should be encouraged in the work, so that we may have talent developed in our midst, which will be at hand all the year, so that we will not have to send so far to have a "big preacher" for "our meeting." What have the churches done along this line in former years? Outside the young men whom Bro. Jones has encouraged, how many preachers have we in Canada? Brethren do not be so afraid of giving the boys the "big head" disease by a little encouragement. We need more of them with "big heads" filled with the truth. Give Bro. Jones and Huntsman a chance with them for a few years, and the boys will first learn that they know very little, and will then not be long in getting filled up with sound Bible truth. Let us all be united in our labours and prayers for the advancement of the glorious gospel of our blessed Saviour.

October 1906, page 6

Report for May, June and July – S. Whitfield
At June Meeting, St. Catharines 10.00

November 1906, page 8

Church and Field Reports: St. Catharines, Ont.- Chas. W. Petch

Church work is progressing here as usual. I preached over three weeks at Grantham, and succeeded in unsettling the minds of some people in reference to the commandments of man. The result was that they began to ask their preacher of the M. C. Church about their doctrine. To settle their minds, he preached a sermon on "Baptism". If I should study carefully to guard against presenting the truth on that subject, I could hardly have kept so far from the truth as he did. Some of the boldest assumptions, most absurd and false statements that I ever heard, were uttered before that audience. I would like to have space to present the main points of his discourse, and show you the folly of such trash. But the strange and sad part is that people, without studying or searching for themselves will drink it all in as being the truth. "Therefore, behold I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. Behold I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that use their tongues, and say, He saith, Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith Jehovah, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting, yet I sent them not, nor commanded them, neither do they profit this people at all saith Jehovah (Jer. 23:30-32)." I reviewed the sermon right after their meeting, and

had a good many of the same audience. I afterwards went to the home of the preacher and showed him, from the scriptures, the falsity of his statements, but he would not correct any of them. I am now in the beginning of a meeting in Fenwick.

Bro. Jones has just closed a good tent meeting near Rosedene. One young man was added to the "one body", and many heard the truth in its purity, presented in Bro. Jones plain and forceable manner. They will not soon forget what they heard.

January 1907, page 8

Report – Madison Wright

Church at St. Catharines, by Chas. Claus 6.00

Report – L. J. Keffer

Church at St. Catharines, Ont. 3.00

Church and Field Reports: Fenwick, Ont. – Chas. W. Petch

I began a meeting at Fenwick on the 1st of October and preached for two weeks with a fairly good attendance. I saw, while here, the urgent need of some one to labor continuously at this place, for an indefinite time, that previous labor done here might not be in vain and that the cause might be more fully established in this section of the country. While I regretted to leave St. Catharines, and the faithful band there, yet I felt that I was needed more at this place at this time. The work at St. Catharines, during the twenty months of my stay there, was pleasant, peaceful and profitable. Not a jar or jangle disturbed the progress of the cause. The disposition to seek their own way and lord it over one another is as little manifested there as at any place that I know of. A bright future is before that church if they continue faithful. I moved here on Nov. 5th, and expect to labor in this community and at Tintern for an indefinite time.

February 1907, page 8

Church and Field Reports: St. Catharines – C. H. C.

On Nov. 5th 1906, Bro. Petch closed his labors with the church here having labored with us about a year and eight months. I am sure that the church has been greatly benefited by his work and labor of love among us. He goes to his new field (Fenwick) not because we wanted him to go, but believe some one was needed in that section of God's vineyard. While for a time we had to carry on the work ourselves, God has supplied our every need for we now have brethren from the Beamsville Bible School who come and speak for us every Lord's day excepting the third Lord's day of each month when Bro. S. M. Jones speaks for us. I am sure that it should encourage all of us to see so many young men fitting themselves to preach the gospel in the regions beyond. It seems to me that it would be a good thing for as many of the churches who have not regular speakers to give the Bible School boys a chance. It would give them an opportunity to practice speaking. I am sure that eternity alone will reveal the good that Bros. Jones and Huntsman have done and are still doing at the school at Beamsville. May we all work and pray for the unity of the cause of Christ until the truth shall cover the earth as the waters cover the great deep.

June 1907, Annual Meeting-Extra, page 1-2 (beginning last paragraph page 1)

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

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

Beamsville 10 ... St. Catharines 5

June 1907, Annual Meeting-Extra, page 8

[Notes about the June Meeting]

The June meeting deserved to be a success, as the Bathurst Street brethren advertised it widely and persistently. They had representatives at Meaford, Beamsville and St. Catharines, urging brethren at these places to come to the meeting. That their efforts were rewarded was amply shown by the number of visitors from the outside points.

July 1907, page 1

Chas. W. Petch, Evangelist (3rd paragraph)

Bro. Petch labored in Manitoba a year and four months in all, at Selkirk, Ont., for near two years; afterwards at St. Catharines, for 20 months greatly edifying the church and increasing the members by one half.

July 1907, page 3

Report – Madison Wright
Church at St. Catharines, by C. H. Claus 22.00

July 1907, page 8

Toronto Department—Bathurst Street: Jottings (9th paragraph)
On July 7, with the co-operation of the churches at St. Catharines, Jordan, Smithville, Tintern, Hamilton and Bathurst st., a very large meeting was held at Beamsville, Bro. Collin addressing the company there gathered at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. It was a refreshing time for those there assembled and we could wish for many more such feasts of things spiritual.

August 1907, page 3

Wychwood Park Letters – John Sim
Dear Bro. Evans:--Our meetings keep up well, and the outlook is good. We started open-air meetings at 6.30 p.m. on June 16th with good attendance. We are filled with gratitude to all who have helped us, especially would we mention the churches at Beamsville, St. Catharines, and Winnipeg.

September 1907, page 1

Winnipeg Building Fund
Church of Christ, St. Catharines 30.00

September 1907, page 8

Toronto-Bathurst Street: Jottings (2nd paragraph)
During the Exhibition we were pleased to have visits from brethren and sisters from Beamsville, Jordan, St. Catharines, Erin, Clachan and Goderich. We had excellent short addresses from Bren. Beevers, Goderich; Jackson, Jordan; and Claus, St. Catharines, at our prayer meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4, which was altogether a most profitable and enjoyable meeting.

St. Catharines

The Church here is working well, continuing steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

The attendance at the various meetings never was better.

The brethren have just completed building a shed at a cost of about \$200. and are now planning to hold a meeting soon.

Brethren Forrester and Stewart of Toronto and Huntsman of Beamsville visited us recently, and spoke morning and evening.

November 1907, page 3

St. Catharines, Ont. – Chas. H. Claus

The meetings which began here on Sept. 29th, assisted by Bro. S. M. Jones, were brought to a close on Oct. 24th. To say the meetings were a success would be putting it mildly. This was the fifth meeting that Bro. Jones has held for the church here and we all think the best one, because of the fact that more outsiders attended than at any other meeting held. Sometimes half the audience would be outsiders, the house usually being well filled. The church was greatly strengthened, edified and encouraged. There were nine additions by confession and baptism. We believe that many more would have obeyed the gospel could the meetings have continued, as some outsiders expressed regret that they closed so soon, but it was impossible for Bro. Jones to stay any longer as the Beamsville Bible School opened the following Monday. However, Bro. Jones has kindly consented to speak for us the fourth Lord's day each month and the church looks forward for his coming, as there is a warm place in the hearts of the members here for him, for his work and labor of love among them.

February 1908, page 6

B. C. Mission Report – Madison Wright
Church at St. Catharines by W. H. Claus

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February 1908, page 8

Miscellaneous (3rd paragraph)

Bro. J. L. Saunders sends us a fine list of renewals from Carman, Man., Bro. Boyer the same from Winnipeg, and Bro. Claus a good list also from St. Catharines, Ont., and a good list from sister A. Lawson, Beamsville, Ont., all accompanied by the cash. These brethren have our thanks for this valuable service.

March 1908, page 3

Fenwick Notes – Chas. W. Petch (2nd paragraph)

On Feb. 16th I visited the church at St. Catharines, and found the interest there unabated. Bro. Jones has done some good work there during the past year. I am always glad to be in the assembly of the saints at St. Catharines. I believe they are in as good condition as any church in Ontario. May they still go on in the good work.

March 1908, page 7

Obituary – Chas. W. Petch

Died, at St. Catharines, Ont., Mary (Gregory) Bradt, Feb. 10, 1908, in her 89th year. The writer conducted the funeral services at the home of her sister, Mrs. McCurdy; after which her mortal remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband in Dawdy's cemetery, Pelham Centre. Sister Bradt was "baptized into Christ" over fifty years ago and few were more faithful to the cause of the Redeemer than her. Those who knew her best say "she was a good woman." She leaves three sons, one daughter, four sisters and two brothers, to wait the summons from on high. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

July 1908, page 5

B. C. Mission Report – Madison Wright
Church, St. Catharines, Ont., by C. H. Claus,

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August 1908, page 4

Report Concluded – Madison Wright
Church, St. Catharines, by C. H. Claus,

\$10.

November 1908, page 4

Editorial Briefs – [H. M. Evans]

Lords Day, Oct. 18, we began a two week's meeting with the Church in the city of St. Catharines. Masquerade carnivals, roller rink, hippodromes, theatres, and the excitement of our Dominion elections did much to reduce the attendance, but in spite of all this we had splendid audiences nearly every night. One young lady obeyed her Lord in baptism, and we were told that much other good was done. Bro. C. H. Claus is the efficient leader of this congregation. He is assisted by Bro. H. Stevens. These two brethren make a splendid working team and are making many sacrifices for the cause in that city. May heaven reward them.

November 1908, page 5

B. C. Mission Report – Madison Wright
Church at St. Catharines, by C. H. Claus, \$10.00
Additional Church Notes. Meaford Ont., Nov. – Ed.

Our work in the evangelistic field this summer resulted as follows: Two week's work on Manitoulin Island gave use an acquaintance with the Churches, and while we sowed seed we did no reaping there. Two week's work near Dunnville, resulted in six baptisms and one from the Baptists. Here we left a congregation of seventeen members. On the 1st inst. we closed a two week's meeting at St. Catharines with one baptism. In the future we hope to devote all the time we can spare from the office to evangelistic work.

November 1908, page 7

Obituary – Chas. W. Petch

Died, - at St. Catharines, Saturday, Sept. 5, 1908, Sarah Augusta Rogers, relict of the late Edward Rogers, aged 50 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday, Sept. 8 from her late residence, Fernside Ave., Smithville, to Queen's Lawn Cemetery, Grimsby. ...

July 1909, page 1

The June Meeting

Here we are at Smithville, and with our grips. ...

We had Bro. Claus from St. Catharines, Bro. Tallman from Nova Scotia, Bren. Hudson, Whitelaw and Cowin from Toronto, and Bro. Jones from Beamsville. ...

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

July 1909, page 4

Editorial Briefs

Since our appeal for Bro. Oldfield in June issue, the following churches and individuals have responded: Wychwood Park \$25.00; Griersville, \$10.00; St. Catharines, \$15.00; Winnipeg, \$35.00; Dr. Fry, \$1.00; Sister Rusnel, 1.00

August 1909, page 2

Additional Editorial Briefs

Bro. Tallman will preach in St. Catharines Aug. 8, and leave for the East on the 10th.

August 1909, page 5

Editorial Briefs

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

November 1909, page 5

Editorial Briefs

The writer had the privilege of working under the direction, and by the support of the St. Catharines, and Griersville congregations, in assisting two weak churches during the past season. Wychwood supported her own meeting, and did it liberally too. All these churches are doing an unselfish work in helping others.

December 1909, page 8

Church News – D. H. Jackson

Jordan, Ont., Nov. 5 – Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, began a series of meetings with the church here on Oct. 18, and continued until the 28th. ... Lordsday the 24th was a big day. Many brethren from other congregations met with us. Pekin, Tonawanda, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick, Toronto were represented. ... The visible results were seven baptisms, and much good done in other ways which eternity alone will reveal. On Friday the 29th, at the request of the St. Catharines brethren Bro. Campbell preached there to a large audience and baptized the candidates.

April 1910, page 5

Publisher's Desk

A card from Bro. Neal states that his meeting with the church at St. Catharines starts off with favourable prospects for a good meeting. Bro. Neal has splendid "backing" in the persons of Bro's, C. H. Claus and H. Stevens.

April 1910, page 8

Church News – Ed.

By the time this reaches our readers Bro. Neal will be in a meeting with the church in St. Catharines.

May 1910, page 7

Church News – C. H. Claus

St. Catharines, Ont. April 18 – We have just closed a meeting of three weeks duration assisted by Bro. Neal, of Meaford. Two were added by confession and baptism. The preaching was all that could be desired. Bro. Neal preached the old story of the cross and the gospel as God's power unto salvation. We all enjoyed the meeting very much, and are more determined to press on "toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

July 1910, page 1

The Beamsville Meeting

The meeting of only twelve days duration conducted by Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, at Beamsville, Ont., was one of the best, if not the best, meetings ever held in the history of the congregation. ... Dear Bro. Evans: ... There were brethren present from Toronto, Smithville, Jordan, St. Catharines, Tintern, and Pekin, N.Y. during the meetings. ... L. E. Huntsman

July 1910, page 2

Editorial Briefs

St. Catharines. When at Beamsville we were informed by Bro. Claus that the church at St. Catharines had arranged with Bro. J. D. C. Macmurchie to locate there for evangelistic work. Bro. Macmurchie did good work, we are informed, in Manitoba, and with such backers as Bro's. Claus and Stevens and other good workers, he will, no doubt, do good work in St. Catharines. THE STUDENT wishes Bro. and Sister Macmurchie every success in their new field of labor. The church at St. Catharines has the true missionary spirit. May its kind increase.

July 1910, page 3

Church News – C. W. Petch

Stouffville, Ont., June 15 – The writer preached at St. Catharines on Lordsday, June 12, to good audiences. Bro. Clare Macmurchie is expected to commence evangelistic work there by the first of July. We trust the work may prosper to God's glory.

December 1910, page 7

Late News – H. M. Evans

St. Catharines, Nov. 26. – The writer began laboring with the church here on the 12th ult., preaching twice each Lord's Day, and holding two Bible classes each week – on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All the meetings are well attended. We assisted one young man to put on his Lord in baptism, on the evening of November 13th. Will continue with the church here for some time. The labours of Bros. C. H. Claus and H. Stevens, the efficient leaders of this congregation, are greatly appreciated by the brethren.

January 1911, page 5

St. Catharines – H. M. Evans

Church work here goes on steadily. We have good audiences.

Forty-two students were enrolled in M. B. & L. College at the beginning of the term, so a letter written by Bro. O. E. Tallman informs us. This is encouraging to our Eastern Canada brethren.

On the 7th ult., at the home of the bride's parents, South Township, Bro. Frank Lavern Conn, of Welland, Ont., was united in marriage to Sister Ethel Alice Eugenie, eldest daughter of Bro. and Sister C. H. Claus; the writer officiating.

February 1911, page 5

Meaford Letter – H. M. Evans

On the 16th of Dec., 1911 [sic], I was called home suddenly from St. Catharines, where I was laboring for and with the church, to wait upon my wife, who was taken suddenly with a serious nervous collapse. ... We are anxiously working and praying for her recovery, and trusting that she will soon be in a condition to permit me to return to my work in St. Catharines.

May 1911, page 5

Nova Scotia – O. E. Tallman (2nd paragraph)

Our annual county meeting, I believe, will be held at Mill Village this year about the last of May, and immediately after this meeting I expect to start for St. Catharines, Ontario, where, Lord willing, I will help the brethren for four months.

June 1911, page 1

Letter from H. M. Evans (2nd paragraph)

We thank the brethren all over the Dominion for the many letters of love and sympathy and especially thank the St. Catharines, Griersville and Ice Lake Churches for the liberal contributions forwarded to us since we have been confined to our home, and for the same kind of substantial assistance from other individual brethren we are profoundly thankful also. ...

June 1911, page 3

Prospects of the Work – X. Toronto, May, 1911 (5th paragraph)

Many have no doubt noted that the Winnipeg congregation has also opened a mission meeting house at Elmwood. The brethren there are much indebted to the church at St. Catharines for having released Bro. Ora Tallman from a promise to go there this summer in order that he may spend the time in Winnipeg. May each receive a blessing for their action in the matter.

June 1911, page 6

News: Winnipeg – G. W. J. (2nd paragraph)

We expect to have Bro. Ora Tallman with us for four or five months this summer, beginning about June 1st. We very much appreciate the sacrifice made by the St. Catharines brethren in releasing him in order that he might come to Winnipeg.

October 1911, page 4

Editorial Jottings

Bro. W. D. Campbell is in the midst of a series of meetings with the church in Bathurst Street in which great interest is being shown, Wychwood is preparing for special meetings in October, and in November Bro. Campbell goes to St. Catharines.

October 1912, page 5

Yale, Michigan – D. H. Jackson (5th paragraph)

We hope to revive the work at St. Catharines and Jordan, by special meetings this fall.

December 1912, page 5

Report – H. M. Evans

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

... Church, St. Catharines, \$30.00

September 1913, page 5

Report – H. M. Evans

In response to the appeal made by the Stouffville congregation to sister congregations for funds to give my wife Chiropractic treatment the following has been received by Bro. D. H. Rusnell and handed over to the writer: ... St. Catharines, \$10.

ST. CATHARINES, EXCERPTS FROM THE *CHRISTIAN MONTHLY REVIEW*
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Church Directory

Vol. 4, No. 2, February 1919, p. 2

St. Catharines Ont.—Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m., for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for worship. At 7 p.m. for preaching. Wednesday at 8 p.m., Bible Study. J. Madison Wright, Evangelist

J. Madison Wright, Evangelist name dropped from directory listing with April 1920 issue.

Vol. 11, No. 11, November 1926, p. 16

St. Catharines Ont.—Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m., for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for worship. At 7 p.m. for preaching. Wednesday at 8 p.m., Bible Study. O. E. Tallman, Evangelist

O. E. Tallman, Evangelist name dropped from directory listing with September 1928 issue.

Vol. 13, No. 10, October 1928, p. 16

St. Catharines Ont.—Corner Beecher and Raymond Sts. Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m., for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for worship. At 7 p.m. for preaching. Wednesday at 8 p.m., Bible Study. M. G. Miller, Treas.

Vol. 14, No. 7, July 1929, p. 16

St. Catharines Ont.—Corner Beecher and Raymond Sts. Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m., for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for worship. At 7 p.m. for Preaching. Bible Study. Mon. and Thurs. nights, 8 p.m. Write to M. G. Miller, Treas. 61 George St.

Vol. 16, No. 5, May 1931, p. 16

St. Catharines, Ont.—Corner Beecher and Raymond Sts. Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m. for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for Worship. At 7 p.m. for Preaching. Bible Study, Monday and Thursday nights at 8. Write to M. G. Miller, Treasurer, 61 George St.

St. Catharines, Ont.—Manning and Niagara Sts. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Communion Service, 11 a.m.; Preaching at 7 p.m.; Monday at 8 p.m., Young Peoples' Meeting; Wednesday at 8 p.m., Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Mr. E. P. Wallace, Secretary, 3 Gerard St. St. Catharines. C. G. McPhee, Evangelist.

Vol. 17, No. 5, May 1932, p. 16

St. Catharines, Ont.—Corner Beecher and Raymond Sts. Church meets on Lord's Day at 10 a.m. for Bible School. At 11 a.m. for Worship. At 7 p.m. for Preaching. Bible Study, Monday and Thursday nights at 8. Write to M. G. Miller, Treasurer, 61 George St.

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Excerpts

Vol. 4, No. 4, April 1919, p. 9-10

St. Catharines, Feb. 3rd, 1919

Mr. D. McDougall,

Dear Bro. in Christ:--Inclosed please find 50 cents in renewal of the Christian Monthly Review. I am glad the little Quarterly has grown to a monthly, also that you have given it a new

name. I hope to see the day when the C.M.R. will be a weekly visitor in the homes of all the brethren in Canada.

Bro. J. Madison Wright is in charge of the Church here, he is a sound gospel preacher.

Your sister in Hope and Prayer,

Mrs. S. P. White

142 Dufferin St.

St. Catharines, Ont.

Enclosed find \$1.00 to help pay expenses of publishing our Monthly, and trust you will not be forced to appeal for financial assistance. Please accept our united Christian love for yourself and family.

Your sincere co-worker,

H. M. Evans

Vol. 4, No. 6, June 1919, p. 12-13

Notes from Western Ontario, S. Whitfield

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In a letter from Sister Sarah White, of St. Catharines she says, "I read some good articles from your pen in the little monthly paper. I love to read from the pens of our own Canadian brethren. I am so glad that we have a paper of our own, though it is small. It is yet in its infancy, and there is hope of its being a weekly in time."

Vol. 4, No. 11, November 1919, p. 13-15

Alexandra Hall, St. Catharines, Oct. 5, 1919

Dear Papa:--

We heard a good sermon this morning on "What Christ expects of us." Mr. Petch has been holding meetings here since last Sunday, and they have been well attended for here. The church is in a pretty sluggish condition. They depend on just a few energetic workers to keep things running. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Claus certainly do their share, taking charge of the meeting turn about when there is no preacher.

Mr. Petch is an earnest, energetic speaker, though his way is quiet. His meetings should do a great deal of good among the members.

We are conveniently situated in a quiet part of the town, yet quite central and near the Post Office and Church-house. This hall is kept by the W.C.T.U. We get very good board and only the better class of girls board here, so we are in pleasant surroundings. Edith and I are both taking the night course at St. Catharines Business College—Typewriting, Shorthand, Penmanship and Spelling. The instruction is of the very best. I must leave now for a Temperance Lecture. We've got to have Prohibition continue.

Love from

ELSIE

Remarks:--I was much surprised, Elsie, when I opened your letter and saw good, but strange writing over your name. ...

There were some good things to be said, and at the same time some admonitions, for the seven churches of Asia. The same seems to be true of churches in other places, including St. Catharines. There were a few names in Sardis; and we have a few names—on our subscription list—even in St. Catharines. We have three paid up subscribers there, and three whose renewals are prayerfully expected. This is a very hopeful feature—because the seed of the kingdom is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal—till the whole was leavened. Then there are a few energetic workers, who can be and are depended upon to keep things running. If these few continue energetic and faithful the prosperity of the church will be assured. But it seems that some of the members are not as energetic as they should be. We were pretty well aware of this already. At least we had imbibed that impression—chiefly from the fact that other places, less able, have furnished five times the number of paid subscribers to our Canadian Brotherhood Paper, the Christian Monthly Review. Now, instead of only a few energetic workers, every member should be an energetic worker! And why are they not? Is it because those few want to do it all themselves, and give the others no encouragement? Sometimes this is the case; and when it is, those few are the ones who most need admonition.

Love from

POP

Vol. 5, No. 3, March 1920, p. 21

Notes from Western Ontario, S. Whitfield

There were two meetings in Toronto on March 18th, to consider the question of supporting an evangelist for all his time, to hold meetings in the smaller congregations. ...

I spent the following Lord's day with the Church at St. Catharines. We had two good meetings morning and night, and Bible study in the afternoon. After the morning meeting Bro. Stevens and I called on Sister Lans and we broke bread with her. I met this aged Sister several years ago, and was pleased to see her again. I met several old friends there who are staunch disciples. Bro. Claus and Bro. Stevens are both good leaders in the church there, and the brethren there will do well to stand by and encourage them. The Church at St. Catharines is waking up to her duty.

Vol. 5, No. 6, June 1920, p. 28-29

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

Dear Bro. McDougall:

I have been trying to write to the C. M. R. for some time, but it seems that I find so much to do on the farm and studying for the Lord's day work that it is hard to settle down to write an article for the paper.

...

Bro. E. G. Claus is in a meeting at St. Catharines now and will be at Pine Orchard about the first of June for two or three weeks. We hope to persuade him to remain in Ontario for some time.

I appreciate your work in giving us such a good little paper and will try and help you more in the future.

Yours in His Service,

CHAS. W. PETCH

Vol. 5, No. 7, July 1920, p. 24

We had a fine meeting at Jordan. It is a busy time, but the interest and attendance were good. Was down to hear Bro. E. G. Claus, at St. Catharines last night. He had a good meeting. Eight were baptized. It is just seven miles from Jordan. Edith was there.

I am glad that C. M. R. is going ahead. Will try and send you monthly reports.

C. G. McPHEE

Vol. 6, No. 3, March 1921, p. 13

65 Page St., St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 4, 1921

Dear Bro. McDougall:

The Church here have secured the services of O. E. Tallman for Lord's Day evening. We are having a good outside hearing, including two Roman Catholics. The Church at St. Catharines had 8 additions during 1920.

Wishing you every success during 1921, I am

Yours fraternally,

H. STEVENS

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DISCIPLE GATHERING FOR THIS CITY.

MEMBERS OF DENOMINATION FROM ALL OVER ONTARIO TO ASSEMBLE HERE.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE HAS BEEN SECURED.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 11, 12 AND 13.

When Mr. C. H. Claus was in Toronto last week, attending a meeting of the Delegates of the Church of Christ (Disciples) re an Evangelistic effort in Ontario, he secured the Annual June Meeting for this city to be held June 11-12-13, when it is expected that at least 500 delegates from

Ontario and U.S., will attend and some of the most prominent speakers will address this meeting. The Grand Opera House has been secured for the occasion.—St. Catharines Standard.

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NEWS AND CORRESPONDENCE: THE ANNUAL MEETING, H. Stevens

Just a few words about the meeting. Every person who mentioned the meeting said it was the best they ever attended. On Saturday afternoon the visiting brethren gave short talks, telling of work accomplished in their respective congregations. Fern Ave., Toronto, are doing a good work. They report a membership of 168, an increase of some 42 during the year. East Toronto also has taken on new life, and are planning for greater things for the future. Bathurst St., Toronto, are doing well in their mission work, especially Foreign Missions. Jordan and St. Catharines are planning greater things, having secured the services of Bro. O. E. Tallman for a year. On Saturday evening Bro. M. Watterworth gave a splendid talk on "A light that shineth in a dark place." It was much appreciated by all present. On Sunday morning at the Grand Opera House the first session consisted of short talks on brotherly love of visiting brethren. Service for others was the keynote of their addresses. Bro. L. H. Jackson, of Fern Ave., Toronto, spoke of the efficient church, its task and program. It was a splendid talk and much enjoyed by the large congregation. The collection amounted to \$230.00. A basket dinner was held in the park three blocks from Opera House, an ideal spot. After satisfying their hunger many visitors took a stroll through the famous civic rose garden and enjoyed their visit very much. At 2.30 p.m. we reassembled to hear Bro. W. D. Campbell, of Detroit, deliver a masterly address on "The more excellent way." An audience of some seven or eight hundred enjoyed every word. At 8 Bro. Campbell spoke as only he can speak on "Conversation to God." His talk was plain, convincing and powerful and many in the audience were visibly affected.

On Monday morning we met at 10 o'clock to consider the great question of extending the cause of Christ in Ontario. The session lasted two and a half hours and was full of interest. The matter of Foreign Missions was introduced by Bro. Gibson, of Toronto. India and Siam were the fields mentioned. Each church will contribute to the best of her ability. On Monday evening Bro. Petch of Pine Orchard gave a splendid address on the "Everlasting Brotherhood." He excelled himself. All the addresses were of a very high order and the spirit of the meetings was wonderful.

H. Stevens

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10 Wright Ave., Toronto, June 18, 1921

To the Churches of Christ, Ontario

Brothers and Sisters:--I have pleasure in reporting a most successful and harmonious meeting of the Churches at St. Catharine's on 11th, 12th and 13th. insts. Those who are fortunate enough to be in attendance need not be reminded of the Christian love and general goodwill so much in evidence. Our Brothers and Sisters of St. Catharines and Jordan are deserving of much credit for the well arranged programme and the ample provision for the comfort and convenience of their guests.

The meeting on Saturday afternoon left no doubt in the minds of those present of the good feeling existing among the churches. In the evening our Bro. Maitland Watterworth delivered an interesting address to a good sized audience.

On Lord's Day morning upwards of seven hundred partook of the Lord's Supper. Bro. James Stewart presiding at the table. At this service our Bro. D. H. Jackson delivered a powerful address on the efficient church. In the afternoon and evening our Bro. W. D. Campbell preached in his useful forceful manner.

At the close of the evening service Bro. O. H. Tallman made it known that our Brethren differing in methods of service were desirous of co-operation and suggested that we choose five of our Brethren to meet an equal number of them to discuss differences from the standpoint of Bible teaching. The matter seemed to meet with favor and it was agreed that Bro. Tallman and Bro. W. D. Campbell along with one Brother from St. Catharines district and two from Toronto should be appointed by the Churches to this important task. Bro. O. H. Tallman, Owen Sound, will be glad to hear the decision of all the churches at the earliest convenience of those concerned. May it be that the Bible shall form the basis for the union of all Christians.

On Monday morning, reports were presented regarding the success of the united effort of the churches in Ontario. All present were enthusiastic in the welfare of the cause and it was decided to form into three districts for greater efficiency. It is desired that each district will get together at an early date and appoint someone to look after the funds in that section. Let us report to each other our problems and successes, thus encouraging interest in Ontario as a whole.

At this meeting it was also suggested that we combine forces for a definite work in Foreign Missions. Bro. G. J. Gibson, 25 Constance St., Toronto, was charged with the duty of looking after the fund with Bro. N. Bennetts as his assistant. All communications in regard to the matter should be addressed to Bro. Gibson as above, who will gladly supply any information desired.

The balance of the fund, after our Bro. Watterworth's remuneration is taken care of, is to be equally divided among the three districts. It is therefore important that the name and address of the Brother appointed to look after the fund in your district, is forwarded to the writer at an early date.

Thanking you for the interest taken in the united effort of the churches and with best wishes for the continued success of the cause, I am,

Fraternally yours,

C. E. Hellyer.

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St. Catharines June Meeting

The leaders of the church at St. Catharines sent invitations to brethren both grouped and isolated, to meet them on June 11th, 12th and 13th, for mutual edification and to worship God.

Saturday at 3.30 p.m., with Bro. H. Stevens leading, short talks were given from Bathurst, Fern Avenue, and East Toronto, Smithville, Jordan, Beamsville, Owen Sound, Cape Rich, Fenwick, and Pine Orchard.

At 8 p.m. Bro. M. Watterworth delivered a splendid address, 'As unto a light that shineth in a dark place.'

On Lord's day morning, at 10 o'clock, we met in the Opera House (our meeting house would have been too small), where we listened to nine brethren make short speeches on the grand theme, "Brotherly Love." At 11 o'clock Bro. Jackson, of Toronto, addressed the congregation, now 700 strong, on "The Efficient Church, its Task and Program." Bro. Jackson spoke with power.

Bro. James Stewart, one of the oldest brethren present, presided at the Lord's Table, using the words, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." The fellowship was over \$225.00.

After the communion we adjourned to the Park, where baskets were opened and the physical "inner man" refreshed.

Bro. W. D. Campbell spoke to us at 3.30 p.m., "A more excellent way" being his subject, and again at 8 o'clock on "Conversion to God." Bro. Campbell's simple, plain, logical, forceful but loving presentation of the truth makes him a prime favorite among us all.

After the evening meeting there was a discussion regarding a more consistent living up to our plea of Christian unity, and progress made, we believe, in pointing the way to a scriptural unity of brethren.

On Monday morning Bro. Hellyer, who was chosen by some of the churches to have the keeping of the funds they had contributed for evangelistic work in weak places, read his report to the assembled brethren, (he will also send the report to each church directly), and arrangements were made for a larger work. In order to avoid the danger of building up an organization which would usurp authority which belongs only to the church, it was suggested that the churches in the Niagara Peninsula should administer their own funds, and likewise Meaford and vicinity would arrange for a helper in the work in that neighborhood, while Toronto and its surroundings will work together for the advancement of the Master's cause, both at home and abroad.

Bro. Gibson, of Toronto, made a strong appeal for more pronounced effort in support of the Gospel in foreign fields, and we hope to see the churches doing more in the future.

At 8 o'clock at night Bro. C.W. Petch made one of the best efforts of his life, "The Everlasting Brotherhood."

Bro. Russell, of Stouffville, announced that it was the intention of the church there to invite the brethren to meet with them next year, some time in June.

Brethren visited from most of the Ontario churches, many isolated brethren, and from several States in the Union, and we could most heartily sing, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian Love."

Report of the Secretary

As Secretary and joint custodian of the fund along with Bro. Alex Stewart, who shares with me the responsibility of a strict account of all moneys contributed, I would report as follows:

CO-OPERATION.

"Come, let us reason together."

We know that throughout our fair Ontario there are many little groups of Brothers and Sisters striving, as best they can, to uphold the Banner of the Cross, but believing comes through hearing, and we are not all teachers. It was to give these weaker ones encouragement and assistance that the movement was started, all contributing to a common fund for the support of an Evangelist to labor with those most in need of assistance, and report progress to all concerned, thus drawing us closer together in Christian love and fellowship. I regret to state that, from a financial point of view, all the churches have not yet shown their sympathy with the movement but we feel that all are interested in the Cause generally. We especially regret the support rendered by the churches in Toronto, together with Pine Orchard and Stouffville, all being wholeheartedly in the work and, should the district plan be decided upon, we may look for a good account of their stewardship.

EVANGELIZATION

Bro. McPhee, a young and enthusiastic servant of our Master, labored in the interest of the Cause for some six months until he took up the work at Meaford. During this time our Bro. Schell was acting as Secty.-Treas. Any further information desired up to Dec. 31, 1920 will be cheerfully given by him.

Acting under instruction, our Bro. Watterworth was induced to come and assist us at the beginning of April. During that month he labored faithfully with the churches of Meaford section and even the April showers failed to dampen his enthusiasm. Wet weather prevailed but four responded to the Gospel invitation at Cape Rich and were baptized.

He arrived at Wychwood full of ambition and during the month of May covered the district well by visitation and held meetings every night for at least one week. Here another was won for our Master. Our Brethren at Wychwood are loud in their praise of the encouragement and assistance rendered by our Bro. Watterworth.

St. Catharines section was hardly ready for him at the beginning of June, so Bathurst St. seized the opportunity of securing his services up to the present time, at their own expense. At the close of this meeting, I believe, he goes to Woodgreen, near London, where he will establish a Cause that will be a shining light in years to come.

Bro. Watterworth is a Canadian boy, residing at present at Harper, Kan., a condition that Ontario should not allow to exist any longer than necessary. We need such men to help make our Plea better known in this Province.

DISTRICT PLAN.

Ontario seems rather large for one Evangelist to cover and it is suggested for the consideration of this meeting, that we continue to work together in Missionary and Evangelistic work, but for greater efficiency that we form into districts and, in order to keep in close touch, consult each other in our problems and successes and meet at least once a year, possibly in a June meeting.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

"Go ye into all the World."

Many churches in Ontario are contributing separately to Foreign Missions and it may be well to consider combining forces for a definite work. In this connection our Bro. Gibson of Fern Ave. has some interesting information to submit.

FINANCES

On Feb. 3, 1921, we held our last combined meeting, when I was instructed to secure the services of an Evangelist for the months of April, May and June, if possible, our Bros. Claus of Valdosta, Georgia, allotting for that purpose \$500 and expenses, each of the three proposed districts to have his assistance for one month. Securing Bro. Maitland Watterworth.

At that time we had on hand	\$578.30
Contributed since then	364.30
Interest on deposit	<u>8.32</u>
	\$950.92

DISBURSEMENTS

Bro. Watterworth	\$333.33
Expenses (Canadian funds)	<u>57.50</u> 390.83

Balance in Bank	\$560.09
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With return expenses and balance due Bro. Watterworth to pay.

Should the district plan be decided upon, I would respectfully suggest that, since the amount on hand Feb. 2, will have been the amount contributed since that time (Feb. 2) be handed over to the Treasurer of the district from which it came as a starter for the fund in his respective district.

In conclusion I desire to state that I have enjoyed the work entrusted to me and only regret that greater results have not been accomplished. May the time soon come when all Christian people shall as brothers be, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

C. E. HELLYER,
Secty.-Treas.

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Co-operation in Ontario

... We in Ontario are trying to help three evangelists instead of one by dividing into the Meaford, Toronto and St. Catharines districts. The evangelist to take his membership with one of the churches in each district, be under the oversight of the elders of that church, and be sent out by that church to help smaller places in that district, and all contributions to this special work to go to him through the Treasurer of the church where he lives, the different churches in that district co-operating to help support him in the field. ... Yours in haste, O. H. T.

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Harper, Kans., July 6, '21.

Dear Bro. McDougall:--I returned to Kansas a week ago after spending three months in Ontario, my native Province. I visited churches at Meaford, Collingwood, Cape Rich, St. Catharines, Woodgreen and "Mosa," and was in Toronto for six weeks which time was mostly spent in the regular meetings at Wychwood and Bathurst congregations and in visitation. ...

Sincerely yours in the faith,
M. Watterworth

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ST. CATHARINES MEETING

The Church here held a revival effort, being assisted by Bro. C. W. Petch. Good audiences and interest characterized the whole meeting. Two were added by primary obedience and we hope for future reaping from the good seed sown. Bro. Petch gave us some very able and instructive teaching.

O. E. Tallman

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Toronto, October 7th, 1921.

To The Church of Christ at St. Catharines.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:--We take this opportunity of bringing to your attention the action of the Churches assembled at the June meeting held at St. Catharines with respect to Foreign Missionary Work.

... Since that time we have received contributions from the churches at Fern Ave., Toronto, and St. Catharines, for the sum of Sixty Dollars, which when forwarded was converted into Sterling ...

It was also suggested at the June Meeting that it might be possible for the Ontario Churches to contribute the first year the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.) and in this connection the Toronto Churches expected to be able to raise Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.).

We will greatly appreciate if you will give this matter your earliest consideration, and we might mention that the Church at St. Catharines has adopted a plan of taking a monthly offering for Foreign Missions, which they report has stimulated an interest in their local work, and we would suggest that it might be a good plan for others to follow.

...

Yours fraternally,
G. J. Gibson
H. Bennetts

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The June Meeting, Chas. W. Petch

The June Meeting, held at Stouffville this year, was one of the best it has been my privilege to attend. The attendance on Lord's Day ranged from 425 to 600. Brethren were there from Cape Rich, Griersville, Owen Sound, Beamsville, Jordan, St. Catharines, Smithville, Detroit and Deckerville in Michigan, Pekin, N.Y., St. Louis, Louisville, and a host from Toronto. Such a gathering of brethren joining their voices and hearts in praise and worship to God, was a sight and sound that could not help but edify and inspire one to greater zeal for the cause of our Master.

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St. Catharines

Morning services led by Bros. Claus, Stevens, Burdett and Johnson. The writer preaching at night.

The death of sister Elizabeth Laws, nee Patterson, just before her 87th year, brought an end to her long suffering. She was an earnest Christian, and the Bible was the man of her counsel. The writer misses her in his rounds. The funeral from the church house took place Aug. 11th, a large crowd being present.

O. E. Tallman
Box 193, Jordan

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Niagara Falls, Ont.

The brethren meet at corner of Main St., and Lundy's lane and are faithful. The numbers are small, but the faith seems great. Bro. Keffer with help from St. Catharines brethren keeps the church there supplied with speakers. The writer preaching each alternate Lord's Day afternoon.

Rosedene

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

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Paragraphs, H. M. Evans

It fell to the lot of the writer during the absence of Bro. O. E. Tallman to visit Jordan, Ont., after an absence of seventeen years. We were cordially entertained at the home of Bro. and Sister Tallman and their four fine children, but the morning discourse was broken in two and patched up on account of the sudden sickness of the writer.

In the evening we had the privilege of visiting and once again preaching to the St. Catharine's congregation after an absence of twelve years. We were made welcome at the home of

Bro. and Sister C. H. Claus, and had the privilege also of meeting several "Bluenoses", the two daughters, Edith and Stella, of Ye Editor, among the number. Bro. Claus and Bro. Henry Stevens make a splendid working team, and with the assistance of Bro. J. H. Johnston and family, formerly of Drayton, Ont., should do a splendid work for the Master in the city.

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Dear Bro. McDougall.—Enclosed you will please find \$1.00 for the renewal of the C. M. R., to Mrs. S. P. White,

142 Dufferin St.,
St. Catharines, Ont.

F. P. Fonner is very pointed in his article on home training. Please give us some more that parents may awake to their responsibility to their children. The churches today are not growing in numbers because the parents don't do their duty. I know this is a fact right here in St. Catharines, as well as elsewhere. Baseball and other sports take up most of their spare time. The scriptures are not read much less studied, and there is so little interest taken in the thought of divine things.

Oh that church members would take more thought for their own salvation and there would be a desire for the salvation for the souls of their children.

Yours for truth and growth in Divine life,
Mrs. S. P. White

Vol. 8, No. 1, January 1923, p. 26 [Letter from G. J. Gibson, H. Bennetts.]

Toronto, October 20th, 1922

To the Church of Christ at Stouffville,

Dear Brethren:--We desire to bring to your notice the results of our co-operative work in support of Foreign Missions for the year ending May 31st, 1922, as shown by the report submitted to the June meeting held at Stouffville, which is as follows:-- Receipts

Bathurst St. Church, Toronto	\$200.00
Fern Ave. " "	150.00
Vaughan Ave. " " (Wychwood)	68.58
St. Catharine's Church	67.98

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Acknowledgments

For Christian Monthly Review—

Church St. Catharines, per H. Stevens4.00

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Paragraphs, by H. M. Evans

On Saturday (D.V.) we start for Jordan and St. Catharines to labour with the brethren there for a week, or so. The outline of our Bible Studies in lecture form will be followed with large colored chart, the same as at Woodgreen, Ont. Never was there a time in the history of the world when faithful Bible teachers and students were needed more than they are now. "Quit you like men, be strong." Don't dilly-dally with Delilah.

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Church of Christ, St. Catharines Ont., Canada

To whom it may concern:--

This is to certify that J. Madison Wright is a faithful member of the Church of Christ and preacher of the primitive gospel, and as such, we commend him to the love and fellowship of all Christians everywhere; and we recommend him for the work of preaching the gospel in India, and that he will faithfully report, and honestly use all funds entrusted to him.

This done by order of the church in regular assembly.

Dated at St. Catharines this 8th day of July, 1923.

Signed on behalf of the congregation worshipping at

C. H. Claus, Elder
H. Stevens, Deacon
A. Marr, Minister
A. D. McMillan, Clerk.

P.S.—His address, J. Madison Wright, 451 ½ Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls, Ontario.

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We had a stirring missionary address on February 6th by Bro. Sherriff, of Bulawayo, South Africa, who has labored 27 years among the natives of that country. A letter from Elsie the other day contained the glad tidings that she is doing fine.

Yours fraternally,

H. Stevens.

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News Paragraphs, H. M. Evans

Bro. G. E. Claus, of Valdosta, Ga., while visiting his brother C. H., in St. Catharines, Ont., is holding a short meeting in that city.

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News Paragraphs, H. M. Evans

The congregation at Selkirk enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Bro. and Sister C. H. Claus, of St. Catharines, Ont. and Bro. and Sister F. L. Conn, of Welland, on Aug. 10, when they became host and furnished an enjoyable dinner, while wife and I became the guests of our visitors. This little visit recalled some of the joys and sorrows of the past. It is just fourteen years ago next December since the writer was called home from the St. Catharines congregation on account of the illness of his wife, and only three days before this sad event he had performed the ceremony which made Sister Ethel Claus and Bro. F. L. Conn one for life. Bro. and Sister Conn now have four nice children and a happy home. How comforting it is to see young Christians selecting Christian partners and in a Christian home bringing up their children in "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Bro. Conn was baptized by the writer in a meeting he held in Fenwick, Ont., some 22 years ago, and still has a deep interest in work and worship in the Church. Visiting brethren are always welcome in Selkirk. Such fellowship draws us nearer to the Lord and to one another.

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Church of Christ, Cor. of Raymond and Beecher Streets,

Mr. G. E. Claus, of Valdosta, Ga., will preach each night this week except Saturday, at 8.00 o'clock. Sunday, 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. You and your friends are invited to attend.

We plead for the complete return to the Church of the New Testament.

No Book but the Bible. No Name but Christian. No Creed but Christ.

P.S.—Thought you might like to see this. The meetings were held for two weeks ending Sept. 7th, 1924, with one addition. OLIVER H. BURDETTE.

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BRO. PETCH IN SELKIRK, H. M. Evans

Bro. and Sis. Johnston, with their three daughters, from St. Catharines, also visited the congregation here on Lord's Day, Oct. 26th, Bro Johnston taking part in the meeting. We had a real edifying meeting and all enjoyed the fellowship of kindred spirits at the table of our Lord. Since our arrival in Selkirk three years ago, we have had visitors from Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, Meaford, Smithville, Welland, Beamsville, Jordan and perhaps some other points

which we have forgotten, and in every case have spoken of the exceeding friendliness and hearty welcome given them by the Selkirk congregation. . . .

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135 York St., St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 15, 1925.

You will please find enclosed the sum of (\$5.00) five dollars for tracts I received from you sometime ago. If the amount is not enough, please let me know; if otherwise, please thank God.

Yours fraternally,

O. H. BURDETT.

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Annual Report of Receipts for Foreign

Missions from Churches of Christ in Ontario, for year from June 1st, 1925 to May 31st, 1926

St. Catharines Church

159.61

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Obituary:

The Church at St. Catharines, suffered a real loss in the passing of Sister Emma Elizabeth Marr (nee McCurdy). Sister Marr had been in poor health for some time, was a patient sufferer, and passed peacefully into the realization of her faith. Her life had been spent in the service of others and her works will follow her.

Bro. Marr has been treasurer of the Church at St. Catharines, several years. Sister Marr died March 7th and was buried from her residence, 14 Centre St., on March 9th. The writer spoke.

At a business meeting of the Church at St. Catharines, they asked me to continue another year, labouring with them.

Fraternally, O. E. Tallman

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Annual Report of Receipts for Foreign Missions

from Churches of Christ in Ontario, for year from July 10th, 1926 to June 15th, 1927.

St. Catharines Church

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In a letter from Sister Lydia A. Wardell, 82 Queenston St., St. Catharines, Ont., July 20, she refers to the recent death of her mother, after a few weeks' illness.

Our sympathy goes out to her and to all who have lost loved ones, as reported in this issue. E. G. C.

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We enjoyed a visit on Aug. 2, with Bro. and Sister O. E. Tallman and two daughters. He spoke for us at prayer meeting that night. He reports one addition by baptism recently in St. Catharines.

. . .

E. G. C.

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Just as we go to press a telegram comes from Bro. O. E. Tallman, Jordan, Ont., saying that "Bro. H. Stevens (65 Page St., St. Catharines, Ont.) died this morning. Funeral Wednesday. More later."

I knew Bro. Stevens and liked him much. He impressed me as being much interested in the Kingdom. I saw him last at the June Meeting at Selkirk. We little knew then that he would so soon be called across the bar. But we never know. I had lately heard that he was not in very good

health, but hoped it was only temporary. We shall look for a more extended notice. We sympathize with the bereaved. – E. G. C.

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V. Lighthouse, West Hamilton, Ont. Dear Bro. Collins: "Will ...

Bro. Fisher spoke to us this Lord's day of a city four-square. Rev. 21:16. His words were illustrated with a card, four-square. I was impressed and moved almost to tears as his words awakened my mind. Bro. Fisher is a loyal and faithful brother. Bro. Johnson of St. Catharines, and others were present. I think Bro. Snure spoke there today. He and other brethren such as our noble brother Walter Cartwright, his younger brother, and our grand old man, the father of these boys, are loyal and do good work at home and abroad. May God bless their efforts."

Vol. 13, No. 5, May 1928, p. 5-6

Second Trip to Canada

It was my intention to visit Niagara Peninsular [sic] before I left for Japan. I visited St. Catharines, spoke on Lord's Day, March 18th. In the morning I spoke at St. Catharines church, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Beamsville, where five churches of Niagara district were in attendance. These good brethren have promised to help one native worker in Japan. I received—Beamsville church \$50; Smithville church \$50; St. Catharines church \$70; Jordan church \$50; and Tintern church \$30.30—total \$250.30. Balance will be forwarded to Japan.

Monday, Bro. Ozro Tallman's drove me to Selkirk, where I visited H. M. Evans. We came back to St. Catharines at 7.45 p.m. A surprise party was held at Bro. Ozro Tallman's home. The house was filled with brethren. Bro. Tallman, representing the church at St. Catharines, made a speech after which he handed me a beautiful wrist watch as a token of Christian love. It will be a sweet memory of these brethren as long as I live.

Thursday evening, seven churches in Toronto came together at Bathurst church in a farewell meeting directed by Elder James Stuart. After the meeting refreshments were served in the basement. I took the midnight train back to Detroit. The visit will long be remembered. Bathurst church also promised to help our work in Japan.

Otoshige Fujimori.

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News and Correspondence

Matter for this issue is being prepared at the home of Bro. O. E. Tallman, St. Catharines, Ont. I am enjoying this visit among the churches. We had fair attendance for two nights at St. Catharines. We go tonight (April 11) to Jordan. Then to Beamsville. Then Hamilton for the 15th. Will be at Selkirk over the 22nd.—Ed.

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News and Correspondence

O. E. Tallman, St. Catharines, Ont., reports 5 more baptisms, making the number up to 13 recently. He also gives a good report of the regular attendance, and the Young People's class. The church here are contemplating an enlargement and improvement of the house of worship.

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News and Correspondence

The editor of this paper had the privilege of being away from the office and the regular work here for about three weeks, beginning Apr. 9. This trip hinged upon the acceptance of an invitation from the Hamilton church to speak there on Apr. 15.

We, Mrs. Collins, two daughters and I, left Meaford Apr. 9, by motor, in a snow storm and arrived at St. Catharines about 6.15p.m., at the home of Bro. and Sis. O. E. Tallman. I spoke

on Mon. and Tues. evenings to fair-sized audiences. Wed. evening we had meeting at Jordan. Bro. Tallman has been preaching for a number of years at these two places. . . .

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Bro. Keffer says that Bro. Eph. P. Smith of Martin, Tenn., recently spent a Lord's Day in St. Catharines and spoke for the brethren at the morning meeting. They report a good sermon. He had just closed a meeting at Ferndale, Mich., and was seeing a bit of Canada.

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News and Correspondence

WILBUR

Margaret (Green) Wilbur, aged 83 years, 11 months, and 16 days, died Oct 28, and was buried on the 30, at her old home town, Ridgetown. W. G. Charlton assisted the writer there. She leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Fries, and a son Joe Wilbur; two grand-children, two great-grand-children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. An evening service was held at her home, 54 Wellington St., St. Catharines, on Monday, 29th, thence to Ridgetown.

O. E. TALLMAN.

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News and Correspondence

O. E. Tallman, Port Dalhousie, Ont.: "A crowded house of Bible School folks and friends met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wardell, 82 Queenston St., St. Catharines, to give the little folks a good time and in so doing had a wonderful time ourselves. There were candies and gifts, some useful, some otherwise. A fine program was presented and then the tree was stripped to the great delight of the children both young and old. Brethren were present from Beamsville, Smithville, Hamilton and Oakville.

The services in Patricia Hall are growing in numbers and interest. The congregation was pleased to have Bro. Chas. Stevens home for the holidays and he delighted them by two splendid addresses. The mantle of his late father seems to have fallen on Charles' shoulders with a double portion of his spirit. He is a young man you will hear from."

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JUNE MEETING.

C. H. Claus, Box 83, St. Catharines, Ont., Mar. 12: "As you are aware, we intend holding the June meeting in St. Catharines this year, and have decided on the 2nd Sun. in June, being June 9th, 1929."

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INVITATION St. Catharines, Ont. April 4, 1929.

To the disciples of Christ everywhere—

Greetings—

We, the church of Christ at St. Catharines, wish to again remind you that we are preparing for and arranging to hold the regular meeting of the churches of Christ, which is usually called the June Meeting, on the 8th and 9th of next June.

We are looking forward for you and yours to attend and to help with your presence and fellowship to make this meeting a season of spiritual uplift.

There will be the usual Saturday afternoon and evening meetings as well as the Lord'sday meetings at 9.30 a.m., 11 a.m. 3 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. Then for two weeks, each night, there will be a protracted effort put forth. (St. Catharines will then be on Daylight Saving Time.)

The program, when definitely arranged as to speakers and subjects, will be forwarded to you in due time.

In behalf of the church,

C. H. Claus, James H. Johnston, Corresponding Secretary, M. G. Miller, C. H. Claus,
Trustees

Box 83, St. Catharines, Ontario

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Bro. C. H. Claus, St. Catharines, says the outlook for a good June meeting is very bright, every one written to, offering to cooperate and help to make it a success. "We have written to every address we know and sent invitations. But if we have missed any this is an invitation to attend." They hope to get the New Collegiate which seats 1200. "Let us fill it."

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News and Correspondence

The June meeting at St. Catharines, Ont., was held as announced on June 8, 9. The Sat. meetings were held in the meeting house, cor. Beecher and Raymond Sts. At 3.30 p.m. several visiting brethren spoke. At 8 p.m. Bro. Albert Brown spoke on the two verses, "Other sheep I have . . .," and, "Go, make disciples . . ." Bro. W. F. Cox followed him speaking on "The Unity of the Bible." The Sunday morning and afternoon meetings were held in the Collegiate auditorium, a fine place for the meetings. At 10 a.m. Bro. C. G. McPhee spoke on the "Church," followed by Bro. A. M. Stewart." At 11 a.m. we met for worship. Bro. H. McKerlie spoke on, "The Christian's Home Town," being a description of the Holy City (Rev. 21), from which he drew many encouraging lessons. Well over 500 then engaged in the communion. At 3 p.m. Bro. W.H. Cauble spoke on "Christ Dwelling in Us," showing the need and the blessings of having the spirit. At 7.30 p.m. we met in the meeting house which was crowded. This writer spoke on "The Saviour's Prayer for Unity." This was the beginning of a two-weeks' revival. At this writing we are in the first week, with what the brethren think is a good attendance.

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News and Correspondence

The St. Catharines, Ont., meeting, which began with our June meeting, on June 9, closed Sun. night June 23. The attendance was fair; good on Lord's Days. Bro. Keffer was with us part of the time. His daughter, Marie, made the good confession at the last service. He was to baptize her on Mon. night at their Bible class meeting. Bro. Tallman left for meetings in Tennessee, so could not be with us but one or two services.

--Ed. C. M. R.

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News and Correspondence

BURDETT—ANSTEE.

Brother Oliver Harry Burdett and Sister Marjorie Ellen Anstee, with the assistance of the writer, plighted their lives together in the holy and sacred bonds of marriage.

The wedding ceremony was performed in our church house, cor. Beecher and Raymond streets, St. Catharines, at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, Aug. 31st, in the presence of a large company of friends and relatives.

The groom was assisted by his brother Ernest, and the bride was supported by her sister, Olive.

The bridal couple left the church house, amidst a shower of confetti and congratulations from the awaiting company; and the guests retired with them to the home of the bride's parents, 111 Vail St., to partake of the wedding luncheon. The following day the happy pair left for a honeymoon trip through the States of New York and New Jersey.

The hearty well wishes and prayers of the brethren and relatives go with them.

--Lemuel J. Keffer

HUGHES—BURDETT.

The wedding of Bro. Stanley Butler Hughes to Sister Dora Violet Burdett was solemnized in St. Catharines, Ont., June 29th, 1929.

The ceremony was performed in the church house, at about 3 p.m., before a large company of friends, by the writer.

The groom was supported by his brother F. B. Hughes, while the bride was supported by Mrs. F. B. Hughes and Miss Marjorie Anstee and Miss Ingrid Bang. The bride was given away by her brother, Oliver. Bro. Ernie served as usher.

After the ceremony and signing of the register, about fifty of the guests repaired to the home of the bride's parents and partook of the wedding luncheon, after which the bridal couple prepared themselves for and started out on a motor trip to Muskoka, to spend a honeymoon of happiness before returning to Niagara Falls, N.Y., to take up their residence.

They started away amidst the hearty good wishes and customary demonstration of the same by all the guests present.

God bless this union.

Lemuel J. Keffer

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RECEIVED DURING JUNE 1st to SEPT. 30th For Bro. Petch's Work in the West
Church at St. Catharines, Beecher St., Ont. \$20.00

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News and Correspondence, Smithville, Ont., Oct. 13th, 1930

Dear Bro.:

No doubt you, and all of the C.M.R. family, will be glad to hear of the visible results we are enjoying in the Lord's work in St. Catharines.

We, who meet at Beecher and Raymond Sts., have been endeavouring to preach the simple Gospel of the Lord Jesus. Trying to let the Gospel make its own appeal without the assistance of "worldly" appeal.

Our reward is that eleven precious souls have been baptized into Christ and two restored to the fellowship of the congregation.

Yes, the Gospel will still work with power if we are faithful to it and we let it work.

We are beginning a two-weeks' protracted effort on Oct. 19th. May we have the prayers of the righteous, that the Lord's Word may have free course and be glorified, and many souls brought back to Christ.

Yours in the Lord, L. J. Keffer

P.S.—Yesterday at Smithville we had an addition. Bro. Ora F. Ellis' wife confessed and was baptized. Praise the Lord for His grace. L. J. K.

Vol. 16, No. 5, May 1931, p. 14

News and Correspondence, 172 ½ Niagara St., St. Catharines

The Lord's work at Niagara and Manning Streets is moving along well. The Bible School growing, and many children from the community attend. It is now necessary to arrange rooms in the basement to take care of the crowded classes. This week the members are going to beautify the grounds around the meeting house. Bible Study on Monday and Wednesday evenings is very interesting. The church is made up largely of young people, and we look forward to a steady growth in the future.

C. G. McPhee

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ST. CATHARINES, ONT., May 12, 1931

We are enjoying a season of peace and prosperity among the churches where I labour. The Niagara Street Church has many pleasing aspects. The work being done among the children of the community, in the Bible study, Sunday morning, is worth all the sacrifices that have been made to build up the cause. We have also enjoyed a very fruitful and enjoyable season in our Bible Study every Monday evening.

C. G.

McPhee

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Received During June For Bro. Fujimori, Japan
Church at Niagara St., St. Catharines, Ont. \$29.00

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ST. CATHARINES, NIAGARA STREET

Bro. O. H. Tallman, of Cookeville, Tenn., is to hold a two-weeks' meeting, beginning on August 2nd with a whole day programme. Sister churches are invited to attend.

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BRO. TALLMAN'S VISIT

Many old friends in Ontario were made happy by the visit of O. H. Tallman and his family from Cookeville, Tenn. Bro. Tallman was born and raised near Smithville, and is well known to the Churches in Canada as well as in Tennessee, where he now preaches the Old Jerusalem Gospel.

The brethren in Beamsville enjoyed his services the first Lord's Day in August. On the second Lord's Day in the month he started a protracted meeting with the Niagara Street Church in St. Catharines. For about two weeks he preached to attentive audiences, and we have every reason to believe that his faithful preaching will bring forth fruit in years to come.

C. G.

McPHEE

Since our last report two were baptized at St. Catharines. Sunday School and Church services have held up well during the hot weather.

On September 5, Miss Bessie Wallace, formerly of Shubenacadia, N. S., and Mr. Charles Gay, of Simcoe, Ont., were united in marriage amid a host of admiring friends. Both are faithful members of the Niagara Street Church. Hearty congratulations are extended.

Vol. 16, No. 12, December 1931, p. 11

ST. CATHARINES, JORDAN, ROSEDENE

The work of the Lord moves on nicely in St. Catharines, Jordan and Rosedene. The brethren in this district have been especially interested in assisting the poor, by distributing clothes, vegetables and fruit. A large bale of clothing is being shipped to the Indian brethren in the West. C. G. McPHEE

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St. Catharines

The work in St. Catharines, Jordan and Rosedene, has been very encouraging since the beginning of the New Year. Special interest is taken in the Bible study, not only on Lord's day, but during the week.

Three young men of the congregation in St. Catharine's take turns speaking at the morning service. Everyone speaks highly of their addresses, and we expect them to develop into wonderful teachers and leaders in the church.

Bro. J. L. Hines of Corsicana, Texas, formerly of Meaford, Ont., will be in Ontario about June. He would like to hold a meeting or do some work on Lord's day. He is a splendid preacher and has done a grand work in Texas. Anyone desiring his services should communicate with him immediately at 1522 W. Park Ave., Texas.

Vol. 17, No. 3, March 1932, p. 14

WARNING! St. Catharines, Ont.

The Church at the corner of Beecher and Raymond Streets, feels it their duty to warn the Brotherhood against becoming victims of a man who wormed his way into the confidence of the Brethren here, and then disappeared.

He gave his name as James Patrick O'Connor, claimed he had been a monk of the Roman Catholic Order of Redemptive Fathers, having just left the Roman Church and the Monastery at London, Ont., because he could no longer continue with them on account of the false teachings and practices of said Church.

Some of the Brothers did all they could to teach and lead him to the simple New Testament Order, and finally he was baptized by the writer and given a certificate of baptism, which he may use to gain the confidence of others.

He claimed also to be of a well-to-do family, and that there was a large estate that had to be re-established to himself that would require some time.

He posed as a qualified teacher of Latin and Greek, Science and Christianity, as well as being an Electrical Engineer and an Accountant.

He said he was engaging in some supply teaching and accountancy as well as lecturing to different clubs, etc., to make enough money to pay expenses until his estate was settled.

All these and many other claims have been proven to be false.

Through the above he was able to borrow a sum of money from a Sister, board and lodging from another Brother and Sister, as well as articles of minor value from others.

He issued worthless cheques, some for large amounts, in lieu of the settling of his supposed estate.

Brethren, he is smooth and has a ready answer for almost any question you put to him about the Bible, law or finance.

Signed in behalf of the congregation and the Elder. --L. J. KEFFER.

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FALL MEETING

C. G. McPhee

The Churches in St. Catharines have arranged to have a Fall Meeting, on Oct. 16th. It would give us much pleasure to have many of the brethren present on that occasion. We are looking forward to a wonderful season of blessing, and are expecting the brethren from all parts of Ontario, and some from the States.

Saturday night meeting will be held in the meeting house at the corner of Niagara and Manning Streets. All services on Lord's Day will be conducted in the Oddfellows Hall in the centre of the city. Our friends and visiting brethren will find ample accommodation here, and dinner and supper will be served in the banqueting hall, in the same building.

Both churches in the city are co-operating, and we trust that the brethren everywhere will respond heartily to this invitation, and will join with us in placing the Church before the people in St. Catharines, in the light of "Christian Unity", and whole-hearted "Christian Fellowship".

We expect this meeting to be followed by a short evangelistic effort in both churches in the city.

Hoping and praying that you may join with us in extending the Master's Kingdom, we look forward to your coming on October the sixteenth.

WHERE IT IS!

The service on Saturday night will be conducted in the Meeting House at the corner of Niagara and Manning Streets. All services on Lord's Day will be held in the Oddfellows Hall, on Queen Street. To reach this Hall, people coming from the West should turn off St. Paul Street (The Main Street), at the first Stop Light, and you will find the Hall on the Left of the Street, in the middle of the Block.

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MARRIAGES

Stewart—Garner

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stewart on June the 2nd, their only daughter, Iona Isabel, was united in marriage to Charles W. Garner, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Garner. Both are faithful members of the Niagara Street Church in St. Catharines.

Fletcher—Wallace

At the Niagara Street Meeting House, Edna Maud Fletcher and Loney L. Wallace were united in marriage. Both are faithful members of the Church of Christ.

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THE FALL MEETING

This meeting was a cause of gratification to its promoters and a source of inspiration to those who had the good fortune to be there. The congregations in St. Catharines had arranged everything for the comfort of visitors in a most praiseworthy manner. There was ample provisions for all temporal needs, and for the Spiritual man there was excellent fare in pleasing variety.

Privileged to attend two of the Sunday services we were delighted to see over 400 gathered in the Hall. And it was good to see a fairly large attendance at the special short extra session called for consideration of Missions at home and abroad. The following resolution was unanimously agreed upon, and as this is the only medium at present available for conveying it, we request our Missionary workers to accept its message as a personal communication to each of them.

"Resolved, That this gathering of members of Churches of Christ send Christian fraternal greetings to those Missionaries with whom they are closely associated in the work of spreading the Gospel, assuring them of the continued prayerful sympathy with them in these days of trial, and wishing them God Speed in the Good Work in which they are engaged."

The Only Criticism

we heard was directed against a statement made by one of the speakers at the afternoon meeting. Believing it to be an unfair and dangerous misrepresentation of facts we refer to it in the hope that the speaker in question will not again use it to the (unintentional, it may be) misleading of his hearers.

The statement was "We are divided on matters of opinion and not over matters of faith."

Brethren present took strong exception to the expression. And it neither represents the facts nor shows respect to the judgment of the brotherhood in general. We are of the belief that numbers of God's people have had to separate themselves from others on matters of Faith and Christian Principle, while they are just as eager for Unity as the brother who made the above statement. Moreover, we know, and we think the speaker knows some who have suffered much by preferring division to dishonesty. It was a pity such an unwarrantable affirmation was allowed a place in an otherwise profitable discourse.

The Evangelistic Efforts

made by the two churches in St. Catharines after the Meeting have been productive of much good. Bro. Petch worked up to his reputation as a forceful and energetic Proclaimer of the Gospel. A report from him tells of one man being baptized and the two congregations brought into harmonious co-operation in the Lord's work.

So another of these mountain-top experiences takes its place in memories of the past, there to inspire fresh courage and deepen our love for those of like faith and hope.

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Red Bridge, Ont.

Dear Bro.

The meetings in St. Catharines were well attended and the interest was very good. One man was immersed and the congregations brought nearer to each other, in co-operation and fellowship.

Chas.

W. Petch

Vol. 18, No. 1, Jan./Feb. 1933, p.15

OBITUARY

Brother Alonzo Wallace, was born July 31st, 1861, at Mill Village, Nova Scotia; died at St. Catharines, Ontario, Oct. 24th, 1932. He was in his 72nd year, and had been active until about a year ago, when he entered the Sanitorium, where he continued to improve for some time. As Autumn approached, and the leaves fell and Nature changed her glorious robe of summer into her drab and dreary robe for winter, his strength failed, and quietly at the approach of day he slipped out of his mortal dwelling place to the land where changes never come.

While a young man Bro. Wallace was baptized, and for many years he was a member of the Church at Mill Village. After moving to Ontario, he took an active part in the church work, and at the time of his departure he was a member of the church at Niagara and Manning Sts. When this congregation was started he gave unsparingly of his time and money. For almost a year he worked unceasingly, without remuneration, upon our present House of Worship, and it is doubtful if the church would enjoy the use of this neat and comfortable house, for which he worked and prayed; and into which his mortal remains were carried, when his loved ones, friends and associates met to look for the last time upon his features on earth. The writer was assisted by Bro. Petch and Bro. Keffer in the services. His body was then conveyed to his old home in Nova Scotia, where another service was conducted by Fred L. Wallace, after which his earthly remains were interred beside his loved ones.

In less than a year before his death, his aged mother and only living sister passed to the great beyond. How glorious the home coming and sweet the reunion.

The work at Niagara and Manning Streets continues to go forward. We have now reached the greatest Bible School attendance in the history of the church. The church in this part of the city continues to make its influence felt, and we trust that before long a large congregation will be built up here.

C. G. McPHEE.

NOTES CONCERNING THE CHURCH IN ST. CATHARINES FROM
THE *GOSPEL HERALD* 1936-1949

Researched by Eugene Perry

June 1936, 5th issue, p.21 - Under title "Our Indian Road" W. Eatough. "Gratefully Acknowledging . . . St. Catharines \$20.00 . . ."

p.23 - Reports – Alex Stewart of Toronto (not dated) . . . "I was with the church at Beamsville, Ont. Service morning and evening, two meetings. The June meeting for Churches in Ontario will be held there on June 7th. In the afternoon we attended a meeting at St. Catharines, Bro. W. F. Cox was the speaker. There was a good attendance, and interest was fine."

Sept. 36, p.17 – Dear Brethren in Christ:

Please read carefully Bro. W. F. Cox's letter concerning the 'Radio Ministry'.

For nearly sixteen months, as you will see, Bro. Cox has been delivering evangelistic addresses, every Monday evening over the air, station C.K.T.B. St. Catharines, Ont. During this time he has given services without charge.

Brethren, it requires time to prepare suitable material to speak over the air, to be considered Scriptural for a critical public, and to crowd into fifteen minutes so much truth. His sermons have been instructive, profitable, and educational. In addition to this he drives around twenty-six miles to deliver these discourses necessitating considerable expense for gasoline, oil and upkeep of car.

We were fortunate in having the privilege of broadcasting fifteen minutes for the small sum of \$4.00 per night. Other stations charge much more.

Our financial standing at present is very low, and should any of the brethren desire to help in this good work, please remit your donation to the above address or to the secretary, Mr. M. G. Miller, 61 George St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Yours in His service,
E. Burdett

May 1937, p.15 – Cecil Bailey reported that E. Burdett of St. Catharines was one of several speakers at the closing session of the Bible School at Selkirk.

October, 1937, p.14 – Announcement that Roy Cogdill was scheduled for nine weeks of meetings, Jordan (2), Niagara St. (2), Beamsville (3), Raymond & Beecher (2). W. F. Cox.

February, 1938, p.14 – Each Lord's Day afternoon at 2 P.M. brother Roy Akers and brother C. G. McPhee speak over the air alternately. Then each Monday evening brother W. F. Cox of Beamsville broadcasts at 8:45. "To the brethren of the Church of Christ may I say that these brethren would appreciate your prayers and support" Stanley McNery, Selkirk.

March, 1938, p.16 – ". . . preached yesterday, Feb. 6th, at Peken, N. Y. and visited the brethren at St. Catharines in the evening." Stanley McNery, Selkirk

April, 1938, p.14 – letter dated March 6, by M. G. Miller.

"The work here is going on as usual. Our Monday night class of Young People seems to be gaining in interest with an attendance of about 20 through the efforts of W. F. Cox"

St. Catharines was again represented at the closing session of the Selkirk Bible School.

p.16 – Both St. Catharines congregations began to be included in the directory of churches. Roy K. Akers is the minister at Niagara Street.

May, 1938, p.15 – the Young People are again mentioned as doing well "through the continued efforts of W. F. Cox.

June, 1938, p.8 – D. A. Sinclair, on a tour in Ontario speaking "in the interest of the Saskatchewan work" spoke at both congregations in May.

July, 1938, p.16 – St. Catharines sent \$20.00 toward the support of brother Trindle according to a listing of support for the work among the Indians under the title OUR INDIAN ROAD. It appears that this was done regularly every six months or year.

September, 1938, p.6 – Excerpt from OUR CANADIAN PREACHERS, Charles G. McPhee.
“In 1931 he started work with St. Catharines and Jordan and brought about the restoration of fellowship between the St. Catharines churches. He remained there between five and six years.”

February, 1939, p.16 – OUR INDIAN ROAD, acknowledgement that for the year 1938 St. Catharines gave \$20.00. The directory for Niagara Street shows Allen Killom, evangelist in place of R. K. Akers, minister.

April, 1939, p.15 – Edna Jolliffe expresses her appreciation of the GOSPEL HERALD as a paper she could “certainly give to any one without having to tar any pages out.”

July/August, 1939, p.11 – “Also, Bro. Cox speaks over the radio on Monday and is working with Beecher and Raymond St. Catharines church and other points.” Carrie Ellis.

October, 1939, p.10 – “We had Bro. O. H. Tallman here (Tintern) in the month of July, he was at Meaford, Woodgreen, Selkirk, both congregations at St. Catharines and Beamsville one Lord’s day, having three meetings at most, if not all of the places.” Ernest Perry

April 1941, p.14 – March 19, 1941. – “The work is showing real signs of progress here. Once a month we send out letters to our friends and neighbors inviting them to a special gospel service held the first Lord’s day evening in each month. The results are very gratifying. Each month we print a tract for distribution among our Bible school children and friends, which has been instrumental in making new contacts.

Right now we are making a drive to cut down the mortgage on the church building. God granting, the fall meeting of the churches of Christ will be held here in the Y. M. C. A., Oct.12, with Brother D. D. Woody of the St. Elms church of Christ, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the main speaker. Brethren, keep this date open and plan now to be with us. After this meeting Brother Woody will hold a two or three weeks’ evangelistic meeting with us.

The brethren of the Niagara St. church of Christ really are workers as the attendance, interest and contributions indicate.

I am also preaching for the good congregation at Niagara Falls, N. Y., where interest is high. – Allen Killom.”

July 1941, p.14 – July 3, 1941 – “The work of the Lord is showing activity here at the Niagara St. church. The congregation has recently paid off over half of its indebtedness on the church building. We hope to burn the mortgage next year, God granting.

Brother O. H. Tallman of Cambridge, Mass., has recently closed a good meeting at the Raymond St. church with three baptisms. Bro. Tallman did some very good preaching and efficient work while he was with this church.

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I shall be in the States in evangelistic meetings from the middle of this month till the middle of next month. – Allen Killom.”

August 1941, p.6 – Allen Killom of the Niagara St. church replaces Lillian Torkelson as editor of the Young People’s page in the Gospel Herald.

October 1941, p.10 – “We were also made to rejoice when we heard of the recent baptism in St. Catharines. The soul had come through to enter the kingdom of God.

December 1941, p.8 – Allen Killom will no longer edit the Young People’s page as he begins work with the church of Christ at Frankfurt, Kentucky on the first of January.

p.14, 15, Nov.8, 1941. – “The fall meeting of the churches of Christ throughout this district, held at the Y. M. C. A. building here Oct. 12, was well attended. Bro. D. D. Woody, evangelist of the St. Elmo Church of Christ, Chatanooga, Tenn., spoke three times to appreciative, attentive audiences. After this great meeting Brother Woody continued in a service of evangelistic services at the Niagara St. meeting house. The meeting closed on Oct.28, with an overflowing crowd attending. Interest and attendance grew continually throughout the meeting. Brother woody is a fine preacher because of his kind, interesting presentation of the gospel. The brethren thought so highly of his work among us that they asked him back for another meeting in 1942.

God granting, I expect to leave here on January 1 to take up work with the church at Frankfurt, Kentucky. The brethren have been good to me and my family and it will be hard to leave. The co-operation and assistance have been wonderful ever since we came here in Sept. 1938. We shall long remember the kindness of this church. – A. Killom”

April 1942, p.14 – I also spent one night with the church in St. Catharines (Raymond and Beecher) having the privilege of meeting with their new preacher, Brother Flannery. Also revived acquaintance with several brethren (received a number of renewals and subscriptions).

May 1942, p.15 – April 24, 1942 – We just finished our two weeks meeting, a fine meeting, lots of good preaching and instruction though no additions, but we have high hopes for the future D.V. Brother Flannery did the preaching. E. Burdett.

June 1942, p.11 – Brother E. Burdett of 103 Chaplin Ave., St. Catharines has made arrangements to bring these (tracts – More Than Live, Unsaved Christians & Church Music) into the country. You may order direct from him. . . . If you cannot pay, order anyway, the tracts will be shipped.

October 1942, p.14 - . . . a few of the activities of some preaching brethren . . . Brother D. W. D. Sinclair has taken up work with the church at Niagara and Manning in St. Catharines. The church there will be in a protracted meeting with his assistance when this is in print. We are glad to see Brother Sinclair back in full time work again. . . .

December 1942, p.3 – Mortgage Burned

On August 31, 1942, the mortgage on the Niagara Street church building St. Catharines, Ontario was burned. My family and I were happy to be present for the occasion. Seventeen of the twenty seven charter members were there. This congregation began meeting in this building in the spring of 1930. It has had quite a growth since that time. O. E. Tallman, Alex Stewart, C. G. McPhee, R. K. Akers and Allen Killom have labored with this church. In September of this year D. W. Dryden Sinclair of Saskatchewan began work there. It is reported that the church is progressing nicely. There is a fine group of brethren in this congregation. – Allen Killom, Frankfort, Ky.

(Article accompanied by a picture of the building)

p.14 – St. Catharines, Ont. Raymond and Beecher Streets, November 23, 1942 – On November 11 we closed a ten day meeting with brother E. J. Craddock of Nashville, Tenn., as the speaker. Interest and attendance were good throughout. The last week we used a public address system to carry the sermons to a large Bible School room we were compelled to use to accommodate the crowds. Brother Craddock’s sermons were inspiring and instructive. Many visitors heard the gospel in its purity for the first time in their lives. One young man came out of the errors taught by the group known as the “Church of God” and another made confession of having erred. The Lord’s Day following the meeting the mother of three young ladies, who were already Christians, was baptized. We are planning to have another meeting in the spring. We cannot share the view of those who postpone meetings because a war is in progress. We know the devil is not postponing his work of destroying men’s souls. – Emerson L Flannery.

January 1943, p.14 – D. W. Dryden Sinclair Reports – January 5, 1943

I came to this city about three months ago to work with the Church of Christ at Niagara and Manning streets. Since that time I have preached fifty-four sermons and have made more than

one hundred visits for the church. I have had one wedding and was in charge of one funeral since I came here.

Soon after arriving I held a two week for the church. This was attended only fairly well. A few visitors attended and many of the members attended only occasionally. There was nothing accomplished by the meeting as far as could be seen.

Morning services here are attended quite well but the other meetings are attended rather poorly. There are, as is often the case, the faithful few who are always present regardless.

The Sunday school is well attended. Usually there are seventy-five or eighty present.

For the past six weeks I have been going to a colored people's Baptist church to speak for them after the evening service. They have been without a minister for five years. They are very appreciative and so far appear to enjoy plain Bible teaching. How much good will be accomplished remains to be seen. It was an opportunity and it seemed advisable to take advantage of it.

February 1943, p.12 – Since the last report went into the Gospel Herald there have been two additions to the church here. One from the Christian church and the other by baptism.

I am happy to report that our services last Lord's Day as well as a week ago were well attended. We are hopeful that much good will be accomplished. D. W. Dryden Sinclair.

April 1943, p.13 – Brother McPhee is in a meeting with the Strathmore congregation in Toronto. Brother Box starts at Raymond and Beecher in St. Catharines. D. W. D. Sinclair goes to Maplewood Ave. in Toronto for a meeting the middle of April. . . . I shall go to St. Catharines later. This is an exchange meeting. Brother Sinclair will be coming here later for a meeting.

Brother Sinclair reports one more baptism from Niagara St. in St. Catharines.

Mar. 21 – This has been a busy day with me. I preached here twice, at Port Colborne, and for the colored people here in the city. One made the confession here this evening. We look forward to a meeting with Bro. J. C. Bailey, our editor, this spring.

D. W. Sinclair, Niagara St. St. Catharines.

p.14 – This may be a little late for an annual report but here it is:

In 1942 the church here employed me to give full time to the work of the church. During the year the church had two protracted meetings, both lasting for two weeks. Through the year there have been over 125 sermons preached here; about 140 Bible classes; and many personal talks with interested parties. Besides the preaching here I have spoken a few times at the neighboring churches of Christ, including Tintern, Beamsville, Jordan, Port Colborne, Hamilton (West Dale), Niagara and Manning Street, (St. Catharines), Niagara Falls, N. Y., Omagh and at the Bathurst Young People's Meeting.

During the year there has been a gain of seven members, some of whom moved to the city for work. Two were baptized, and one young man came out of the errors of the so called Church of God. This young man speaks German and plans to prepare to work among the German speaking people in mid-west Canada. He is now in Brother Orr's Bible School at Radville, Sask., to further prepare himself.

The contributions were up 38% over 1941. At present they are up 69% over 1941, and 22% over 1942. The ladies have set aside one night a week to sew for the needy. This practical Christian work has been neglected here for many years. Several large boxes of goods have been sent out to the needy.

We have improved the premises some by new lighting fixtures, new sign in front of the building (with glass enclosed bulletin board), new song books, painted the floors of the classroom and vestibule, and a few other odds and ends.

The church seems anxious to forget the things that are behind and press on. Plans are being made to do more work in the Lord's vineyard this year than before. Beginning on April 4, and lasting to April 16, Brother Box of Toronto will conduct our spring meeting. We look forward to a great year's work with the church here.

Yours sincerely, Emerson L. Flannery

May, 1943, p.14 -

April 21, 1943

Robert E. Box of Toronto recently closed a two weeks meeting with the church here. Several visitors came to the services who had never been to our meeting house before. Brother Box gave us sound gospel sermons that were good for the church as well as being edifying to the sinner. A young married couple, parents of two children, were baptized the last night of the meeting. Three nights of the meeting two young Mormon "elders" (?) were present. They were in a mood to argue after the services, but when the discussion got too lively they never came back again.

THE EDITOR REPORTS – As we go to press I am in a meeting at Niagara and Manning in St. Catharines. Two very good meetings on Sunday. Following the evening meeting Bro. Swan took me to the meeting of some colored people, where I had the privilege of preaching for them. Bro. Sinclair has been preaching there for some months. I was impressed with their sincerity and they listened attentively.

June 1943, p.13 – D. W. DRYDEN SINCLAIR REPORTS

St. Catharines, Ont., May 12, 1943

We have just closed a two week meeting here. In spite of gas rationing and tire conditions, we were well pleased with attendance. Bro. J. C. Bailey of Meaford was the speaker, and one of the brethren said, "He really made a name for himself down here." Bro. Bailey surely did a splendid job of his part of the meeting. I am sure that I can speak for the entire congregation of the church when I say we will be happy to have Bro. Bailey back any time he can come. A fine number of outsiders heard him and his messages were such that would be helpful to the church, so all of us benefited by his efforts,

July 1943, p.14 – BRO. E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS

June 15, 1943

On Sunday evening, June 13, we had the pleasure of hearing the good confession made by three young ladies, and baptizing them at the close of the service. Two were the daughters of our Secy.-Treas., M. G. Miller. We are happy to know that Ina and Myrna are now Christians. The other was Joyce Beck, daughter of Brother George Beck, who is a leader in the nearby church in Port Colborne. These three are going to the Omagh Summer Bible School, which will be of benefit to them as young Christians.

We lost one of our church leaders in the passing of Brother James H. Johnston last Thursday, June 8. Brother Johnston moved to this city with his family in 1922. He has been a good worker in the congregation since coming here. He and Sister Johnston were married for over 44 years. He was a Christian for over 50 years. Brother Cox of Beamsville conducted the funeral services.

Brother H. C. Bynum (colored) of Detroit is conducting a meeting among the colored people of this city in an effort to start a church. His messages are clear and inspiring and he is not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God. The meeting is under the supervision of the Niagara and Manning Sts. Church. They have asked us to fellowship them in this great endeavour which we are happy to do. Many of our members are attending each night.

Sincerely, Emerson L. Flannery

August 1943, p.12 – BRO. D. W. DRYDEN SINCLAIR REPORTS

St. Catharines, June 30, 1943

Bro. D. J. Bynum, colored evangelist from Detroit, Mich., closed a ten day meeting with the colored people in this city last week. Those who heard him enjoyed his splendid sermons. He was very disappointed in the lack of support from the two churches in this city. It should be mentioned, however, that a few members did attend very regularly. The meetings were held in a building that belong to the Baptist Church. There are a number there who definitely are interested in the church of the New Testament. One of them, a man who has been the leader of the group for years, never missed a meeting in spite of the fact that he had to come directly to meeting from work without his supper. Then after the meeting he had to hurry with his supper and work for a few hours as caretaker in some offices. In all kindness please let me say we need men like him in the church; we suffer from the lack of

them. It is my personal desire to have Bro. Bynum back in St. Catharines Again soon. We enjoyed every minute of his stay in our home.

p.15 – Obituary of JAMES HAMILTON JOHNSTON (excerpts)

James Hamilton Johnston passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 1943. He leaves his wife, Mary A. Johnston; three daughters, Florence, Mrs. John E. Jones, St. Catharines; May of Jimmie Johnston Limited, Welland; Jessie, of Smart Wear Specialty Shop, Welland; two grandsons, Jimmie and Billie Jones, and two brother, George and William of Goderich.

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In 1921` he moved his family to St. Catharines. Before the people of this community he has striven to keep a pure church, to hold a faith which made stalwart men and resolute women who could face a frowning world unafraid and confident in the faith of Jesus Christ. He stood firm for a "Thus saith the Lord" for every act of worship, and he has stood alone in the defence for New Testament teaching, which he valued more than wealth, earthly honor or life itself.

For the past ten years, he has been making many trips into Pennsylvania and Ohio visiting the churches, both giving and receiving blessings to "those of like precious faith."
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September 1943, p.12 – NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Brother Tallman of the Niagara Falls, New York, is on the air every Lord's Day afternoon at 3:15. The broadcast comes from CKTB, St. Catharines, and is 1550 on your dial. Brother Tallman calls his program "The religious Question Box." Listen in please, and then write to Brother Tallman and tell him whether you like his program or not. Tell others to listen to.

Then do not forget Brother McPhee's program earlier in the afternoon and Brother Cox's program on Monday night.

p.13 – D. W. DRYDEN SINCLAIR REPORTS

Since last report the Omagh Bible School was held. Of the number who went from the Niagara and Manning congregation three were baptized and one other made the confession and was baptized here, chiefly as a result of the Omagh Bible School. Why can't there be more such schools in Ontario. Meaford and St. Catharines both could have one.

My resignation as full time with the church became effective early in July. I am assisting with speaking some till another man can be located. I have enjoyed substituting on the radio here for W. F. Cox who has been away doing evangelistic work. While rather a poor substitute, it was a new experience for me and I enjoyed it.

I am still working with the colored people here. There are certainly some grand folk among them. I would be happy if another meeting could be arranged this fall with Bro. Bynum from Detroit.

p.14 – BRO. E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS

August 113, 1943

The St. Catharines church seems to be growing steadily in various ways. Our attendance has improved this summer over the last. We have had more visitors to the services, which indicates that they are being invited by some of the members. The mid-week classes are about three times as large as they were this time last year. Several young people are attending. The contributions so far this year have increased 31.41% over 1942 and increased 78.8% over 1941. The increase occurred despite the fact that some of our liberal givers have moved away. The leaders here are using this liberality to 500 copies of an evangelistic magazine are being distributed here each month, aside from othr tracts and bulletins.

The Port Colborne church has asked me to work with them for a time and I am doing that.

The other church in St. Catharines are happy over the four new members they have. Four out of five girls that went to the Omagh Bible School obeyed the gospel. The leaders at Niagara and Manning streets are to be congratulated for their good Sunday school work, and the efforts they put forth to save the souls of the youth in their community.

October 15, 1943, p.4 – Delayed Report – D. W. DRYDEN SINCAIR REPORTS

Sept. 18, 1943

Glad to report another meeting with Bro. Bynum from Detroit is to begin September 19 with the colored people of this city. In order to make ready for this meeting and to do all possible to insure its success, I induced my father, Bro. D. A. Sinclair to come from Winnipeg to visit among the colored people here. He has been enjoying many fine visits. We look forward to having Bro. Morris Bailey and Sister Bailey with the Niagara and Manning congregation here for a week or two. There was one baptism here a few weeks ago.

p.14 – D. W. DRYDEN SINCLAIR REPORTS

October 8, 1943

On October 3, 1943, our second protracted meeting of the year with the colored folks of this city ended. In this second meeting we were pleased to hear Brother A. C. Holt of Nashville, Tennessee, Bro. D. A. Sinclair from Carman, Manitoba and Brother Bynum from the Cameron Avenue Church of Christ, Detroit. Although much better than our first protracted meeting, the attendance was only fair. We appreciated having visitors from neighboring towns as well as from the city. During the effort, four colored people were added to the body of Christ. My own daughter, Helen Marie, made the confession and was baptized. For the present meetings will be conducted in my home for the colored people until a building can be arranged for. The plans now are to secure a lot and build a small meeting house or to buy a building that can be converted into a meeting house. The start has been made, but much work is still ahead. Pray for us that we might succeed.

December 1943, p.11 – BRO. E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS

Nov. 22, 1943

From October 24 to November 5, Brother Jack McElroy of Nashville, Tenn., conducted a meeting here. His preaching was plain and forceful, and much good should come of it. Good attendance was manifested though none obeyed the gospel. We need to have several such efforts every year to get the best results.

Brother J. C. Bailey, Meaford, was here for two weeks, and preached for several nearby congregations. He visited several homes and did much personal work while here. While he was here I was in Heathcote, Ont., in a meeting which was in exchange with Bro. Bailey.

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There was a young lady, Margery Curtis, baptized here last Sunday night. She will be remembered by the ones who attended Omagh Bible School last year. This made the seventh to be baptized here within the last year.

February 1, 1944, p.14 – CRADDOCK AT ST. CATHARINES

We have just learned from Brother Gay that Brother Craddock of Nashville, Tennessee, is with the Niagara and Manning St. congregation for a period of four weeks. This ministry began on Jan. 16 and would continue for four Lord's days.

Brother Craddock has held several meetings in Ontario so is not a stranger to many of the brethren.

February 15, 1944, p.14 – BRO. E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS - January 9, 1944

1943 was a very good year for the Raymond Street Church in a number of ways. Attendance has increased. Several new visitors attended our services. The church conducted two protracted meetings during 1943. Brother Box as the speaker for the April meeting while Brother McElroy was with us in October. During the year around 240 teaching and worship services were conducted in our building. We have distributed over 3000 religious tracts, over 2500 religious magazines, over 3500 pieces of advertising, 2000 church bulletins, as well as advertising in our local paper each week. I preached 186 sermons; taught 170 Bible classes.

Contribution averaged \$49.73 per week, a 77% increase over 1941 and 28% above 1942. Considering the fact that only twenty-three or twenty-four of our members are wage earners, we believe this to be a liberal church, and think it will compare favourably with other Canadian churches.

During the year we witnessed six persons baptize into Christ. One soul is worth more than the world. But from a purely money basis, the church only spent \$431.12 per person baptized

during 1943, not considering that we had fellowship in the Omagh school work having furnished one of its teachers, in which 21 were baptized.

Plans have been discussed for a similar plan of work in 1944. And as soon as the war is over we have a vision for widening our contacts to other communities where there is no church.

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March 1944, p.14 – NOTICE

After two years and three months with the Raymond St. Church, St. Catharines, I am leaving to begin a “mission” work in North Carolina. My work here has been enjoyed and I believe some progress has been made.

Emerson L. Flannery

April 15, 1944, p.15 – Bro. E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS

April 4, 1944

Our work with the church at Raymond and Beecher streets, St. Catharines, was terminated on the last Lord’s Day of March. For the past two years and three months we have worked with this fine congregation and it was difficult to leave our many friends in Canada.

The church at Raymond street has been looking forward for years to the time that elders could be appointed, thus coming to God’s plan in church government. After much teaching on this subject the congregation chose Brother Frank Conn and Brother Murray Miller as elders. They were appointed at a special meeting of the church called for that purpose on March 15, 1944. These men are fine Christians. Both having been Christians for years – forty years and seventeen years respectively. All the children of both of these men are Christians. The church should make progress under the oversight of these men. The church should rejoice in knowing they have grown to a fully organized New Testament church.

Brother C. R. Elerick of Columbus, Ohio, spoke to the church Sunday, March 26. His sermons were very good. The church asked Brother Elerick to accept the evangelistic work at Raymond street, and he did. He will begin his work here in June. Brother Elerick has preached the gospel for years, and we are glad he agreed to come here to work.

At this writing Brother Lemons is conducting our spring meeting. Brother Lemons labours with the Strathmore congregation of Toronto.

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November 1944, p.15 - BRO. CHARLES ELERICK REPORTS - Sept. 11th. 1944

They told me when I arrived in June to take up the work with Raymond and Beecher congregation that you had left an invitation for me to write now and then for the Gospel Herald. I had every intention of doing so –and still hope to – but I have gotten into such a round of activities I haven’t been able to settle down and write very much.

With the co-operation of other congregations in the peninsula, we have begun Christian workers’ training classes on Thursdays. At the initial session last week we had about 60 in attendance. The classes include vocal music, to be taught by Bro. J. Curtis Manor of Niagara and Manning streets, this city (I am subbing for him while he is away in September); personal work and teacher training, taught by Bro. C. G. McPhee; my class in public speaking, and a series of discussions in charge of Bro. O. H. Tallman of Niagara Falls, N. Y. Allowing time out for protracted meetings, the ten sessions will come to a close December 7.

On September 1st I closed a one week meeting at Port Colborne, Ont., where services are held in the Odd Fellows’ hall. Attendance grew until there was a well-filled house at the final service. One young woman obeyed the gospel and was buried with her Lord in baptism in the waters of Lake Erie.

The church at Raymond and Beecher is planning its fall series of meetings to start October 1st and continue over the 15th, with your humble servant doing the preaching. Current attendance and contribution reflect an increasing interest in the work here, and on Wednesday evenings, following our mid-week Bible study, we are engaging in a complete review of the hymns we expect to use during the meeting.

February 1945, p.14 – BROTHER MCPHEE REPORTS

Beamsville, Ont.

..... We are still preaching over the radio. Brother Tallman is speaking for the church at Niagara Falls. Brother Cox is on the air too. Brother Killom will return to Niagara and Manning.

April 1945, p.13 – A picture of Allen Killom with the announcement of his return to the Niagara and Manning church.

November 1945, p.14 – BRO. KILLOM REPORTS

Since my return to St. Catharines I have been very busy. Let me say, too, that we are happy to be back in Ontario. The work of the Lord is very encouraging at Niagara St. Five have been baptized, including a young lady baptized at Omagh this summer who became a member here. I taught two weeks at the Omagh Bible School and enjoyed the time spent there along with the students and other teachers. In August I concluded a meeting at Mitchellville, Tenn.. I have just returned from one in Pontiac, Mich., with the church where I preached my first sermon fifteen years ago. The church here is having a meeting from Nov. 4 to 16 with O. H. Tallman, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., as the speaker. We print a little paper, the SENTINEL, each week at Niagara St.

January 1946, p.14 – NEWS FLASHES FROM THE NIAGARA DISTRICT

There seems to be plenty of enthusiasm among us here. We are in great need of some good sound preachers in these parts.

Jack McElroy, of Nashville, Tenn., held a helpful meeting at the Raymond St. church St. Catharines, back in October, with two baptisms.

Right after this O. H. Tallman of Niagara Falls New York, was with the Niagara St. church of this city in a good meeting. Bro. Tallman gave some excellent lessons to the church.

February 1946, p.9 – Fall Meeting at St. Catharines

The Fall Meeting of the Churches of Christ in Ontario was held at the “Y” in St. Catharines on November 11th with around 350 people in attendance. O. H. Tallman of Niagara Falls, N. Y., spoke in the morning on “The City of God” and in the evening on “Love for All.”

The afternoon session did not follow the ordinary course, having one or two speakers, but rather it was a discussion forum on “Successful Evangelism” with several speakers making five minute talks on the subject. It was really interesting and instructive, There should be more like discussions.

You may glean a few thoughts from the condensed remarks which follow:

Ernest Burdett, Raymond St., St. Catharines: “. . . to successfully evangelize is to convert the alien sinner . . . The sin of the local church is self-satisfaction. True Christianity reaches out to others to the extent that people feel and know your interest in their souls. If we are filled with the Spirit of Christ we shall have successful evangelism.”

W. F. Ellis, Smithville: “We are in partnership with Christ . . . In United States there are 15,000 preachers of the Church but we have about a dozen. We need schools to train our young men . . . Character and good deeds are not rationed.”

(A. Walker, Sanford Ave., Hamilton; Jardine McKerlie, Strathmore, Toronto; John Culp, Jordan; John Whitfield, Woodgreen; Charles Gay, Fenwick and John Williams, Beamsville all made comments of interest. E. C. P.)

Submitted by Allen Killom, chairman of the discussion forum.

March 1946, p.13 – NEWS FROM ST. CATHARINES

The Lord’s work is showing progress here. Bro. John Whitfield of Woodgreen, Ontario, is now working with the Raymond St. church in this city. We anticipate a good work together.

Bro. Wooten, of Oklahoma, is labouring with the church at Beamsville until the first of June.

January 13th I preached at Fern Ave. in Toronto and there was one confession at the evening service.

June 1946, p.13 – E. L. FLANNERY REPORTS

The meeting at Raymond Street church, St. Catharines, close April 19. The meeting had been well advertised and the attendance was good, with several non-members in attendance. One Baptist lady was converted.

Brother John Whitfield recently came to Raymond Street. He is well liked there, and is doing good work.

It was pleasant to see old friends again and to see the work progressing in St. Catharines. Raymond Street building was recently redecorated and it look nice.

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p.14 – NEWS FOM ST, CATHARINES ONT.

There is considerable activity here. Bro. E. L. Flannery, N. N. held a good meeting at Raymond St. church in April. One was added.

A co-operative meeting in which both the churches are taking part is to be held in the Niagara St. meetinghouse from Sept. 15 to Oct. 6 with Cecil E. Hill of Longview, Texas preaching. We plan to do extensive advertising so the meeting will come before the public.

Recently a young married woman made the good confession at Jordan and was baptized at Niagara St.

Both of the churches are now printing weekly bulletins –The Sentinel and The Raymond St. Review.

Bro. Whitfield and I are enjoying the work we are doing together. He is a very congenial co-worker.
Allen Killom

July 1946, p.14 – BRO. ALLEN KILLOM REPORTS

. . . . The work here at both churches moves along well. . . .

October 1946, p.14 – Report from St. Catharines

Last night the two churches in here, Niagara Street and Raymond Street, brought to a close a successful co-operative effort. We had a joint meeting in the Niagara Street building. Brother Norman Beaman of Detroit was the speaker. The speaking was of a very high order.

Next fall we plan a similar effort at Raymond Street.

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There is no better co-worker anywhere than Brother John Whitfield, labouring with the Raymond Street congregation.
Allan Killom

December 1946, p.14 – NEWS FROM ST. CATHARINES

The Lord's work in these parts is progressing. There is considerable interest in the activities of the young people. We have a combined Bible study on Monday evening with the young folds from Niagara St. and Raymond St. and occasionally some come from Beamsville, Quite frequently we have social gatherings also. The churches need to take more interest in their youth.

The Niagara St. church is sending a bus into the Port Weller to gather up children for Bible school. The results have been very gratifying with an average of 26 children coming each week. The building has been greatly improved lately with the basement renovated and made more comfortable and indirect lighting installed in the auditorium.

The Raymond St. church under the guidance of elders and genial John Whitfield, is making headway.

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February 1947, p.14 – NEWS FROM NIAGARA

The Lord's work in these parts is encouraging. At the Niagara St. Church in St. Catharines the interest and work in general are good. The increase in the number at Bible School because of so many that come on the bus from Port Weller, is the highlight. We are greatly encouraged over this new project.

The Raymond St. Church is doing well. This congregation has taken the lead in having a get-together at Beamsville on Jan. 23rd in honor of W. F. Cox who will be 70 years old on Jan. 27th.

April 1947, p.13 – NEWS FLASHES FROM THE NIAGARA DISTRICT

The Lord's work in these parts is making progress. It seems that every congregation is sharing in the "forward march."

One young lady was baptized at Niagara St. recently and a woman confessed sins at Jordan.

The two churches in St. Catharines are in the midst of a series of special classes on personal work with an average attendance of 35 to 40. The interest in these classes has been good from the first session. Several members at Tintern and Jordan have attended. The teachers are Bro. Killom and Bro. Whitfield.

June 1947, p.15 – REPORT FROM ST. CATHARINES

From April 13th to 17th Homer A. Daniel, of Paducah, Ky., was in a joint meeting of the two churches here. All of the meetings were held at the Raymond Street church building. The crowds were good throughout the series of services. Bro. Daniel's sermons were packed with Bible truths and sincerely delivered. Art Walker, of Hamilton, lead the singing the first week and Ernest Burdett and Loney Wallace the second week. One was restored.

Allen Killom

November 1947, p.1 –Greetings from The Churches Of Christ In The Niagara Peninsula
Raymond Street

The brethren at the Raymond Street church in St. Catharines are to be greatly commended in taking the responsibility of supporting Bro. W. F. Cox at the Ivon Avenue church in Hamilton.

For nearly two years, Bro. John Whitfield has been the faithful minister of Raymond Street. I have enjoyed working with him in this city.

Niagara Street

For about a year this congregation has been sending a bus each Sunday a distance of five miles to Port Weller to bring children to and from Bible School. This effort has been very successful, not only in increasing the enrolment in our Bible Classes, but also, through the necessity of canvassing the Port Weller district, it has developed personal workers within the congregation.

Probably most people nearby know that my family and I love Niagara Street. It was our concern for this place that brought us from Louisiana back to St. Catharines.

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Allen Killom

November 1947, p.6 – HISTORY OF RAYMOND STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST
(picture of building included)

The Raymond and Beecher Street church had its first meeting on August first 1897. in the Banner Hall on St. Paul Street, when a small group of consecrated Christians were gathered together under the leadership of Brother J. Madison Wright. The services were held in this hall for six months, after which the present building and lot were purchased and paid for, the deed being secured before any services were held at the new location.

In their new quarters a very substantial growth was realized and in a few months thereafter with the assistance of Brother Samuel Keffer in a protracted effort, a number of souls were won for Christ, thus lending strength and encouragement to those who had borne the burden of getting the work started. Following the effort of Brother Keffer, Brother S. M. Jones of Nashville, Tennessee, was secured to conduct services indefinitely and his labours resulted in many more being added to the congregation.

For the next few years of endeavour, Howard Sterling, W. D. Campbell, C. H. Petch, Harry Jackson, G. E. Claus, L. J. Keffer and O. E. Tallman assisted in building up the congregation. It was during Brother Tallman's services that this congregation swarmed and a group of members that constituted the original congregation formed the nucleus for a new congregation at Niagara and Manning Streets. These two congregations are enjoying fellowship and co-operation together and recently joined their efforts in two protracted meetings that strengthened the tie between them.

Among the prominent preachers of days gone by, the following have held meetings for this congregation: T. B. Larimer, W. F. Neal, H. M. Evans and Daniel Sommer. Some of the more recent ones were Roy E. Cogdill, E. J. Craddock, Jack McElroy, C. Lemons and Homer Daniel. Those who have done located work with this congregation in recent years are C. Elerick, E. L.

Flannery and W. F. Cox. Brother Cox started a radio program in this city in 1935. Since the beginning of 1946 Brother John S. Whitfield has been located with this congregation.

Our preachers and leaders who did much to build up the work in this place could be mentioned to whom much credit is due for the increase and strength of this congregation. Nearly all the charter members who bore the responsibility and burden of the pioneer work have died. The mantle has fallen on other shoulders and under the efficient eldership of Brother M. G. Miller and Brother Frank Conn this congregation numbering between sixty-five and seventy members is reaching out to do greater things for the Lord. They are lending encouragement to the few faithful brethren at Port Colborne by sending their preacher to them for one service on Sunday as well as frequent mid-week Bible studies. They also have taken a leading part in lending encouragement and support to the new congregation at Ivon Avenue in Hamilton. With the co-operation of other congregations they have also assumed the responsibility of seeing that Brother Cox is supported in that good work.

While our Sunday Bible school is not large, it is well supervised with a fine staff of teachers and under the able leadership of Brother Ernest Burdett, is making favourable and noticeable progress.

The immediate prospect of the congregation is to send Brother Whitfield to Collingwood for the opening of their new building with a protracted effort to follow, while Brothre William D. Medearis of Royal Oak, Michigan conducts our annual Fall meeting here. May our eyes be opened to every opportunity for advancing the Master's cause both at home and abroad is our constant prayer. Mrs. Frank Conn and John S. Whitfield.

p.8 – NIAGARA STREET ST. CATHARINES

As one of the charter members of the congregation of the church of Christ meeting at Niagara and Manning Streets, in St. Catharines, I have been asked to write a history of that congregation.

In the year 1928 the brethren started meeting in private homes. The first meetings that I recall were held in the home of Brother and Sister Fries on Wellington St.: assembling on Lord's Day morning for Breaking of Bread and Bible school, and during the week for a prayer meeting. We were fortunate at that time in having the late O. E. Tallman preaching for us. The membership then number thirty-four. The next spring the congregation began meeting in the Oddfellows' Hall, and continued there until the fall of 1929.

Shortly after moving to the Hall the brethren decided that a meeting-house should be build. A lot was purchased at the corner of Niagara and Manning Streets (the present location) and enough money was raised among the members to pay for the lot and to purchase an old Presbyterian church house at the top of the Beamsville mountain. This building was torn down by the members and, by the generosity of an interest contractor in St. Catharines, was trucked to the lot. There our building was erected by the brethren under the direction of Brother A. Wallace, the writer's father, who also did a great deal of the work, devoting to it one whole year of his time.

I might state here that, in connection with the tearing down and erecting of the building, every piece of material with the exception of the flooring and joists was marked when taken down, and it was put together the same way, even to the siding on the outside and plastered inside and newly floored.

Bro. Tallman continued to labour with us. He was indeed a great man of God, a pillar in the church. Loved by all. However, Bro. Tallman was soon to be taken from us for in the fall of 2930 he went to his reward.

The late Bro. Alex Stewart then laboured with us for some six months, speaking Lord's Day evenings only. The local brethren had charge of the morning service. Prominent among these Bro. A. Wallace, who was always ready to fill in on a few minutes notice.

Preachers following Bro. Stewart were Bro. C. G. McPhee, Bro. R. K. Akers, Bro. A. Killom (who became our first full time preacher, the others having shared their time with the Jordan congregation), D.W.D. Sinclair, C. Manor, and now Bro. Killom is back with us again, having been here this time since April, 1945.

Our membership at present is about sixty-five. The growth has been slow but a good work, I believe, has been accomplished. Many families have, during the last several years, moved away from our city and are meeting with other congregations. This, I suppose is the natural course

of events. A bright spot in the last few years has been our Bible school, through which we have reached several homes as well as boys and girls themselves.

This spring we canvassed a district about five miles from the church house known as Jones' Beach, and also the highways leading to it. The response was encouraging. As a result a bus has been hired to bring the boys and girls to Bible School. The number coming by bus, I believe, would average twenty-five per Lord's Day. The average attendance now is about 90. We are hoping through the boys and girls to reach the parents of that district. A canvas to that end is planned for the end of this month.

LONEY WALLACE

Editor's note: Upon noticing Bro. Wallace's statement about the Bible School being a bright spot in our work here, I wish to say that he is in charge of this work . . . and also our efficient song leader. – A.K.

p.17 – FROM NIAGARA STREET

On October 12 a man and his wife were baptized at Niagara Street and an elderly woman is to be baptized tonight. The bus is bringing around thirty-five to classes now. A young man was baptized at Raymond Street recently. Bro. W. D. Meddaris of Detroit has just closed a meeting at Raymond Street and began at Jordan Sunday. He is to be at Beamsville, too.

ALLEN KILLOM

April 1948, p.13 - NEWS FROM THE NIAGARA DISTRICT

The services at Niagara Street are well attended and the general interest is fine. Our Port Weller project with the use of a local bus each Sunday morning to bring children to Bible School is very heartening.

The work at Raymond Street is making noticeable progress. This congregation alone contributes nearly half of the support of Bro. Cox at Ivon Ave. in Hamilton besides carrying on other work here at home. Bro. Whitfield labours hard and faithfully with these brethren. Bro. Ernest Burdett of this church preaches a great deal throughout the district and the remuneration which he receives he turns over to the support of Bro. Joe Cannon in Japan. This is most commendable.

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My work of two years and three months at Jordan has been very pleasant and profitable. It has been hard because of carrying on at Niagara Street too at the same time.

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Our Sunday afternoon broadcast over CKTB, St. Catharines, has improved since the radio consultation meeting of brethren in these parts at Niagara Street on Jan. 29th. The last three Sundays Bro. Whitfield has done unusually well. The addition of singing has contributed to its success lately. We trust that those of us who take part will keep up the improvement.

- Allen Killom

June 1948, p.15 – RAYMOND STREET LECTURE REPORT

The lectures held here from April 19th to 23rd with a different speaker each evening were well attended and created a keen interest from the beginning. The speakers all from this Niagara district using "Practical Christianity" as the main theme made their lessons practical and inspirational throughout the entire series, and everyone was made to feel indebted to them for the very special effort they put forth to give us many valuable lessons worthy to be adopted and practiced. The interest grew from night to night and was climaxed with a full house the last evening when Brother Johnson addressed the young folks with a very understanding and timely message to them.

John S. Whitfield

May 1949, p.12 – JUNE MEETING

The annual June Meeting of the Churches of Christ in Ontario being sponsored by the Raymond and Beecher street in St. Catharines is to be held on Lord's day, June 5, in the Community Hall, in Beamsville, Ontario. There will be the four services, at 10 and 11 a.m., and 3 and 7 p.m. The early 10 o'clock morning program will be devoted to short talks by our young

preachers on “Evangelism” and we hope to have this subject emphasized as the main theme of all the services. Brother J. Edward Alexander, of the Fairview Congregation in Detroit, Michigan, is to be our special speaker for the occasion, who will address the Eleven o’clock and Seven o’clock meetings. We anticipate having other outstanding preachers of the Gospel with us in the afternoon. Brother Alexander is to continue with the Raymond street Church in St. Catharines, in a two weeks’ protracted effort.

June 1949, p.4 – “IN TRAVELS OFT”

I spent the evening with church at Raymond and Beecher in St. Catharines. I think every congregation in the Niagara peninsula was represented. (editor, J. C. Bailey)

July 1949, p.12 – Raymond St. Congregation In St. Catharines Ont. Sponsored Ont. June Meeting. (Picture of the Raymond Street building included here)

The annual June meeting of the churches of Christ in Ontario held this year at Beamsville and sponsored by the Raymond and Beecher Street congregation in St. Catharines is now history. If it was not the best, it was as good as the best ever held in the province. The attendance was possibly the largest ever, approximately seven hundred and twenty five persons being in attendance.

The general theme for the whole day was “Evangelism.” The meeting start off in a fine way with a large attendance even at the early morning meeting. Brother Johnson of the Beamsville congregation presided over the meeting and Brother H. A. Rogers, who is well known for his past evangelistic efforts in Western Canada led in the prayer. The following five young preachers; Herman Johnson, Ralph Perry, Charles Draper, Sam Blackwell and Bethel Bailey spoke five minutes each on the following subjects; “Training for Evangelism,” “Evangelism Through Christian Living,” “Evangelism Through The Sunday School” and “Starting The Work in New Places.” Then Brother O’Neal, another of our young Evangelists, led in the dismissal prayer. The addresses of these young men were all outstanding and spoke well for their keen desire to see the work of spreading the gospel go forward. May their zeal never lag nor the churches fail to lend them every possible encouragement, is our constant hope and prayer.

Brother W. F. Cox of the Ivan Avenue congregation in Hamilton presided over the eleven o’clock hour of worship and Brother McPhee very ably took charge of the Lord’s table. Brother J. Edward Alexander of Detroit, Michigan, was our special speaker for the day and at that time he spoke on the subject of “Our Inheritance.”

At the afternoon service directed by Brother Bruce Merritt of the Niagara Street congregation, Brother T. J. Mitchell of the Strathmore congregation in Toronto and Brother William Bryson of the Fern Avenue congregation were the speakers for that occasion. Their subjects were respectively “Why Is My House Laid Waste,” and “The Preacher’s Part In Evangelism.” The fine effort on the part of these brethren added considerably to the tempo of the whole meeting.

Brother Albert Stroop of our own congregation presided over the evening service at which time Brother Alexander gave us an outstanding address on the “Jerusalem church.” A very fine spirit of fellowship prevailed throughout the entire meeting and visitors were present from almost every congregation in the province. It was announced that the next June meeting would be sponsored by the Fern Avenus congregation in Toronto.

-- John S. Whitfield

EXCERPTS ABOUT THE CHURCH IN ST. CATHARINES FROM
THE *GOSPEL HERALD* 1951-1999

Researched by Myrna Perry

Vol. 17, No. 2, March 1951, p. 7
NEWS ITEM FROM ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

The work moves along here as usual. We have been greatly encouraged over the past few months in addition by the baptism of three promising young men, whom we feel will be an asset to the work here.

We anticipate having Bro. Robert Johnson of the Northwest congregation in Detroit to be with us in a two weeks evangelistic effort in the early part of April. Brother Johnson was with us at the Omagh Bible School last summer and endeared himself to us all, and came to be greatly respected for his genuine Christian character as well as his sincerity as a teacher of God's holy word.--John S. Whitfield

Vol. 17, No. 6, July 1951, p. 14
NIAGARA ST. – ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

The Niagara Street Church has just closed a successful meeting with James A. Scott of Whittier, California, doing the preaching. Interest was high and attendance was excellent throughout the meeting. More visitors from the surrounding community attended than at any time in recent years. Three were baptized into Christ. The work here is progressing favourably.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, Niagara at Manning, St. Catharines, Ont., June 14, 1951.

Dear Bro. Bailey:

I was very sorry to hear that I had missed seeing you when you were down in this part of the country. I would have enjoyed the opportunity of talking with you and perhaps of hearing you speak again. I arrived home about a week before the June meeting (the meeting had been changed from the 10th to the 3rd in order that Bro. Cannon could appear on the program) and I have been busy ever since helping with the last minute arrangements for the June meeting and then working with Bro. Scott in a two-week series of gospel meetings here at Niagara St. Bro. Scott has been doing some wonderful preaching and already there have been three baptisms.

Enclosed you will find a report of the June meeting which you may use in the Gospel Herald if you have the space and think it interesting enough.

May the Lord be with you and bless you in the work that you are doing.

Yours in the Master's service, Bruce C. Merritt

Vol. 18, No. 3, April 1952, p. 14
BROTHER BRUCE MERRITT WRITES

The work here at Niagara Street is progressing in a very fine way. A new oil furnace was installed this winter and the entire basement is now being redecorated. There have been two baptisms during the past two months.

Vol. 18, No. 9, October 1952
BROTHER WHITFIELD CONCLUDES WORK WITH THE RAYMOND STREET
CONGREGATION IN ST. CATHARINES

This Sunday will mark the close of more than six and a half years of continuous labour with the Raymond and Beecher Street congregation here in St. Catharines. These have been very pleasant and profitable years in which (we have witnessed a number of marked advancements in the work here. In undertaking to labour with this good congregation we were informed that the church here was crystallized and no growth could be anticipated but we have rejoiced to find that there are just as good brethren here as could be found anywhere, just as sound in the faith, just as determined to take advantage of every opportunity to do good, whenever, and where ever those opportunities presented themselves and it was within their power to help.

Therefore, no small amount of help and encouragement has gone out, to bless and help and encourage others and at the same time there has been a distinct growth in the work locally. The Sunday school enrolment has increased, and the collections have more than doubled and the step-up in attendance at our Sunday services has made the congregation conscious of the need of more seating capacity. This need and future needs has not only been visualized but a building program that will involve an investment numbering in the thousands even apart from all the work that the brethren are doing on it themselves is already well on the way to conclusion and will not only increase the seating capacity of the building but will provide a much larger and improved Sunday school unit. The brethren under the capable eldership of brethren Miller and Conn, with peace and harmony prevailing in the congregation, have a mind to work and the future looks bright, indeed, for some real good to be accomplished here in the days that are to come.

Vol. 18, No. 10, November 1953, p. 14

Niagara and Manning Streets, St. Catharines

We are informed that Bro. Roy Cogdill, at present preaching in a meeting in Collingwood, Ontario, will begin with this church in St. Catharines on November 8. The meeting will run for two weeks.

Vol. 18, No. 12, January 1954, p. 14

ST. CATHARINES, ONT. NIAGARA AT MANNING ST.

On Nov. 22 our gospel meeting came to a close. Two souls, a man and his wife, obeyed the gospel during this effort. Bro. Roy Cogdill did the preaching during the meeting and presented some very fine lessons from the word of God. Many outsiders attended the meeting and heard the gospel proclaimed in its simplicity for the first time. Our prayer is that the seed sown will bare still more fruit in the future.

Bro. Walter Dale will begin preaching for this congregation the first of the year. We wish him every success in his work.—Herman Mason

Vol. 20, No. 8, September 1954, p. 10

Jack McElroy is scheduled to be with the Raymond and Beecher church in St. Catharines, Ont., in a meeting October 17 through 31.

Vol. 20, No. 9, October 1954, p. 10

Raymond and Beecher St. church in St. Catharines, Ont., announces a meeting from October 17-31 with Jack McElroy of Nashville, Tenn., as the speaker.

Vol. 20, No. 10, November 1954, p. 10

Bro. Jack McElroy is now in a meeting at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines.

Vol. 20, No. 12, January 1955, p. 9

C. G. McPhee is now preaching and working with the Raymond and Beecher Streets congregation in St. Catharines, Ont. and has taken up residence in St. Catharines at 54 Wiley St.

Vol. 21, No. 2, March 1955, p. 8

Bro. C. G. McPhee reports five baptisms in January at the Raymond and Beecher St. congregation in St. Catharines, Ontario. There has been a noticeable increase in interest and attendance. The ladies group which is studying "Bible Women" by Coleman Overby is also showing increased interest.

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Special meeting Raymond and Beecher Sts. St. Catharines, Ont., October 10th to 23rd, Bro. Keith Thompson, preacher.

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REAL PROGRESS SEEN

ST. CATHARINES, RAYMOND AND BEECHER ST.—The church at Raymond and Beecher, in the city of St. Catharines is making real progress. During the year 1954, ten were baptized. A splendid group of young people are working in the congregation. Peace and harmony prevails. About ten thousand dollars have been spent in improving the house in which we worship. A new full size basement has proved a wonderful asset in the Bible School work. Other improvements include redecoration of the auditorium, installation of rest rooms and provision of back and front entrance facilities. A gradual improvement is seen in every phase of the work.

The year 1955 looks bright. One man, the head of a family, was baptized the first Sunday in the year, and more are expected shortly. Strangers are attending and interest is good in all departments of the work. We want to make this the best year in the history of the church.

Charles G. McPhee

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Meetings previously announced are: Niagara and Manning Sts., St. Catharines, Allen Killom, March 27 to April 6; . . . Raymond and Beecher Sts., St. Catharines, Ont., Keith Thompson, October 10 to 23.

Vol. 21, No. 5, June 1955, p. 8

Walter Dale reports that two young men were baptized at Niagara and Manning Streets congregation in St. Catharines recently.

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REPORT FROM NIAGARA AND MANNING ST. CHURCH

We are pleased to report some progress at this congregation so far this year.

During 1954 there was little increase in attendance over the previous year and during the year one was baptized into Christ. However, in the past four months of 1955, we have seen an increase in activity. Attendance has risen nearly 20% on Lord's day and a greater interest is indicated in the Tuesday evening Bible study. These things are encouraging, but most of all we praise the Lord for the addition of three souls, who, of recent months, have been baptized into Christ.

The members of this congregation have shown a very fine spirit in their willingness to assist those who are less fortunate than themselves. This also shows Christ working in the lives of many of the congregation.

These facts are revealed to let you know our combined efforts have brought forth some fruit and to give God the glory for using us in a small way. We intend to continue teaching men and women how to become Christians and at the same time not to neglect that which is of equal importance, the Christian growth of each member. We need your prayers for God's help as always. --Walter Dale

Vol. 21, No. 7, August 1955, p. 12

A meeting is planned by the congregation at Niagara and Manning Sts. in St. Catharines, Ont. for Sept. 12-16 with lessons for the church presented by a different speaker each month. Brother W. Dale of this church begins on July 24th a one-week meeting at Griersville, Ont.

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Three young people of the Niagara and Manning Sts. congregation in St. Catharines were baptized during their stay at Omagh Bible School.

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A series of lectures, Sept. 11-16, at Niagara and Manning Sts. in St. Catharines, Ont. had the topic, CHRISTIANITY – A Way of Life. The subjects were very well handled by speakers from the surrounding area. Previously two were baptized here and four from this congregation obeyed the gospel at Omagh this summer. Three were baptized at Griersville during Bro. Dale's meeting there.

Remember the meeting at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines Oct 10-23 and at Tintern Nov. 20 for two weeks. Keith Thompson is to be the speaker in both.

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Keith Thompson of Owen Sound is presently engaged in a very well attended two weeks meeting at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines.

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Building Receives \$14,000 Facelifting

(Note: This building program, recently reported in the St. Catharines Standard and the Beamsville Express has been completed for a matter of months. We are pleased to salute this working church.—E.C.P.)

The church of Christ at Raymond and Beecher Sts., St. Catharines, ministered to by Charles G. McPhee, former president here and 1st President of Great Lakes Christian College, finally has a basement.

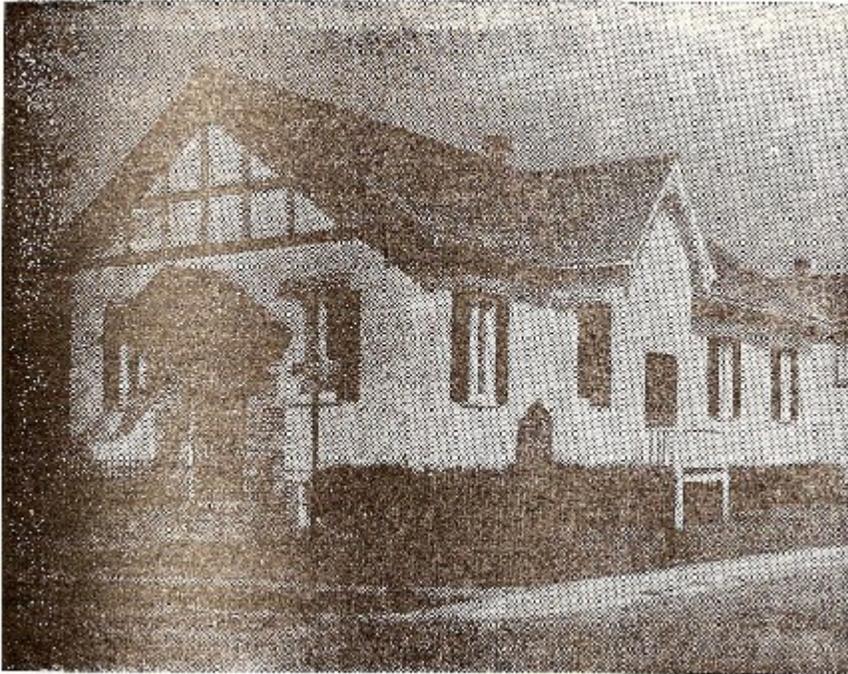
The entire building was jacked up six feet for a month while contractors and members of the congregation excavated for a Sunday School underneath.

The basement was part of a three-year facelifting program now completed at a cost of close to \$14,000. The building was lowered onto its foundation without incident.

The church building, at least half a century old took on a new look inside when the auditorium was enlarged and redecorated. The exterior of the building was attractively refinished.

The building was moved nine feet one way and six feet the other, away from the street before the basement was begun. A stone entrance was erected during the course of renovation.

Financial assistance came from individual donations in the non-denominational congregation, and others. The program got under way in 1952.--Beamsville Express



St. Catharines Meeting House, Raymond And Beecher Sts.

—Courtesy St. Catharines Standard

Vol. 22, No. 1, February 1956, p. 9

The congregation at Niagara and Manning Sts., St. Catharines, Ont. is planning a meeting for May with Edward Craddock of Tenn. as the speaker.

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About 250 people were present for the service at Fennel Ave. in Hamilton on Feb. 17. Approximately 150 were young people from the surrounding area, who enjoyed a social hour after the service. A similar social get-together is announced at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines for March 23. Niagara and Manning Sts. church will assist in arranging this. A recent bulletin reports, "Keen interest has been shown in the Men's Training Class, and improvement has been shown by all."

Vol. 22, No. 4, May 1956, p. 14

Wardell: Sister Lydia Wardell, wife of Charles E. Wardell, passed away in the St. Catharines Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was born near Simcoe, Ontario, 76 years ago and resided in St. Catharines for the past 52 years. She was a faithful member of the Niagara St. church of Christ since its beginning in 1930. She is survived by her husband, and two daughters, Mrs. Annie Nye of Buffalo; Carrie Kinnell of St. Catharines; and one brother, Russell Caughey of London; also six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her only son, Elmer predeceased her in 1941. The funeral service was held at the Hulse and English Funeral Chapel amid a host of friends and flowers. Bro. Walter Dale assisted at the home and grave.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."—Charles G. McPhee

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THE CHURCH IN ONTARIO: ST. CATHARINES – NIAGARA & MANNING STS.

Have their own meeting house. 69 members. 27 years old. Have sent out many members to other places in the past. Partially support radio preaching on CKTB. Ten baptized in 1955. Increased interest and participation by the men. Walter Dale preaches.

RAYMOND & BEECHER STS. – Made extensive improvements in building recently. Have about 85 members with a very active Bible teaching program. C. G. McPhee preaches.

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The meeting held by the church aroused a great deal of interest in the people in St. Catharines and many from the surrounding areas. We appreciated the interest shown by fellow Christians. The lessons given by Bro. Edward Craddock of Nashville, Tenn., were such as to stir the minds of many within the church and without. His messages were sound and touched the core of Christianity.

His emphasis on the 'whole counsel' of God as it refers to man gave us one of the best meetings in the district for some time as far as attendance was concerned. The average attendance throughout the meeting, which was extended an extra three days was 142. Two young people obeyed the gospel of Christ and turned their lives over to Him and three others confessed fault and asked for the prayers of the Church.

By way of encouragement to other congregations we might say the interest by young people in the problems of courtship, marriage and divorce as related to the doctrine of Christ was exceptional. It revealed a crying need for greater emphasis and more discussion on these problems in order to keep the church pure and ensure the presence within the church of united Christian homes.--Walter Dale

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GOSPEL MEETING

The church at Raymond & Beecher in St. Catharines, extend an invitation to you, to attend the special services to be held from October 21st, to November 4th. L. Arnold Watson, of the Dearborn church in Detroit, will be the speaker throughout this meeting. Keep these dates open and make your plans to attend.

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GOSPEL MEETING

The church at Raymond and Beecher, in St. Catharines, will hold their fall meeting from October 7th through October 21st. The speaker will be L. Arnold Watson, of the Dearborn congregation in Detroit. He was a former student of Abilene Christian College, has done local work as well as holding many meetings. His articles have appeared in many papers, and I am sure you will want to hear this splendid gospel preacher. He will discuss such subjects as "What kind of a funeral do you want?" "What about the thief on the cross?" "If I be lifted up".

At the present time our plans call for us to leave St. Catharines, September 17th, for Nova Scotia, where I will be preaching over three Lord's Days. The church has been revived at Mill Village, where I did some preaching as a young man. It is also our desire to stir up some interest in Nine Mile River, there was once a church, and where I preached my first sermon. Kindly remember me in your prayers. Any support for this work will be deeply appreciated.

One young lady from Raymond & Beecher was baptized at Omagh Bible school in July. There have been two baptisms here. One was the head of a large family of children who have been attending Sunday school for a long time. Interest in general is good. Bro. Donald Perry will preach here during my absence in Nova Scotia.—Charles G. McPhee, 4 Fawell Ave., St. Catharines, Ontario

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The meeting by L.A. Watson of Dearborn, Mich. at Raymond and Beecher Streets in St. Catharines is almost ended with excellent attendance.

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Walter Dale of Niagara and Manning Sts. in St. Catharines is on a trip to the U.S. and will visit Nashville, Tenn. and the Lectureship of Harding College at Searcy, Ark.

Vol. 23, No. 1, February 1957, p. 8

The Sentinel of Niagara and Manning Sts. in St. Catharines, Ont. states that, "1956 saw the greatest attendance in the last 3 or 4 years." This congregation is planning an evangelistic meeting Mar. 3-10 with Roy Merritt of Fennel Ave. in Hamilton as the speaker.

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

The date of the meeting with R. D. Merritt of Hamilton as speaker at Niagara and Manning streets in St. Catharines is March 3-10. Members of this church living at Niagara Falls have been arranging cottage meetings with some good interest.

Vol. 23, No. 12, April 1957, p. 12

160 young people of the province of Ontario gathered at Raymond and Beecher Sts. in St. Catharines, Ont. on Friday, Feb. 22. The meeting was conducted by the young people with David Darnell of Fern Avenue in Toronto as the guest speaker.

The recent meeting with Roy D. Merritt of Hamilton as speaker at Niagara St. in St. Catharines was very promising. The Sentinel reports, "We had good interest on the part of many visitors who maintained an average attendance of 67 per night. The total average was 96 ... There were as many if not more non-members present during these services than at any meeting in the last 3 or 4 years."

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PREACHER NEEDED

Walter Dale has resigned the work at Niagara & Manning Sts. in St. Catharines. Anyone interested in working with this church is asked to write to E. Burdett, 90 Dunlap Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.

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V.B. schools are being planned by congregations at Tintern, Niagara St. in St. Catharines and Jordan for July 8 and following.

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ST. CATHARINES MEETING

The church meeting at Beecher & Raymond, in St. Catharines, concluded one of its best Gospel Meetings held in recent years. The attendance was good throughout. Many visitors from the surrounding churches and as well as the vicinity attended. Bro. Eugene Peden of Rochester, New York was the speaker. He did an excellent job. His presentation of the truth was plain and forceful. He depended on the gospel doing the work, and not on excitement or the use of high pressure methods. The church was strengthened and four were baptised. One was restored and three others have since been added by membership. The church is in excellent working condition, and we are looking forward to greater things in the future.

From May the 5th to the 15th, it was our pleasure to preach for the church in Monticello, Kentucky. Bro. T. M. Mitchell, formerly of Strathmore Blvd. in Toronto is the faithful preacher there. He has done an excellent job and is highly respected both by members of the church and outside people. He is leaving for Harriman, Tennessee, the end of May. While there I met Bro. Herman Mason, who preaches at Danville. He likewise is most highly appreciated. He has calls for meetings, and his home church wants him to remain with them for another year. Herman was born and raised at Meaford, and Canadian churches should use him.—Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 23, No. 7, August 1957, p. 8

We are informed that the Niagara St. church of St. Catharines has arranged with Geoffrey Ellis of Beamsville to assist them for a time after W. Dale leaves for Meaford.

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

Vol. 23, No. 10, November 1957, p. 13

The Sentinel of the Niagara St. church in St. Catharines, Ont. reports the recent surrender of two Niagara Falls ladies to Christ in obedience to His word. W. Dale and G. Ellis have been teaching Bible classes at Niagara Falls each week for some time.

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One was baptized on Nov. 3 at Niagara and Manning Sts. in St. Catharines where Geoffrey Ellis is the Evangelist.

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

"The Niagara St. church in St. Catharines is at present engaged in a program to raise the down payment for a \$14,000 property next door, which will provide a preacher's home and further class-room facilities." The church numbers about 60.

Vol. 24, No. 1, February 1958, p. 8

The Niagara St. church in St. Catharines has arranged with Ralph Perry of Strathmore in Toronto to be with them in a meeting April 6-13. From the Bulletin of this church we quote, ". . . The possibility of establishing a congregation in Niagara Falls, Ont. in the near future is very real."

Vol. 24, No. 3, April 1958, p. 9

The church at Raymond and Beecher in St. Catharines will hold their spring meeting from April 22 to May 4. L. Arnold Watson of Memphis, Tennessee will do the preaching.

C. G. McPhee of this church is planning to labour for three weeks in Newfoundland in the month of June.

Vol. 24, No. 4, May 1958, p. 13

The meeting at Niagara St. in St. Catharines had an average attendance of 112. The majority of these were visitors from the community or from other churches. Previous to the meeting a man and wife were baptized by Bro. G. Ellis.

Vol. 24, No. 5, June 1958, p. 7

The Niagara St. church in St. Catharines has completed the arrangements for the purchase of the dwelling next to the meetinghouse. The down payment was raised by the generous response of the members and they will take possession on July 15.

From the Port Colborne Lighthouse: "We rejoice with the congregation at Raymond and Beecher St., St. Catharines in the success of their meeting, in which six were baptized and one restored."

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Two were recently baptized and one restored at the Niagara St. church in St. Catharines, Ont. where Geoffrey Ellis preaches.

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The two congregations in St. Catharines, Ont. co-operated in a Vacation Bible School for one week beginning June 30th. Brethren Ellis and McPhee worked together with the other teachers. We have no report of numbers but understand that the school was considered a success.

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The Niagara St. church in St. Catharines has asked Geoffrey Ellis of Beamsville to continue another year as part time evangelist. He will also continue with weekly classes at Niagara Falls, Ont. It is hoped to be able to make arrangements with Ralph Perry to do full time work at that time.

Bro. McPhee informs us that the Raymond St. church in St. Catharines has invited Emerson Flannery of Bedford, Ohio to be there in a meeting September 21-28.

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

One lady was baptized at Niagara St. in St. Catharines on Sept. 7. Recent record attendances were: Aug. 31st, 105 and Sept. 14, 102.

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ST. CATHARINES MEETING

The church of Christ at Raymond & Beecher in St. Catharines, enjoyed the services of Bro. Emerson L. Flannery, from Sept. 1st through the 28th. Bro. Flannery once served this congregation and is now located in Bedford, Ohio. His preaching was plain and convincing. He has the reputation of doing a good work wherever he preaches. He is faithful but not radical. Attendance was good throughout and one young man was baptised. Interest and attendance have been especially good of late.

This being an exchange meeting, I went to Bedford for their meeting which lasted from Oct. 5th through the 12th. Bedford is not a large church but has many opportunities. Being a suburb of Cleveland people from the South are locating in that section of the city, hence they have many visitors. We enjoyed our stay in their midst.--Charles G. McPhee

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A REPORT FROM NIAGARA STREET

The congregation meeting at Niagara and Manning in St. Catharines is happy to report publicly that Sister Ida Runions has confessed wrong and has been received back into its fellowship. This congregation is thankful that the formal statement of withdrawal made several years ago can now be reversed in this present announcement.--G. H. E.

Vol. 24, No. 12, January 1959, p. 13

JONES: The church at Raymond & Beecher in St. Catharines, was saddened by the sudden departure of Bro. John Edward Jones, on December 18, 1958. While Bro. Jones had been in declining health for some time his sudden death was a shock to his many friends. He attended service twice on Sunday, and was stricken with a stroke on Monday; passing away in the General Hospital on Thursday.

Bro. Jones was born in Wales, fifty-five years ago. He came to Canada in 1924. For thirty-one years he was a trusted employee of the Silverwood's Dairy.

It was thirty years ago, the day before he died that he was baptised at Raymond & Beecher Streets, where his funeral service was held on Dec. 20th.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Florence (Johnston), two sons, James and William of St. Catharines; one brother Owen and one sister Annie, in Wales.

The funeral was held at Raymond and Beecher, where he was a faithful member, with burial in Victoria Lawn Cemetery.--Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 25, No. 1, February 1959, p. 8

A man was baptized at Niagara and Manning St. church in St. Catharines on January the fourth and his wife sought acceptance as a member. This church has made arrangements with Ray Dillard of Washington, D.C. to assist in a meeting during the latter weeks of March.

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At Niagara St., St. Catharines, the new budget calls for a weekly contribution of \$147. Bible school averaged 70 in 1958. Attendance increased in all meetings except the Tuesday night service. A Bible Correspondence course and regular cottage meetings are being featured. The possibility of bringing the basement of the house next door and the meeting-house into one unit are being investigated in order to provide more classroom facilities. A meeting with Ray Dillard is scheduled for March 29-April 9.

Vol. 25, No. 6, July 1959, p. 8

St. Catharines, Raymond Street: The church at Raymond and Beecher is making progress. Peace and harmony prevails, and the spirit of brotherly love and co-operation is revealed in the work and worship of the congregation. Sunday school morning services average about 120. At night the attendance has increased and recently two were baptized and one restored. We hope to do greater things in the future. --Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 25, No. 7, August 1959, p. 8

The church of Christ at Raymond and Beecher, St. Catharines, has been enjoying a good summer of worship and work. While many are away on vacation the meetings have been well attended. One young married lady from the United Church was baptized on July 5th and another lady from the Anglican Church on the 19th. When in St. Catharines, worship with us.--Charles G. McPhee

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

At Niagara and Manning Sts. church in St. Catharines, Ont., Ralph Wharton, recently arrived evangelist, is the speaker in a meeting October 18-25.

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ST. CATHARINES, Ont.: One reported baptized in December to date at Niagara Street.

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ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Niagara St.: Bible school attendance has climbed steadily since 1955. January average has increased from 55 that year to 88 thus far this year. Conscious effort is being put forth.

A seven day V.B.S. is tentatively planned for August 18 and 10 teachers have already manifested a willingness to help. Led by this church, congregations in the area are placing a \$35.00 ad each week in the St. Catharines Standard. Informing people about the church the articles will be 4 columns by 10".

Raymond St., Jan. 20: "The church at Raymond and Beecher is off to a good start this year. Each Lord's Day during January we have been happy to see someone baptized into Christ, also one to confess wrong before the church. Our finances have been better than during any previous year and the church is considering at the present time of assuming new responsibilities. We look forward in 1960 to greater achievements than ever before." C.G. McPhee

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

ST. CATHARINES, Ont.: "The church at Raymond and Beecher in the city of St. Catharines is most fortunate, having obtained the services of Bro. Eugene Peden of Hazel Park, Michigan, for a gospel meeting from April 26th to May 6th.

Bro. Peden is connected with North Central Christian College, and was formerly missionary to Nigeria. We extend a cordial invitation to all our brethren to visit us during this revival.--C. G. McPhee

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

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Niagara St., April 17: Bro. Alfred F. Hartwigsen of Niagara Falls, N.Y. will be the speaker in a meeting May 8 to May 21 inclusive at 8 p.m. each evening.

Raymond St.: Brethren McPhee and Harless will open the gospel meeting beginning here on April 24. Bro. Eugene Peden of Detroit will begin on April 27 and continue to May 6.

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

St. Catharines, Niagara St.: Mid April saw an attendance of 94 in Bible school with 16 new members enrolled in the previous five weeks. Contribution almost reached \$160 on this date.

A. F. Hartwigsen is in a meeting May 8-20. Ralph Wharton will take his place at Niagara Falls, N.Y. during the two Sundays of this meeting. Brother Wharton informs us of his resignation from the work in St. Catharines and that he is to leave as soon as he has arranged for a place to go and the church has adequate time to procure a successor. He will be on leave from May 30 to June 25 during which time he will vacation in the U.S. and will also be available to visit interested churches whether in Canada or the States.

Vol. 26, No. 7, August 1960, p. 18

St. Catharines: Ralph Wharton leaves the church here about the first of August. ... Due to financial inability of a temporary nature, the congregation has decided to obtain the services of a part time preacher for awhile.

Vol. 26, No. 8, September 1960, p.10

St. Catharines, Ont.: August 7th was the last Sunday for Bro. Ralph Wharton with this church. He has moved to the southern states. The first three Sundays in July saw an average Bible school attendance of 79.7 as compared with 64.7 for the same period last year.

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

St. Catharines, Raymond St.: C. G. McPhee recently held a meeting in Meaford. A phone call from him this evening informs us that the Niagara St. congregation in St. Catharines will be joining forces with the Raymond St. church. Final decision was made at a meeting with men from each group held this week. They will worship together beginning on December 4. Further details and plans will be presented in a later edition.

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ST. CATHARINES CHURCHES MERGE

Since 1928 there have been two congregations of the church of Christ, worshipping and working in the city of St. Catharines. The Niagara Street congregation has done effective work in the past. Several preachers have served the church throughout the years. Among those who served were Charles G. McPhee, Roy Akers, Allen Killom, Walter Dale and Ralph Wharton. Several others have assisted at various times. A splendid Sunday School was conducted and many young people received teaching and training which helped them greatly since removing to other congregations.

The older congregation at Raymond Street dates back to March 23rd, 1898. Under the leadership of Madison Wright, a church building was purchased from the Anglican church for the sum of \$750.66. This building has served the congregation for over sixty years, but has been greatly improved and enlarged. The Bible School facilities were increased by the construction of a basement, however they are becoming inadequate for effective work with an increased enrolment. The main auditorium will handle about 200 people.

On December 4th, 1960 the congregation at Niagara Street moved in a body to Raymond Street and united their forces with a determination to push forward the work of the Lord. We now have a congregation of about 150 members, and a good working force, which should mean progress for the future.

The congregation at Raymond St. has been helping churches and preachers for years, such as Port Colborne, Fredericton, N.B. and Japan. Also Owen Sound and Hamilton received support in the past. Last summer, when Bro. Ralph Perry decided to move to London, the Church assumed responsibility for the London work to the extent of \$50.00 a week, for one year. Now with an increased membership and larger contributions, we hope to do more and better work. However, our home responsibility has greatly increased, as we have to assume the mortgage on the Niagara Street property as well as seeking a new location and providing a larger building for future growth. The spirit of co-operation and brotherly love will mean greater things for the Lord's work in St. Catharines. We look forward to the day when the influence of this church through the power of the gospel will be felt in the growing city and in the regions far beyond.

For many years the churches in this part of Ontario have conducted a Radio Program over C.K.T.B. It is now being carried by the Raymond Street Church and can be heard all over the Niagara District, Hamilton, Buffalo, Toronto and as far North as the Manitoulin Island.

On Jan. 16th a Lectureship will start at the church building in St. Catharines and continue through the 20th. The general theme discussed will be the church. The following speakers and their special subjects are listed below.

Jan. 16 --	Evangelism	Keith Thompson
Jan. 17 --	Church Finances	Ralph Perry
Jan. 18 --	The church & its gospel message	Marlin Harliss
Jan. 19--	Looking to the future	Edward Bryant

We extend a cordial invitation to all our brethren to visit us during this lectureship. Should you be a visitor or stranger you will always find a welcome at Raymond Street in St. Catharines.--Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 27, No. 2, March 1961, p. 9

SPECIAL MEETING: The church at Raymond & Beecher will have a series of Gospel Meetings starting April 24th and continuing through May 5th. The speaker will be Eugene Peden, of the Hazel Park church in Detroit. A cordial invitation is extended to our brethren to visit us during this meeting.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "Last Lord's day there were 175 present in the morning, and only 78 at night ... The contribution was \$284.00."

Vol. 27, No. 4, May 1961, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: "The church in St. Catharines is planning for the future. We are looking for a suitable lot upon which to construct a more suitable building to take care of our increased congregation. For the first three weeks in April our morning audiences have averaged 172, with an average contribution of \$281.44. From April 23 to May 5, Bro. Eugene Peden will be with us in a gospel meeting. On April 2 Sister Robertson was baptized into Christ, and we are looking for many more. In our congregation are many young people, which speaks well for the future of the church.

Visit us during our meeting or any other time and you will find a welcome.—Charles G. McPhee

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Our V.B.S. ended Friday night (July 7). It was probably the best one we have held.

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

St. Catharines, Ont., July 16: "We were made very happy Thursday night when Marilyn Bood was baptized into Christ ..."--The Gleaner

Vol. 27, No. 10, November 1961, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: "The church in St. Catharines, Ontario is anxious to assist people in need. If anyone connected with the church needs clothes, etc., will they kindly write M. G. Miller, 37 Cherry Street, St. Catharines, Ontario. We prefer that all requests be made through the church, where the persons are connected, and upon proper investigation we may be able to assist."

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ST. CATHARINES SETS THE PACE

The following report was sent in by Miss Sharon Lane of the St. Catharines young peoples group. We highly commend the efforts of these zealous workers, and it is to be hoped that YOUR group will follow their fine example. This idea certainly should give the desired goal of growth, and we pray for it's success.

"In St. Catharines we have begun to work on a personal work program among the young people. We have four groups into which the whole group has been divided. There is a leader for each group and an assistant.

The first Wednesday of each month, following the Bible Study, the leaders, assistants and teachers of the class meet to discuss our program, methods of approach and other things relating to the work. At the outset of the summer a letter was drafted and sent out to each of the young people (we addressed the envelopes and stamped them one night after Bible Study).

It is our object, first of all, to build up the young people from those of our own number who are just neglecting to come out. At our last meeting we discussed methods of contacting others. We had a second letter made up and it is our intention to send it with a tract.

We are ably led in this work by four men: Ernie Burdett, Jim Allcock, Norm Smart and Phil Wallace."

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St. Catharines, Ont.: "Last Sunday night we were all made to rejoice when three young people confessed their faith in Christ and were baptized the same hour of the night (Oct. 22). Then on Monday evening an 81 year old resident from the old people's home was baptized.

Vol. 28, No. 1, February 1962, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: "The church in St. Catharines, has scheduled a gospel meeting for next spring. We are fortunate to secure the services of Bro. Arnold Watson, of Memphis, Tennessee. He is quite well known in these parts. The meeting will continue from May 7th through the 17th.

Our services are being well attended, and the year 1961 has seen progress in more than one way. One married woman was baptized on Dec. 17th, and since then there has been a confession of wrong, and we look for more additions in the near future. While no lot has been purchased for our new building, it is under consideration, and we hope to be able to announce something shortly."

Vol. 28, No. 3, March 1962, p. 5

C. G. MCPHEE ILL

Early Friday morning, February 23, C. G. McPhee suffered a rather severe heart attack. He had been out calling in the afternoon and evening. At this writing, (Feb. 28), he is reported resting well, but the results of tests to determine the seriousness of the damage are not yet available. Pray for him and write to 4 Fawell Ave., St. Catharines. E.C.P.

Vol. 28, No. 2, March 1962, p. 15

St. Catharines, Ont.: "Last Sunday evening Marie Bolus was baptized. She has been attending G.L.C.C." L. A. Watson holds a meeting here May 7-17.

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St. Catharines, Ont.: The meeting with L. Arnold Watson, Highland Street Church, Memphis, Tenn. will be May 7-18.

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St. Catharines, Ont.: The gospel meeting in St. Catharines, continued from May 6th to May 18th. Bro. Arnold Watson of Memphis, Tenn. did the preaching. This is the third time he has been with us, and his messages were of the highest order. He speaks with conviction and bases all his arguments upon the Bible and not the sayings of some great teacher or professor. We feel that the church was greatly helped, and people who never heard the pure gospel were instructed in the way of the Lord. Four young people were baptized.

AN INVITATION

The many brethren and friends of Bro. and Sis. Charles G. McPhee are invited to their home, 4 Fawell Ave., St. Catharines, on the afternoon and evening of June 16th. At this time they celebrate the 40th anniversary of their wedding.

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ST. CATHARINES BEGINS LARGE BUILDING

The church of Christ was established here in the city of St. Catharines, before the turn of the century. Bro. Madison Wright and other members became interested in obtaining a house in which to worship. One was purchased from the church of England. This was remodelled about ten years ago.

In 1928 Niagara Street started and continued to work and worship in the building erected at the corner of Niagara and Manning. For many years it did an excellent job among the young people of the community.

On December 4, 1960 this group moved to Raymond Street and the two congregations became one. This taxed our capacity to the limits. More seats had to be provided and Sunday School rooms altered. During the past year the church has planned and looked forward to a new building.

After much discussion and dickering with the authorities, two acres of land were purchased on Ontario Street, North of the Queen Elizabeth Way. On October 12th the basement was started and on the 17th, footings were poured. Then on the 20th forms for the basement walls were erected, and it is hoped to have the building well under way before the cold weather hinders operations.

The building is of semi-modern design, with an auditorium that will seat between three and four hundred, full sized basement and ample parking space.

Brothers Gordon Stewart and Loney Wallace are contractors and Brother Jim Allcock spends much time supervising the plans. Many of the brethren have responded to the appeal for help. We look forward to the day when the building will be opened and the church can expand and serve the Lord and the people in a way it has never been able to do in the past.

In 1963 the congregation will entertain the brethren at the June Meeting, and we hope to have our meetinghouse ready for the following meeting.

Our lot and building will cost over \$90,000, and we trust by selling notes, together with donations and the sale of our present property to take care of the finances, without borrowing from a Mortgage company.--Charles G. McPhee

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ST. CATHARINES

The new church building on Ontario Street is rapidly taking shape. The outside is practically finished, except the landscaping and the entrances back and front. The inside paneling and windows are almost completed, while the work on the balcony is progressing rapidly. The

front and back stairs are under construction and the baptistery is awaiting its final coating. The heating and electric work is largely done, also the basement is about ready for use.

The outside appearance of the building is pleasing, being of buff brick, brown roof and cathedral windows. It will seat about 350 people, with ample room for classes and parking space around the building. While conservative in design it is very serviceable and will be a great asset to the church. The estimated cost is about (\$90,000.00) ninety thousand dollars.--Charles G. McPhee.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: One was baptized on March 31.

The work on our new meetinghouse in St. Catharines is progressing rapidly. We expect to have it ready for use by the first Sunday in June. Following the June Meeting, Bro. R. C. Oliver will conduct a short meeting in the building. Our many friends are invited to attend, and enjoy the gospel preaching, as well as inspecting one of the best buildings we have in Canada.—C. G. McPhee

JUNE MEETING

On the first Sunday in June, we invited you and your friends to be present for the June Meeting, being held in the High School Auditorium in Beamsville. Bro. R. C. Oliver of Clawson, Mich. will be the speaker morning and evening. In the afternoon Bro. Wesley Jones of Barrie will preach. You are invited to spend the day with us. The use of the beautiful new cafeteria is available for spreading your baskets. Drinks will be provided. "Worship the Lord in the spirit of Holiness."

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St. Catharines, Ont.: The June meeting will be held by this church at Beamsville with Bro. Oliver of Clawson, Michigan and Wesley Jones of Barrie, Ontario as the speakers. Following this Bro. Oliver will preach in a meeting in the new building on Ontario Street in St. Catharines. The building is progressing toward completion.

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New 350 Seat Meeting House in St. Catharines--Courtesy of St. Catharines Standard

Sixty-five year history

On August 1, 1897 the church of Christ held its first meeting in St. Catharines in the Banner Hall on St. Paul Street. Shortly after that a lot was purchased at the corner of Raymond and Beecher Streets which site was used until May 29, 1963.

Open house was held on Sunday afternoon, June 23 in the new building pictured on this page. It is on Ontario Street north of Linhaven Home for the Aged.

Ontario June Meeting

It was with the pleasure of the church in St. Catharines, to provide the oversight of the June Meeting, held this year in the Beamsville High School Auditorium, on June second. This was one of the greatest meetings of its kind ever held in Ontario. It was a full day of delightful fellowship, inspiration and gospel preaching. The three services were well attended, with over 1000 people at the morning service. The afternoon and evening services were only little short of that number. Every available space was occupied.

The preaching of the day was of the highest order. Bro. R. C. Oliver of Clawson, Michigan, delivered two masterful addresses at the morning and evening services. In the afternoon, Bro. Wesley Jones of Barrie, gave a scholarly message from the Word of God. At the morning service Bro. Bruce Merritt, was in charge of the Lord's Supper, which was handled wonderfully well for such a large audience. This is the first time in the history of such meetings that individual Communion cups were used. The three leaders of the day did a splendid job. Bros. Fred Smart, Harold Tabor and Gordon James, led the singing during the three meetings. In the afternoon a song service was conducted under the direction of Bro. Loney Wallace, with other singers taking part.

On Monday evening Bro. Oliver began a five day meeting in our new meetinghouse in St. Catharines. This was a very happy time for the brethren here. The meeting was well attended and outsiders were attracted, some of whom we hope to reach in the future.

Our new building is of semi-modern design, with a very attractive auditorium. It will seat 350. Located on a two acre lot, there is ample room for expansion. It has a full basement, providing space for the Bible School and was built at a cost of \$90,000.

With the facilities provided and the growing city of St. Catharines before us, it creates an opportunity and a responsibility for the church to press on in the great task of converting sinners and edifying saints. When in St. Catharines, you will find a welcome at the church of Christ, meeting at 439 Ontario Street, just North of the Queen Elizabeth Highway.—Charles G. McPhee
P.S. The 1964 June meeting is being planned by the Beamsville church.

Vol. 30, No. 3, April 1964, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Meetings are planned for April 8-19 with Bro. Wesley Jones of Barrie preaching. A most cordial invitation is extended to our brethren and friends to attend these services. All evening services are at 8 p.m.

C. G. McPhee of this church has collected the material for this Special Issue of the Gospel Herald. We thank him.

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St. Catharines Church of Christ – Charles G. McPhee

The first meeting of the church of Christ in St. Catharines took place in the Banner Hall, on St. Paul Street, August 1st, 1897. The preacher at that time was Madison Wright. Through his guidance and co-operation with some brethren, a building and lot were purchased at the corner of Raymond and Beecher Streets. While this building was adequate for preaching services, it lacked space for the Bible School. About fifteen years ago it was given a major overhaul. It was moved, raised and placed on a new foundation. A new entrance was constructed and Sunday School rooms provided.

In 1928 some brethren from Raymond and Beecher started a new congregation and erected a meetinghouse at the corner of Niagara and Manning Streets. A good work was done here among the children of the community. This building was sold about two years ago; the brethren having united their forces with the old congregation, and having the understanding that we would look for a new location and a more adequate building. On May 29, 1963 the last prayer meeting was held at Raymond and Beecher, and now it has passed into other hands. Many memories remain with the few faithful souls that have worshipped and worked to extend the Kingdom of God, when the labourers were few and preachers were sometimes hard to obtain.

While we do not have a correct record of the men who served the church; we can recall that Bro. Charles Claus and Bro. Henry Stevens were elders and did much teaching and preaching for years. About twenty-five years ago, Bro. Frank Conn and Bro. Murray Miller were appointed elders and have served the congregation up to the present time.

While we cannot name all the preachers that have served faithfully in years past, we know that many contributed their time and efforts for the conversion of sinners and edification of Saints. Here are the names of a few men that preached for the church. Madison Wright, Charles W. Petch, Harry Jackson, O. E. Tallman, Lemuel Keffer, W. F. Cox, Emerson Flannery and John Whitfield. The present preacher, Charles G. McPhee has been with the congregation since the fall of 1952. The audience on Sunday morning then was about 70. The average for the first ten weeks of 1964 is 160, and the average contribution two hundred and ninety-five dollars. Many changes have taken place by reason of baptisms and death, with some falling by the way. We believe that great things will take place in the future.

This church has always taken an interest in other places. While it cannot answer every call, it has helped to support preachers in Hamilton, Port Colborne, Japan, Nova Scotia and recently donated \$6,500.00 to the church in London.

In 1962 a large lot was purchased on Ontario Street, north of the Queen Elizabeth Way. Work was started on a new building in the fall and on June 3, 1963, the first sermon was preached in our new building dedicated to the work of the Lord. This building is very attractive and serviceable, with a seating capacity of 350, together with a full basement and rooms for classes. While it cost about \$100,000.00, it is valued much higher, because of the donated labour, which made it possible to complete such a structure.

The church here is anxious to serve the Lord and the community. We trust and pray that the seed sown in the past will produce a rich harvest in the future. Many listen to the broadcast every Sunday morning over CKTB, which has been carried on the air since 1937.

When in St. Catharines worship with us.

Vol. 30, No. 4, May 1964, p. 15

St. Catharines: "The church in St. Catharines just ended a very successful meeting with Bro. Wesley Jones of Barrie doing the preaching. His sermons were excellent, with sound searching power. The Gospel was proclaimed without fear or favour. The attendance was good throughout. On Sunday morning, April 12, we had 208 present. Sometime previous to the meeting one lady was baptized and her husband restored. Throughout the entire meeting the interest was good, with visiting brethren from many places and outsiders from the city.

Four were baptized, three young ladies and a mature man, also one lady was restored to the fellowship. Many more were affected by the Gospel and doubtless we will reap the benefits in time to come."--Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 31, No. 5, May 1965, p. 8

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Brother Jack L. Rankin of Queen's Church, Flushing, N.Y., will be at St. Catharines on May 14 to discuss the World's Fair and Evangelistic Campaigns.

All who can, especially preachers, elders and teachers, are invited to a 3 p.m. discussion at Ontario Street. Supper will be on the grounds at 5:30 and the evening program at 8.

Christians in the area are urged to attend.

Vol. 31, No. 6, June 1965, p. 17

St. Catharines, Ont.: Two young people were baptized the last night of the meeting held by W. Jones. One will be a member at Tintern.

Vol. 31, No. 9, September 1965, p. 9

St. Catharines, Ont.: V.B.S. averaged about 120.

Vol. 31, No. 11, November 1965, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: The church in St. Catharines has returned to normal after the vacation period, when many have been away. A number have been seriously ill in the hospitals. Among them Sister Tom Bailey of the Soo, the wife of one of our former preachers in Ontario. Recently we have had five confessions of neglect and sin, by mature people that wanted to be restored to the fellowship.

Plans are now being considered for a Lectureship during the early part of the new year. When in St. Catharines you will find a welcome at the church of Christ."--C. G. McPhee

Vol. 32, No. 2, February 1966, p. 16

LONG STANDING RADIO PROGRAM CONTINUED

St. Catharines has been meeting its financial obligations, by reducing its mortgage, interest and notes. About \$16,000 was raised and used in the interest of the church during 1965.

We are looking forward to our Spring Meeting in April, trusting and praying that 1966 will be the best year in the history of the church in St. Catharines.

For almost thirty years the church has been preaching the gospel on Radio CKTB. For about 16 of these years your writer has been the speaker. Our relationship with the station has always been most congenial, and we were surprised and somewhat shocked when we received a letter on December 31, "Having reviewed the situation ... we are eliminating certain programs, five religious, including your Sunday program."

This was announced on the Sunday program, January 2nd. Before the next Sunday, we received word that "New Testament Christianity" would continue. So many letters came in from many places, that "The powers that Be", decided it was not advisable to terminate this religious program. We do not know who or how many friends wrote CKTB, but the Station Manager related that letters were numerous, and even a petition with many names was received after they had restored the program to the air. We want to thank all for writing the station and solicit the prayers of members and churches for the Wisdom and power to proclaim the gospel.—Charles G. McPhee

Vol. 32, No. 4, April 1966, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: The church in St. Catharines is looking forward to our gospel meeting, starting April 10th and continuing through the 20th. Bro. George Snure of Memphis, Tennessee will be the speaker. He needs no introduction to Ontario brethren, since he was born and reared in Hamilton. You will have a cordial reception to any and all of the services.

"Recently Fay Follick was restored to the church. She had been baptized at Jordan years ago. Her daughter Bonnie has since been baptized and is now taking part by doing our church bulletin. On the night of March 8th, I was called out of bed to baptize a young lady from our congregation, now attending Great Lakes Christian College. Together with her parents and some fellow students she came to St. Catharines and at 11 p.m. I baptized Wendy Mukitus into Christ, for the remission of sins. We wish all of them many years of service in the Master's kingdom. We also expect more to be baptized in the near future."--Charles G. McPhee

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: David Bryant who has been assisting in the London work has moved to work with the congregation at St. Catharines. We understand that this will make Brother McPhee available for appointments where he might be useful.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: One was baptized on May 14. A V.B.S. is planned for July 3-7.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: V.B.S. attendance increased daily to a high of 101. The average was 95 students and 16 workers. Sylvia Diebel of Hamilton was baptized here on July 17th.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "After a period of study last Monday, Melvin and Ellen Braun were buried with Christ in baptism." The Gleaner.

Vol. 34, No. 6, June 1968, p. 17

St. Catharines: "The church recently conducted a good series of meetings with Hubert Swann of Watertown, N.Y. preaching. During the following week one more was restored to Christ. We believe that the church was strengthened, and Brother Swann's lessons were greatly

appreciated. We plan to hold a series of training classes for men, using the film series, Leadership for Christ as a guide. We hope this will encourage our men as well as strengthen the work here. Please pray for this effort."--David Bryant

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "The Living Word" radio program financed on CKTB by the Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick and Niagara Falls churches and conducted largely by Keith Thompson of Beamsville has completed one year. "In recent weeks we have been offering a Bible Correspondence Course over the air. To date we have received seven requests for the Course."--Keith Thompson

"After attending services and with Bible studies in her home, Janet Goodwill confessed her faith and was immersed into Christ last Sunday.—The Gleaner, June 23

"We rejoice with Cyndy Allcock as she was baptized into Christ last Sunday.'

"Joe and Bette Molnar have indicated their desire to be members of this congregation ... Also we want to mention Ron and Donna Mason ..."--The Gleaner, July 14.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "As of Jan. 1, 1969, our work with this congregation will be ended. We will be working with the church at Lloydminster, Alberta ... Brother Roy Merritt will be preaching here while working with Great Lakes Christian College. It has been arranged on this basis until a full-time preacher can be located.--David Bryant

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Evangelist C. E. McGaughey is scheduled to conduct a gospel meeting May 5-11. All are invited to attend.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: There were seven responses to the invitation during the May 5-11 meeting held by C. E. McGaughey. Five were for baptism. One has since been baptized.

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

St. Catharines, Ontario: This congregation is planning a Youth Lectureship for the period November 11-16 on the subject of Commitment to Christ." It will involve speeches and panel discussions dealing with the topic as it relates to the age of unbelief and rebellion and to choosing a mate and vocation and in the matter of influencing others to Christ. All young people in the area are urged to make their plans to participate. There will be discussion periods.

Vol. 35, No. 12, December 1969, p. 16

ST. CATHARINES YOUTH LECTURESHIP

The Youth Lectureship at St. Catharines was a smashing success. Attendance averaged about 200 per night, with mostly young people attending. We were hoping for more of the older generation so that we could have had greater "dialogue". Everyone was encouraged to greater commitment to Christ in all areas of life. A panel of Young men gave us a better understanding of the problem of rebellion in youth and how to bring it under control and channel it against the evils of the day. There must be trust, understanding and listening ears between the generations. Questions and comments were made from the audience. Young people who are committed to Christ were encouraged to marry someone also committed to Christ. We were told that serving Christ is our "vocation", having a job etc. was our occupation. God should be glorified no matter what talents we possess. We were asked to ponder five questions when considering an occupation: (1) Will the career allow sufficient time for the Lord's work. (2) Will I be able to choose my place of employment. (3) Will it provide contacts for Christians. (4) Will I have good wholesome associations. (5) Will it provide adequate financial remuneration for family and church.

We have found that young people receive more benefit from discussion type meetings than simply being told.

Vol. 36, No. 3, March 1970, p. 17

St. Catharines, Ont.: Two have been baptized in recent weeks.

Vol. 36, No. 12, December 1970, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Two girls were baptized on October 21 and a man obeyed the gospel on November 1. Sunday morning attendance was over 200 on two recent occasions.

Vol. 37, No. 1, January 1971, p. 12

A WORTHY EXAMPLE

Many Christians use their money to good advantage during their lifetime. A few make adequate preparation for it to be used to God's glory after their death. Sister Ruth Cosby of St. Catharines was a splendid example of one who made such preparations.

As a result of her foresight, a considerable sum of money has been placed in the hands of her executors. The conditions of her will call for the use of her estate for the preaching of the Gospel in Canada. Special emphasis was to be given by her executors to the support of those training to preach in Canada. Another emphasis was to be the assistance of aged Canadian evangelists who might be in financial or physical distress.

The St. Catharines Educational Benevolent Trust Fund has thus been set up under the jurisdiction of the St. Catharines church working with the executors of the estate. It is at present considered to be self-perpetuating with the principal remaining intact, while the interest supports Canadian evangelism.

It is to be hoped that other Christians may have a similar vision and zeal for the Lord's work. Some others could leave their estates as a trust with their local congregations or in charge of faithful and godly men. These would carry out their wishes after they have been called home. Here is an example of good stewardship.--Roy Merritt

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: One man was baptized on the last day of November. He has since become the husband of one of the teachers at G.L.C.C.

This church will support Gordon McPhee in a meeting for the Ice Lake church this spring.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Three young people responded to the invitation recently, one seeking the prayers of the congregation and two to confess Christ and be baptized.

Vol. 37, No. 5, May 1971, p. 13

St. Catharines, Ont.: Wesley Gay was baptized on April 4.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Three more have been baptized into Christ in St. Catharines since the last issue of the Herald. They include a young married man, husband of one of the members, and two of our young people.

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

St. Catharines, Ontario – During the summer months while Roy Merritt is in India, Brian Meneer will take up his duties with the St. Catharines church. Lance Penny, who was assisting in this work, has moved to West Toronto and his work will be taken up in the fall by Randy Morrirt, a second year student in the Faculty of Bible and Missions.

One was baptized on May 9.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled to be held July 5-9, ages 4 through Grade 6 meeting in the forenoon and Grade 7 through the adults in the evening.

Vol. 37, No. 9, September 1971, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ontario – At a recent business meeting it was decided to investigate the obtaining or building of a house for the preacher.

Brother Roy Merritt, who is just returning from three months in India, reports 20 baptisms resulting from a meeting in Erode. In keeping with the policy of the brethren in that area, these baptisms occurred some time after the meeting was over and the brethren were sure that they understood. Brother Merritt himself did not baptize, but one of the Bible students went over to do it.

Vol. 37, No. 10, October 1971, p. 21

St. Catharines, Ontario

The St. Catharines congregation will host a youth meeting November 26-28. The theme will be "You, And Tomorrow". This will emphasize the need for young people to make plans today for more effective service in the years to come.

There was one baptism at St. Catharines in August.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "Construction is expected to start very soon on a preacher's residence near the church building so that it will be ready for the Swan family when they move here next May."

Vol. 37, No. 12, December 1971, p. 13

St. Catharines, Ont.: Ray Miller, Harold Byne and Mathew Moore respectively will speak in a youth lectureship on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 25-27. Monthly support of \$15.00 is being sent to a preacher in India.

The St. Catharines building will be used for the evening meetings of the Great Lakes Christian College lectureship, February 1-4.

Vol. 38, No. 1, January 1971, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: "We warmly welcome into the fellowship of the church here our new brother in Christ, Rex Maddeaux, who confessed his faith in Jesus Christ and was buried with him in baptism last Lord's Day while visiting in Buffalo."

January 6, 7 and 8 are the dates of a short meeting to be preached by brother Swan of Abilene, Texas who is scheduled to begin full-time work with this church this coming summer.

The Gleaner

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Bro. Dale Fike is taking charge of our planned Vacation Bible School.

Vol. 38, No. 6, June 1972, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Patricia Hodgson confessed her faith in Jesus as her Lord and put Him on in baptism following the morning service on April 23rd.

Hubert Swann who has just graduated from Abilene Christian College and who will begin full-time work with the St. Catharines congregation is scheduled to arrive on Thursday, May 25th.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: V.B.S. is being planned for the first week in August with Dale Fike in charge.

John Hunt was baptized on the last Sunday of May.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: A group of about 20, adults, college students and high school students from Lake Jackson, Texas helped with V.B.S. and participated in a door to door canvas in the afternoons. V.B.S. hit a high of 239 with an average of 192. By the end of the week there were "28 Bible correspondence enrolees, many additions to our Bible school on Sunday, and other

contacts that are too numerous to mention. Two young people were baptized on Wednesday evening.

Vol. 38, No. 10, October 1972, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Hubert Swan, recently arrived preacher, has been in hospital for some time with complications resulting from a case of the flu.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Heather Stewart obeyed the gospel on September 24.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: " We rejoice with Kim McInerney who was baptized in Niagara Falls, N.Y. a week ago Sunday."--The Gleaner, Nov. 19

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "Ninety enrolled in Bible Correspondence Courses – Sixty of these are active – The others are being followed up. Five home Bible Studies are also in progress.

"Welcome to our new brother in Christ, Richard Fowler. He was baptized into Christ Friday, 5 January 1973."--The Gleaner

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Betty Culp was baptized on January 27 and Lawrence McInerney on February 1.

Vol. 39, No. 5, May 1973, p. 14

St. Catharines, Ont.: Lyman and Eleanor Allen were baptized into Christ on Saturday afternoon, March 24th.

Hubert Swann, who recently moved to work full time with this church is critically ill in hospital. The prayers of the saints are needed that he might be restored to health and fruitful service.

Vol. 39, No. 6, June 1973, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: A campaign is scheduled for July 8-12 with Bruce Good as Director and Gary Montgomery of Lake Jackson, Texas as the preacher. In the absence of brother Swann, Ron Pauls will supervise some training locally.

"The Lord added two more precious souls to the Kingdom when Randy and Dorothy Lynds were baptized into Christ."

Brother Swann has been transferred by the U.S. Airforce to a hospital in his home town so that he can be with his family. He has not been given many weeks to live. Our prayers are in order.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: News received today is that brother Swann has passed on to a better world. Sister Swann may be addressed at 3897 Midvale Rd., Tucker, Georgia 30084

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Follow-up work for the campaign has been slowed considerably by the intensity of the vacation activity in August.

The young people have scheduled a journey to Milton, Ontario to engage in a weekend campaign effort.

Vol. 39, No. 10, October 1973, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: A group from here are planning to go to Milton to hold a one day campaign to recruit Sunday school students and set up Bible studies. This will be to assist the Omagh congregation and is scheduled for October 5-6.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Contribution on September 30th was \$741.97 in contrast to \$579.32 a year ago.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: "On November 18th the Sunday School attendance at St. Catharines reached 209. This passed a goal we had set for ourselves of 200. The bus ministry was what enabled us to reach this mark. We obtained many helpful ideas from the Teacher's Worship at G.L.C.C."

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

St. Catharines, Ont.: Volunteers have been canvassing to invite children to Sunday School classes. In mid-November 20 people participated in a canvass. A goal of 200 was surpassed with 209 present. The plan is to keep working at this in different areas and to use the bussing approach.

Randy Book of St. Catharines was baptized at Beamsville in early December. Two more were baptized on the 13th.

The 1974 June meeting of the churches in Ontario is scheduled for June 2 in St. Catharines and hosted by the congregation. The featured speaker will be Avon Malone of Abilene, Texas.

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

St. Catharines, Ontario: This church entered a bussing program about a year ago. There are now students who would not have come on their own and one family has been converted through this program.

A group from this church will likely visit the Bus Evangelism Clinic at Hazel Park Church in Michigan.

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

St. Catharines, Ont.—With a goal of 50 bus passengers by the end of May this church had 46 on April 28 and 50 on May 5. Ernie Morimato is taking the lead in this work. This about reaches the limit of the one bus being rented on a weekly basis. John Book and his wife are bringing as many as 22 children in their van. "We are looking forward to having at least two buses of our own shortly."

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

JUNE MEETING

A very well organized and conducted June meeting under the oversight of the St. Catharines church drew large and attentive crowds. The lessons presented by Avon Malone, Ray Miller and Joe Cannon were very well received.

Vol. 40, No. 8, August 1974, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Decision has been made not to divide the Sunday School now but rather wait for the buses to arrive. Two buses were started on July 7 with 29 children on one and 32 on the other.

Vol. 40, No. 9, September 1974, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: "It has been decided that we will be required to build an addition to the back of this building to adequately provide for future growth. Even at this moment our Sunday School is experiencing much overcrowding. We cannot cease to grow!!

Vol. 40, No. 10, October 1974, p. 10

St. Catharines: A successful V.B.S. saw a high attendance of 252 and an average of 232 plus the many helpers. Brother David Hallett returned to India in late Aug. His address is: 35 Lock Street, Kattur, Madras, 600085, India.

The bus programme of transporting interested pupils to Bible School is increasing enrolment and attendance. Two buses recently bought 92 children to make a record attendance of 235.

Vol. 40, No. 11, November 1974, p. 11

St. Catharines – Due to bus evangelism Bible School attendance has reached at least 250.

A series of lectures has been planned for Nov. 6-10. The theme: "The Christian and Today." Subjects and speakers are: "The Christian and Counselling" Clyde Lansdell; "Young People and Today's World", Ray Miller; "The Christian and His Employment", Bill Bunting; "The Christian's Role in the Church", Walter Hart; "The Christian Wife and Mother", and "The Christian Husband and Father", David Johnson.

Vol. 40, No. 12, December 1974, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.—The bus workers are putting the teachers to work. A record attendance of 271 was reached in Sunday School on Oct. 27th as a result of much work. It looks like the school will have to be divided into two sessions to accommodate everyone. A third bus is now in use.

Vol. 41, No. 1, January 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario: Three baptisms have taken place recently. A teen girl, Leah Johnson, who has attended Sunday School for more than a year via the bus ministry was one. Mrs. Sylvia Fortin, whose children have been attending Sunday School is another. The third soul to render obedience is Cindy Smith, daughter of Murray (evangelist) and Marilyn Smith.

Vol. 41, No. 2, February 1975, p. 11

ST. CATHARINES: The Sunday evening service has been changed from 7 to 6 p.m. on a trial basis. This is to make more time available on Sunday evenings for meetings to discuss all phases of the work and to encourage more visitation following the service.

Vol. 41, No. 3, March 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. David Lipscomb College chorus is to sing here on March 18th.

The church is actively engaged in using three busses in their outreach. They are considering a second man to work with the church.

Vol. 41, No. 4, April 1975, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.—Mrs. Eva Boan was immersed into Christ in late February. Three buses continue to bring students to Bible classes. Besides some cars are bringing some. This indicates that a fourth route should be set up.

Vol. 41, No. 5, May 1975, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Harry Merritt, father of sister Henry Boland of Niagara Falls, was immersed while in Hotel Dieu Hospital. He was gravely ill and has since passed on. Mark Mason was immersed on April 6th. Construction is progressing on the addition to the church building.

Vol. 41, No. 6, June 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Progress is being made on the classroom addition on the church building. Brother Murray Smith, evangelist, is supervising construction. Brother Ray Miller is assisting in church work during the summer because of this.

The St. Catharines "Newsletter" reports about a dozen new families attending Sunday school due to the regular canvassing and bus service. "If we go, they come."

Vol. 41, No. 7, July 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario: Sister Ivy Dupont and sons Bobby and Barry and daughter Kay, have been welcomed into the congregation. This family has engaged in mission work in Madagascar and Mauritius and other Indian Ocean islands for a number of years. The brethren have helped them find employment in St. Catharines.

Vol. 41, No. 9, September 1975, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: The Young People hosted an all-day Youth Forum on July 26th. Bruce Love, a radio personality and active member of the London, Ontario, church was the featured speaker.

We hear that progress on the educational addition to the building is going along nicely.

Vol. 41, No. 11, November 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Dean Clutter, of Glen Falls, New York, is to preach in a gospel meeting Nov. 9-12th. He has just completed a meeting in Grimsby, Ont. Dean preached in Ottawa for some years and is highly respected for his labours.

Vol. 41, No. 12, December 1975, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Dean Clutter of Glen Falls, N.Y., preached in a four-day meeting in early Nov. Lessons were based on the book of Ephesians. On the afternoon of Nov. 2nd the church had "open house" for their new spacious classroom addition.

Roberta and Dana Lowry, a young couple who have been searching for the truth, obeyed the gospel in early Nov. Margaret Koehnke, formerly of Toronto, is now living in St. Catharines and worshipping with the church.

Vol. 42, No. 1, January 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Bob Kozak was immersed into Christ in late November. The bus programmer continues to work effectively.

Vol. 42, No. 2, February 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. – Mrs. Mabel Merritt was immersed into Christ in December.

Vol. 42, No. 3, March 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Mrs. Terri Pirrie was immersed into Christ in January. Plans are being made to try to follow the New Testament pattern of church organization in seeking out men to appoint as elders.

A gospel meeting is being planned for the end of April or early in May. John Bailey of Hurst, Texas, has agreed to preach in this effort.

Vol. 42, No. 4, April 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Mrs. Irene Huard was baptized on February 11th. Brother C.G. McPhee fell on the ice recently and has been in a cast at his daughter Ruth's place.

Vol. 42, No. 5, May 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. An effort is being made to reach 300 in Bible School. In a two week period ten to twelve new students were enrolled due to knocking on doors.

A family Bible School is planned for July 5-9. It will be an evening vacation type school.

John Bailey is to preach in a meeting May 2-5.

John Garrow was recently immersed into Christ.

Vol. 42, No. 7, July 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: On May 21, Jody Moore and Michael Slade were immersed into Christ.

Vol. 42, No. 8, August 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Family Vacation Bible School is now history. Average attendance was 175.

On July 18th, Stan Smart, Jim Allcock and Murray Smith were appointed elders. Roy Merritt of Beamsville was the special speaker for this occasion.

Vol. 42, No. 10, October 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Bill and Ellen Ballantyne have moved to St. Catharines from Truro, Nova Scotia. They are worshipping with the church.

A goal of 300 in Sunday School has been set.

Vol. 42, No. 12, December 1976, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Margaret Glover and Anne, Gary and Shaun Seburn were recently welcomed by the church.

Murray Smith preached in a meeting in Barrie, Oct. 31-Nov. 3rd.

Vol. 43, No. 3, March 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Robert Dupont, in Lubbock, Texas, has informed the church that he plans to marry a Christian girl and soon afterwards leave for New Guinea to help in the Lord's work there.

Doug and Sue Crawford and Mrs. Donna Huard have recently accepted Christ in baptism. Brian Boden is now working with the church on a part time basis especially with the young people.

Vol. 43, No. 4, April 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Doug and Sue Crawford, Russ and Sue Warner, Al and Elaine Sharkey, Dolly Lane, and Gary Green have all surrendered to Christ and put Him on in immersion in February. Dolly's husband, Randy Lane, was restored to Christ.

Vol. 43, No. 6, June 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Tom and Roma Pirrie, a couple in their eighties, were baptized on April 17th. The congregation is seeking to appoint an additional elder and deacon.

Vol. 43, No. 7, July 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Iona Johnston was baptized in early May. A zone system of work is being organized. This is to involve all members possible in work and growth.

Vol. 43, No. 8, August 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Norm Smart has been appointed an elder and Marvin Dickie a deacon. Michael Gosselin was baptized into Christ recently. The congregation has begun a zone system of church work.

Brenda Wallace was married to Paul Fletcher recently.

Gerald and Marlene Goodfield have requested identification with the congregation.

Vol. 43, No. 9, September 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. David Hallett is back in North America for a few weeks furlough.

A number of friends attended an 85th anniversary birthday dinner for brother C.G. McPhee. He is still going quite strong preaching the gospel.

Vol. 43, No. 11, November 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Verna Anger was immersed into Christ on Sept. 28th.

"The Living Word" radio broadcast, on CKTB, St. Catharines, for many years is no longer on the AM station. It is heard over CKTB-FM (97.7). This is due to new station policy.

Vol. 43, No. 12, December 1977, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. Steve Pettes was baptized recently. The Don Whitfield family formerly of Peterborough and Ottawa have moved to the city and been welcomed into the local congregation.

Vol. 44, No. 3, March 1978, p. 10

St. Catharines: This congregation is planning a gospel meeting in April, details to be announced. Two young men, Phillip Battaglini and Mike Kereluik, were recently added to the body of Christ by baptism.

Vol. 44, No. 5, May 1978, p. 16

St. Catharines – Rick Worner was baptized into Christ and welcomed into the family of God April 2. Claude Lewis of Jacksonville, Ark., was slated to begin a gospel meeting with the congregation April 23-26. Members of the church continue to conduct regular devotional services at the nearby Linwell Home for the Aged as they have done for a number of years.

Vol. 44, No. 8, August 1978, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.—Two have been added to the body of Christ by baptism this month, Dave Naykalic and Greg Martin, and Karen Stewart has placed membership with the congregation.

Don Whitfield has been appointed a deacon, to serve the Lord and this congregation in that capacity along with Marvin Dickie, Ron Mason, John Book, Phil Wallace, and Gordon Veinot. Jim Allcock, Norm Smart, and Murray Smith are elders.

The cable TV program which is shown weekly has completed another good season with four contacts being made the last week. Edwin Broadus of Beamsville has assisted Murray Smith with the program this year.

Vol. 45, No. 3, March 1979, p. 12

\$100,000 – NEEDED -- \$100,000 by Ernest Burdett, St. Catharines, Ont.

Don't let this scare you. If we had this amount, in principal, in the Education and Benevolent Trust Fund of which the elders and committee of the Church of Christ, Ontario Street, St. Catharines, have the oversight, we could support a preacher of the Gospel of our Lord full time in Ontario, or Canada. This is why Sister Ruth Cosby wanted this set up, so we could help aged preachers and preachers' widows in their declining years. The money can also be used (she stated in her Will) to help Christian brethren of the Church of Christ to train themselves to preach the Gospel in Canada.

This has been faithfully executed for many years now. Some of our boys are preaching the Gospel right now, because they were able to find help to go to the School of Bible and Missions at Great Lakes Christian College, and further prepare themselves.

To help in this good work, you don't need to wait until you die, then leave and amount for this cause, but donate from time to time to his fund now, and see the Gospel spread in your lifetime.

If you would be interested in how such a worthy stewardship of God's blessing could be accomplished through this Fund, please send your contribution, or to check further, contact the Church of Christ, 439 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2N 4M9 (attention, the Education and Benevolent Trust Fund). We have approximately \$37,000. in principal, which we invest in loans or mortgages, and this amount is used each year to help preach the Gospel in Canada.

We hope you will see the value and the opportunity to work for the Lord this way. May God bless you.

Vol. 45, No. 6, June 1979, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.—The Bible Call program has begun in an excellent way, and hundreds of people are being helped, and are learning of New Testament Christianity through

contact with the program. Next month, the Lord willing, the Gospel Herald plans a special feature on the Bible Call work being done here and in other congregations in Canada.

Four have been baptized this past month in St. Catharines: Steve McCauley, Joanne Stewart, Mrs. Claire Abbs, whose children have been attending Bible classes for some time, and Mrs. Ruby Walters, wife of Bro. Jim Walters. From reports we receive, the work of the St. Catharines church continues to progress in every way.

Vol. 45, No. 7 July 1979, p. 5

BIBLE CALL IN THE NIAGARA PENINSULA by Don Whitfield, St. Catharines, Ontario

The church of Christ in St. Catharines (Ontario Street) has installed four automatic play-back telephone machines in their building and are co-ordinating the Bible Call program with other churches of Christ in the area. Niagara Falls, Tintern, Fenwick, Jordan, Smithville, and Beamsville congregations are all within the local phone-call range and all residents in these areas are able to make use of the Bible Call Service.

How does the program work? Basically, it consists of having up to 300 cassettes on different Bible subjects and answering different questions with Bible teaching available to be played to persons who call in with a request. Brochures listing the subjects have been widely distributed in the area.

The program is semi-automatic; that is, the machines do the work, but people are required to work the machines! Thus a lot of people are involved. Someone must maintain the playback machines at all times. It takes a lot of work and a lot of time. But it is already proving as successful in the Niagara Peninsula area as it has proved in many other places. Many contacts are being made for Christ, and many questioners are being given Bible answers to their problems.

As an added service, members of the St. Catharines church have recorded a number of special tapes for children. A lot of youngsters in the area are getting a bedtime Bible story now who weren't getting one before! Who knows what good the Lord may bring of it?

In the first few weeks of its Bible Call program, St. Catharines was averaging about 300 calls per week, with a high of 497 calls. Each tape is five minutes long. That, for the beginning, is quite a bit of Bible teaching – most of it to people who weren't interested before. Only good can come of it. God assures us, "My word shall not return to me void" (Isaiah 55:11).

Vol. 45, No. 7, July 1979, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. – A late report is that some 3,500 calls were received in the first nine weeks of the Bible Call program which is discussed in detail elsewhere in this issue of the Gospel Herald. An excellent start!

Three more have been added to the church through baptism, Sandra Edwards, who has attended Sunday school for a number of years, and Cathy and Jimmy Abbs, daughter and son of Sister Abbs who was baptized a few weeks ago. They, too, have been faithful Sunday School students.

Vol. 45, No. 8, August 1979, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. – One of our young ladies, Allison Smart, daughter of Norm and Myrna Smart, was baptized into Christ while attending the Girls' Retreat at Camp Omagh, and Sally Jane Wilson, daughter of Ruth and Jim Wilson, and grand-daughter of Bro. Charles G. McPhee, accepted Christ and was baptized into Him Sunday evening, July 15. Both of these fine young Christian women hope to attend Great Lakes Christian College this fall.

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St. Catharines, Ont. – Another of the young people, Michael Molnar, son of Joe and Betty Molnar, has put on his Lord in baptism. About 12 young people from this congregation hope to attend Great Lakes Christian College this fall. A bus will be run daily from the city to Beamsville in order that they may still live at home and attend as day students.

During July and August a special Sunday-evening series of lessons from the Epistle of James was given by men of the congregation, including Gordon Veinot, Bryan Boden, Don Whitfield, Jake Allcock, and John Garrow.

A special ladies' class was also conducted by some of the younger women of the congregation. Taking part were Sandra Edwards, Tina Knarr, Carolynn and Maria D'Eramo, Terri Reed, Allison Smart, Christy Osbrone, and Deborah Carruthers. Several of these are among those who expect to enter Grade 9 at Great Lakes this fall.

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St. Catharines, Ont.: Bro. C. G. McPhee has made splendid recovery from complications following his recent eye surgery, and is able to attend most worship services. One of the elders of the congregation, Bro. Norm Smart, is also home again from the hospital following recent heart problems, and is able to be back at services.

Among new members of the congregation are Bro. James Abbs, whose recent baptism united another family in Christ, and Terry and Michele (Mowat) Farrell, formerly of Beamsville, who are making their home in St. Catharines following their recent marriage.

Vol. 46, No. 3, March 1980, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Jim Whitfield, son of Don and Velma, was baptized into Christ Sunday, Jan. 13. Jim is a Grade 9 student at Great Lakes.

On Saturday, Jan. 12, 5,000 brochures advertising "Bible Call" were distributed in the city. The St. Catharines group was assisted by a number of Christians from around the peninsula, and then, following the mass distribution, all met together for a period of fellowship and lunch together. The congregation continues to be grateful for the fine response to Bible Call. The total number of calls from Jan. 12 to the following Friday afternoon was 731.

A similar mass distribution of brochures was planned for Feb. 9 in Niagara Falls, and the following month in the Beamsville area.

Vol. 46, No. 5, May 1980, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – Three more were added to the body of Christ during March through the work of this active group: Iona Culp, Tina Warnock, and Andy Moline. This latter young babe in Christ is actually old in years, the father and grandfather of other members of the congregation. Sister Iona Johnston had been studying with her dad and led him to faith. He resides in Metro Lodge, where the baptism took place.

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St. Catharines, Ont. – The work continues to prosper and grow, both as a result of the Bible Call program and the bussing program. A number of members are engaged in private Bible studies with friends and four more recent baptisms have resulted. Marsha MacMillan is a friend and neighbor of Mel and Ellen Braun and had been attending Sunday morning Bible study and worship services for some time. Dave Anderson and his family have also been attending services for some time and he has already been actively involved in the bussing program. Tina Cook and Hanz Kilzer are friends of Andra Smith, who first introduced them to the church. This young couple was married April 26 in a ceremony at the St. Catharines church building.

Bro. David Carruthers of this congregation is planning a summer trip to Indonesia, where he preached and taught school for a number of years.

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St. Catharines, Ont.: Special recognition was given recently to three young people who had completed five years perfect attendance in the Sunday Bible school program: Donna Cronkwright, Leanne Braun, and Michelle Molnar. What a marvellous example these are to the "older folks"!

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St. Catharines, Ont. – Janet Seib was baptized into Christ on June 16. We relate the following which is taken from the congregational news bulletin, to show once again the strong influence Christian lives and examples have on others: "Janet for about a year and a half has been employed as a counsellor at Barnesdale Residence for Retarded Children...Several summers ago

Janet became acquainted with Rose Marie Adamo, Steve Parker (both of Beamsville), and Jake Allcock, who were fellow counsellors at Barnesdale, and all members of the church. They spent many hours discussing religious topics and Janet became "restless" because she was discovering new Biblical truths from God's Word. One Sunday evening she decided to worship with us. From that time on, she continued to search the Scriptures in order that she might satisfy her curiosity and come up with "answers" to her questions. It was not unusual for Janet to study for hours at a time with some of our young people ..."

Here is another example of three young Christians who were not ashamed to let their light shine before others, and who, through it, were able to bring another to Christ. Can't we all do the same?

We also note that five more young people had received perfect attendance awards from the Bible School: Jennifer Foster, Becky Smith, Jennifer Murtell, Geoffrey Foster, and Jimmy Duff.

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St. Catharines, Ont. – Response has continued to be very good during the summer months for the Bible Call program, averaging 200-250 calls per week. The program has been on automatic for the summer, but will soon begin again with round-the-clock personal workers to help callers hear the tape they are interested in.

George Mansfield, formerly of Truro, NS, has arrived to begin as a second evangelist and personal worker with the St. Catharines church. Bro. Murray Smith is the other full-time worker.

Vol. 46, No. 10, October 1980, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont. – George Mansfield baptized his two sons, Scott and Craig, on August 31. Sandy Thai also put on her Lord in baptism. Bro. Mansfield has begun working with the congregation, along with Murray Smith, and his family is living in the home formerly occupied by our late Brother Gordon McPhee, at 4 Fawell Ave., St. Catharines.

A gospel meeting with Bro. John Bailey of Hurst, Texas, is planned for October 23-26.

Bible Call has resumed after "spending the summer on automatic", and 104 calls were received the first three days the program was being personally operated again.

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St. Catharines, Ont. – Among others baptized recently -- we don't have the names of all -- were Laura Osborne, younger daughter of Barclay and Sharon, and Rhonda Mason, younger daughter of Ron and Donna. The congregation's series of lessons on the family with Dr. John Bailey of Hurst, Texas, speaking, drew good crowd from the community.

Along with St. Catharines, a number of congregations in the area have conducted short gospel meetings or special series in recent weeks.

Vol. 47, No. 1, January 1981, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – David Carruthers has been made a deacon of the congregation, to serve the Lord in this capacity with six other fine men who are already serving. Dave has just been named the new headmaster of Great Lakes Christian College as you will read elsewhere in this issue. He is a former missionary in Indonesia.

Also in St. Catharines, Steven Crawford has been added to the body of Christ through baptism.

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St. Catharines, Ont. – Four have recently been added to the church through baptism: Marty and Terri Hearn, Colleen Campbell, and Kathy Zarafonitis. Kathy was first contacted through the Bible Call program and has been studying with George Mansfield.

Vol. 47, No. 4, April 1981, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – The congregation rejoiced to have had four baptisms during one week in January. They include: Marty and Terri Hearn, Jan. 20th, Colleen Campbell, Jan. 21st, and Kathy Zarafonitis, Jan. 23rd. We ask God's richest blessing on them as they strive to be like Jesus.

Vol. 47, No. 7, July 1981, p. 16

St. Catharines, Ontario: -- Veronica Peagram was baptized in St. Catharines on April 30th by brother George Mansfield. On May 3rd, Gladys Reed was baptized by Murray Smith. Our hearts are made glad with this news. A VBS is planned for the dates of July 6-10th. Monday through Thursday evening at 7.30 Brother Frank Lott from New Jersey will be conducting a special meeting. Friday evening will be the closing assembly.

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St. Catharines, Ontario – On June 1st, Audrey Shepherd was baptized into Christ. June 15th saw Norman and Doris Leakey baptized, followed June 16th by the baptism of Melanie Smith. This is great news! An open house was held for the Thursday school on June 25th.

Vol. 47, No. 11, November 1981, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – A "youth camp retreat" for high school students was conducted the weekend of October 3rd, 4th. Murray Smith was readmitted to hospital for observation. He has since returned home again.

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St. Catharines, Ontario – "Men Enthused In '82" is the slogan of a group of men from St. Catharines who are seeking ways to serve more actively. At their first meeting, held February 2nd, some 28 men were present. The discussion centred around how they could prepare for greater service, and how this specifically might be accomplished. Since the men's group was begun, a ladies' group has also been started. The G.L.C.C. chorus sang for the congregation February 24th.

Vol. 48, No. 5, May 1982, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Tom Bailey was baptized into Christ on March 24th, following a mid-week Bible study. April 4th the men of the congregation had a planning session and lunch following the morning worship period. Walter Hart will be speaking to the young people at an evening youth service, April 18th. A Teachers' Appreciation Dinner was given April 2nd in honour of all the teachers of the Sunday, Wednesday, and ladies classes.

Vol. 48, No. 6, June 1982, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Several baptisms were reported the last little while. They include Kevin Kulp, April 4th, and Tom and Donna Bailey. Donna was baptized on April 14th. Michelle McAloney was also baptized Wednesday evening, April 28th. We rejoice at this fine news.

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St. Catharines, Ontario – The newsletter reports that Gary McAloney was baptized Sunday morning, May 9th. The Bible Call system was placed on automatic for the summer beginning May 30th. A meeting is scheduled with Lynn Anderson June 17-20th. The series will be entitled "Coping With Life's Problems".

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St. Catharines, Ontario – The bulletin reports two recent baptisms. Jeanette Robinson was baptized after having studied for some time with George Mansfield. On Friday evening, June 18th, following the lesson by Lynn Anderson, Ken Longpre was baptized. Ken is the husband of Gillian, also a member at St. Catharines.

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St. Catharines, Ontario – Sue Tucker, a student at GLCC was baptized on Sunday, September 26th. Sue attends in St. Catharines, and is from Michigan. John Osborne of this congregation was also baptized during the meeting with Gary Martin in Beamsville. On October 3rd Lawrence Whitfield reported to the church concerning their work in Zambia. Their plans are to return either in December or early January. David Carruthers has been asked to return to

Indonesia for one month next summer. At the Bible Quiz Bowl held October 23rd, the two senior teams from St. Catharines finished off playing against each other for the championship. This shows the fine effort of the young people from this congregation in preparing. In late October Murray and Marilyn Smith attended a Missions Workshop in Lubbock, Texas. Murray spoke about the work in Ontario, and the possibilities for evangelism in Canada.

Vol. 49, No. 2, February 1983, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – We rejoice to know that Marlo Ellis was baptized on December 29th. Marlo is the daughter of Gordon and Nora Ellis, both of whom are teaching at GLCC during a year's leave of absence from Thunder Bay. A congregational fellowship was held the evening of December 31st at the building. The fare included games, food, and worship.

Vol. 49, No. 3, March 1983, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Two baptisms were reported in the bulletin recently. Elizabeth Dart was baptized on Tuesday evening, January 11th, and Rick Smith on Thursday, January 13th. Elizabeth is a sister to Jim Walters, and is from Grimsby. Rick is a nephew of Randy and Dorothy Lynds. A song-learning session was held Saturday, February 5th. The aim was to help teachers and assistants learn new children's songs. A number of the young people have now completed a "Basic Bible Teacher's " course offered by the church. All of the graduates are helping with teaching Bible classes. The course will be run again this year in the fall. Also the bulletin contained this note under the heading of "Ontario Evangelism": "For a long time now, the elders have desired that we as a congregation become more involved in helping other congregations in this province. To this end, the elders have rescheduled the duties of Murray and George so that the work here might be more effective, and their talents might be made available to other congregations as often as possible. This will also allow some of our own talented men to use their preaching ability here from time to time.

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St. Catharines, Ontario -- Brother Wesley Jones, presently preacher for the Overland Church in St. Louis, will be in St. Catharines for a meeting May 15-18th.

Vol. 49, No. 5, May 1983, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – After a devotional, Sunday evening, March 13th, the congregation had the opportunity to hear the Chorus from GLCC give a spiritual program.

St. Catharines has been having good attendance at their Bible classes. A new high of 174 was reached on Sunday morning, March 6th.

On Wednesday evening, March 16th, a mother and son were baptized. They are Joan and Billy Arsenault.

The new quarter of classes are underway for the spring. On Sunday Murray Smith is teaching a series on The Christian Destiny, while George Mansfield is conducting a group discussion on Our Worship To God. Wednesday evenings Don Whitfield will teach a class on Relationships Within The Body. David Knutson will continue the class on the book of James.

A "Do-It-Yourself" Visuals Workshop will be conducted on Saturday, April 30th, at 10:00 a.m. Wilma Moore will present ideas for posters, attendance charts, and lesson visuals. Wilma, a talented and ambitious Bible school teacher, has conducted several such Bible Teacher's Workshops.

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St. Catharines, Ontario – A gospel meeting was conducted May 15-18th by Wesley Jones of St. Louis, Mo. The lessons came from the book of Galatians: The Freedom Book. Saturday, May 10th, the ladies were invited to the home of Judie Dickie. A special program was planned, with Cynthia Taylor as speaker. Cynthia comes from Ottawa, where she holds an executive position in the political arena. She spoke on the "Worthy Woman", with emphasis on her role as a career woman.

Vol. 49, No. 7, July 1983, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – A group gathered at the home of Jim and Ina Allcock to honour David Hallett the evening of May 22nd. Special appreciation was shown for David's dedication and service. We understand that George and Pat Mansfield will be supported by the St. Catharines church to move to work with a smaller church in another city. We do not have full details about this yet.

Vol. 49, No. 8, August 1983, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Arrangements have been finalized for the George Mansfields to work with the church in Grimsby, with the support of St. Catharines. This arrangement ought to be of great benefit to both churches. We appreciate the St. Catharines church and their emphasis on Ontario evangelism. Murray and Marilyn Smith also left the last part of June to work for a three-week period with the church in Thessalon. A congregational picnic was held at Queenston Heights on June 24th. VBS is planned for July 4-8th.

Vol. 50, No. 3, March 1984, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ontario – Don Whitfield and Ken Longpre were the speakers on Sunday, January 29th. It is good to see men of ability using those talents for the Lord. Guy Stopard, currently a student at the School of Bible and Missions, is also working with the St. Catharines church as he has opportunity. Guy is a fine young man, originally from Meaford.

Vol. 50, No. 4, April 1984, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – On Wednesday, February 15th, Jonathan Toews, a student at GLCC and a resident of Thunder Bay, was immersed into Christ. We rejoice with him, his family, and with God who has adopted him into His eternal family. May God grant Jonathon a long life in His service.

Vol. 50, No. 6, June 1984, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – On Wednesday, March 14, George Griffin was baptized while a patient at Hotel Dieu hospital. We pray for his recovery and ability to be with the Lord's people for worship... A special class for girls, ages 8-10, is conducted every second Friday evening. They meet for devotionals, activities, and fellowship. There are often between 15 and 20 girls present... On Wednesday, March 28, the GLCC chorus along with the Ambassadors sang for the congregation. Roy Cox was baptized on Wednesday, April 18. Brother Cox, partially paralysed by a stroke, is a permanent patient in the Shaver Hospital.

Vol. 50, No. 7, July 1984, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ontario – Three baptisms were reported in the bulletin lately. Gary Seburn was born again on Sunday, April 22nd, and Ken and Carol Rucks on Wednesday, May 9th. The Rucks were originally contacted through the VBS program.

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St. Catharines, Ontario: On Monday evening, May 28th, many of the ladies braved bad weather to visit a number of church families. This is part of an effort on behalf of the ladies to reach others in service. On June 3rd, Ken Burtch was baptized. We rejoice with him. On Saturday, June 16th, an appreciation dinner was held for all Bible teachers and helpers. Monday, June 25th, the teenage girls provided an evening of devotion and fellowship, inviting all the ladies to be their guests.

Vol. 50, No. 9, September 1984, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – "We rejoice with the angels in heaven and the Molnars at the news of the baptism of Michelle Molnar at Camp Hunt, the week of July 15th. May God grant Michelle many years to serve Him with us here in St. Catharines ... A special work day was conducted by the educational committee on Monday, July 30th. The work session was followed by supper together, and a planning meeting in which final preparation was made for the fall quarter ..."—Bulletin

Vol. 50, No. 10, October 1984, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – VBS is now history for this year, and it was a very good week. The average attendance was 160, with a high of 183.

We rejoice with the Lord that Julia Pettes was baptized into Christ at Camp Omagh during teen week ...

The young people in St. Catharines are hosting a Youth Rally on the last weekend in September. Don Smith will be the speaker, using the theme, "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me". They are planning for a possible 200 young people.

The Heart of the Fighter film series will be seen beginning October 14th. The films are a challenge to courageous Christian living. Landon Saunders is the speaker.

Vol. 50, No. 12, December 1984, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ontario – Two baptisms were reported lately in the bulletin. Danny Braun was baptized on Sunday evening, October 7th, and Lisa Rucks on Tuesday evening, October 16th. We rejoice with them, and pray the Lord will grant them many years of service in His kingdom.

Vol. 51, No. 2, February 1985, p. 13

St. Catharines, Ontario – Four baptisms were reported during the month of December in St. Catharines. They include Jim and Daren Bolger, on December 2nd, Chuck Powell, December 9th, and Lloyd Abbs, December 16th. This is great news, and we rejoice with them. On Sunday, January 13th, three new elders will be appointed. They are David Carruthers, Norm Oliver, and Don Whitfield. These men will be serving with the present elders, Jim Allcock and Norm Smart.

Vol. 51, No. 3, March 1985, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Two additions to the body of Christ were reported in the bulletin this last month. Kelly Glidden was baptized into Christ on Sunday, December 31st, while Ron Holder was born again on January 6th...The Wednesday evening Bible class time has been returned to 7:30 p.m. after an experiment to alter this time. Murray Smith is currently teaching the adults a course in 1 John, while David Knutson is teaching the book of Psalms.

Vol. 51, No. 5, May 1985, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – The elders of the St. Catharines congregation held a special meeting with the church on Sunday evening, February 24th, to convey some exciting plans for the year...Brother Wesley Jones of St. Louis, Missouri, will be presenting a series of lessons April 7-10th. The theme is "Anxiety in the '80s", and deals with specific problems we face in our fast paced society. Topics include: The Rush Hour; It's a Jungle Out There; The Kingdom of Thingdom; We Were Hoping; and Beyond Forgiveness.

Vol. 51, No. 6, June 1985, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – Wesley Jones was the speaker for a series of meetings April 7-10th, on the theme, "Anxiety in the Eighties"...We rejoiced on Sunday morning, April 7th, as Tony Henry was baptized into Christ. Again we rejoiced on Friday evening, April 19th, as Jove Gairy was baptized into Jesus. We welcome these into the family of God.

Vol. 51, No. 9, September 1985, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ontario – "Prior to our Wednesday evening Bible study, June 26th, we rejoiced to witness the baptism of Claude Dupuis. Claude was led to this step by the Lord working through the Simmond family. We welcome Claude as our brother...We also rejoiced on June 30th as Robin Simmonds was baptized and again on July 2nd when Jackie Wilks put on her Lord. We pray they will be granted many years of spiritual growth."—Newsletter.

Vol. 51, No. 10, October 1985, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ontario – Wednesday evening, July 31st, after Bible study, a group of us gathered to rejoice with the angels as we witnessed the baptism of John McKee. We have studied together for a long time and have appreciated John's attendance with us. Now it is our joy to

welcome him as a brother in the family of God. May God grant John many years of service to Christ's glory.

Vol. 51A, No. 1, January 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: This church has scheduled to host the young people from northern and southern Ontario as well as northern New York state the "First Annual" Youth Lectureship. The theme will be "Growing Together".

Vol. 51A, No. 4, April 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: "We have gained at least eight more Sunday school students, (three of them adults), and two teenagers have promised to start". Bro. Smith now has five home Bible studies in progress.

Vol. 51A, No. 6, June 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Rachel Baranuik was baptized on April 27th.

An evening class entitled "Discipleship", for those who are serious about participating in evangelistic home study groups started on May 7th.

The contribution on May 4th was \$4,248.55.

Vol. 51A, No. 7, July 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Kevin Culp was baptized on Sunday, May 11th.

Vol. 51A, No. 8, August 1986, p. 10

St. Catharines, Ont.: Contribution on May 25th was \$2,046.13. Tony Ash of Abilene, Texas preached here on June 22nd. Efforts are being made to double the congregation. A mini-bus has been purchased to help with Sunday school transportation.

Vol. 51A, No. 9, September 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: V.B.S. is in progress – August 11-18

Vol. 51A, No. 10, October 1986, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: Kevin Garnett was baptized into Christ at Camp Omagh this summer.

Vol. 51A, No. 11, November 1986, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Marlene Goodfield came before the congregation requesting prayers. Christian and Patty Riegle (she is the granddaughter of brother Loney Wallace) have been welcomed to the congregation.

Vol. 51A, No. 12, December 1986, p. 8

Brother W. Ralph Wharton, who preached for the Niagara Street Church in St. Catharines and taught at Omagh Bible School in 1960, informs us that he is now retired after preaching for 58 years ... write to him at W. Ralph Wharton, HCR 5, Box 510, Houston, MO, 65483. He promises to answer every letter.

Vol. 51A, No. 12, December 1986, p. 11

Fenwick, ON: A seminar entitled "Aiming for Perfection" was led by David McMillan of Beamsville, November 5-9.

Vol. 52, No. 1, January 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Mike Roche was baptized into Christ in Beamsville on November 18, Veronica Peagram has been restored to the fellowship of the church.

Vol. 52, No. 2, February 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: A \$2,942.97 response to the Indonesian situation will be conveyed there by Wesley Jones who is being sent by the Overland church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Vol. 52, No. 3, March 1987, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: A special collection for the Indonesian situation amounted to \$2,942.97 and will be taken to the field by Wesley Jones of the Overland Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

The weekly budget of \$2,461 was surpassed on January 25.

Vol. 52, No. 4, April 1987, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: With a weekly budget of \$2,461.00 the February 1st contribution was \$3,027.

On March 8, Ralph Wagnitz of Minnesota, a friend of the Powells, was baptized. Then on Wednesday Pat Greenan was baptized. Ray and Susan McPherson, who moved from Brantford to Niagara Falls last year have placed membership here.

Vol. 52, No. 5, May 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: The 'Making Things Right' films are being shown on Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m. on March 29.

Vol. 52, No. 6, June 1987, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: A collection of \$1,902 was given on March 29 to help the Fenwick congregation.

April 18 was 'Spring cleanup day'. V.B.S. is scheduled for August 10-14.

Contribution on April 5 was \$3,161.25.

St. Catharines ladies had a program at the Beacon Motel on May 30. Joan Knutson was the speaker on the topic of "Hospitality" and how it affects our lives as Christian women.

May 31 will mark the 25th Anniversary of the first meeting of this church in its present building and location.

Vol. 52, No. 7, July 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: May 31 marked 25 years that the congregation has been meeting on Ontario Street. The building was filled for the occasion (See picture on front page).

Pat Greenan, Betty Leblanc, Marlene Plummadore, Gus Sequin and Doug James have been baptized during recent weeks.

Vol. 52, No. 8, August 1987, p. 12

St. Catharines, Ont.: This church has requested to host the 1988 June Meeting and will proceed to plan it, since there has been no evidence that anyone else had spoken for it.

Vol. 52, No. 9, September 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Sue-Anne Rucks was immersed into Christ in mid-July. V.B.S. was August 10-14 with family night on Thursday. July contributions averaged \$2,180 per week.

Vol. 52, No. 10, October 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, Ont.: Wayne and Christy Roberts from Texas have been welcomed. August contributions averaged a little below the \$2,461 weekly budget. Fifth Sunday contributions are set aside for a special project.

V.B.S. attendance averaged 151, reaching a high of 159. Last year's average was 137. Parents' Night was extremely well attended. Children have already been enrolled in both the Sunday and Thursday programs.

Vol. 52, No. 12, December 1987, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Wesley Jones of St. Louis, Missouri is in a meeting here beginning on November 8 and will be in Newmarket for November 13 and 14.

Vol. 53, No. 3, March 1988, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: Larry Baraniuk was baptized on January 3 and Marcel Piquette on the 13th.

Vol. 53, No. 4, April 1988, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: This congregation will host the Ontario June Meeting on Saturday, June 4 at Great Lakes Christian College. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the theme will be "The Unity and Oneness of the Lord's Church" based on Ephesians 4:1-6.

Following the June Meeting brother Lynn Anderson, the featured speaker, will continue in a Sunday to Wednesday (June 5-8) gospel meeting at the Ontario Street meeting place of the church. The theme will be "One Lord, One Faith, One Church". This meeting will also be in celebration of the 25th year of the congregation at this location.

Vol. 53, No. 5, May 1988, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: Several recent contributions have exceeded the \$2556 budget considerably.

Vol. 53, No. 6, June 1988, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Gordon and Cathy Harris, Canadians who became Christians while travelling in New Zealand and have since been training at Preston Road Centre for Christian Education in Dallas, Texas, have accepted an invitation to become a part of the work force at St. Catharines.

Vol. 53, No. 7, July 1988, p. 12

St. Catharines, ON: A very well attended Ontario June meeting was followed by a very fine meeting by Lynn Anderson.

Vol. 53, No. 9, September 1988, p. 12

St. Catharines, ON: The fifth Sunday contribution in July was designated for Kingston to help the Merritts and the church there.

Jennifer Bachellier, who is living with the Smiths for the summer, was baptized on August 2.

Vol. 53, No. 10, October 1988, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Scott and Lauri Miller, formerly of Thunder Bay are now a part of this church. He will be teaching at Great Lakes Christian College.

Vol. 53, No. 11, November 1988, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: The young people's class is heading up a collection to help the hurricane victims in Jamaica, Mexico and Texas.

Vol. 53, No. 12, December 1988, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: This church, in order to encourage more growth, began on November 13th having two morning services at 8:30 and 11:00.

Vol. 54, No. 1, January 1989, p. 12

St. Catharines, ON: Three more "living stones" added to the spiritual house, which is the church, was announced in the November 13 bulletin and another a week later.

Vol. 54, No. 2, February 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: In mid December Colleen Pullar "responded to the call of the Lord and has now begun a new walk in life."

Vol. 54, No. 5, May 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: April 2 was a special day with all the "missionaries" receiving support from this church invited to be present. An afternoon Hymn Sing took place at 2:30.

The news that Al and Renie Heywood, after persistently searching out the truth of Jesus, were united with Him on February 5 was accidentally left out of an earlier issue.

Vol. 54, No. 6, June 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Flavil Yeakley, Jr. will conduct a seminar on total church growth on June 3rd and 4th.

On June 18th Michel Mazzalongo will make a Mass Media Evangelism presentation.

Vol. 54, No. 7, July 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Warren and Jackie Gay of Bramalea have moved to St. Catharines.

Vol. 54, No. 9, September 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: In recent weeks, Jamie Boden and Jonathan Veinot put on Christ in baptism.

New people welcomed are Trevor and Connie Bailey, Randy, Shir and Dwayne Downton and Warren, Jackie, Erin and Laura Gray. Christee and Wayne Roberts are moving to New York.

Vol. 54, No. 11, November 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: The Brock New Testament Christian Fellowship Club, resulting from the initiative of Pat Greenan of the St. Catharines church, purposes to show students "that belief in God and Christ is not without a solid, reasonable basis for the modern sceptical man". Two films and two studies per month are planned on the University campus. A recent display resulted in another 12 students joining the 10 members already involved.

Murray Smith, having served some 17 years with the St. Catharines church, announced "that he will be leaving in April – May to minister in Thessalon".

Vol. 54, No. 12, December 1989, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "On the evening of October 1, we were overjoyed to witness two baptisms. Hannibal Najjar recommitted himself to the Lord and his sister, Aida, was joined to Jesus in baptism."

Vol. 55, No. 3, March 1990, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: A search committee has been appointed to actively endeavour to obtain a suitable preacher to take up the work upon the departure of Murray Smith.

Work was to begin on a new sound system.

Vol. 55, No. 5, May 1990, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Ed and Lena Reimer were united with Christ in baptism during the week of March 18. Rejoice.

The Murray Smiths will be leaving this congregation at the end of April.

Vol. 55, No. 6, June 1990, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Carolyn Dickie was baptized into Christ on April 1 and Silvia Schimiczak later in the month.

Vol. 55, No. 7, July 1990, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: \$1304.25 was contributed Eastern European Missions. Michel Mazzalongo has moved to work with this church and will begin duties on July 1.

Vol. 55, No. 8, August 1990, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: After a vacation in the U.S., Michel Mazzalongo began serving with the St. Catharines church in July. Since this congregation is able to support him, others need no longer assist with his work.

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St. Catharines, ON: Joel Osborne of St. Catharines was baptized at Camp Omagh during the week of July 29-August 4. Kevin Pollard was also baptized that week.

Vol. 55, No. 10, October 1990, p. 13

St. Catharines, ON: As an outreach effort, a new series of Wednesday evening classes will be advertised as a Community Education Program. Three different courses are being offered: Christian Ethics by Harold Parker; Major Christian Doctrines by Michel Mazzalongo; and Counselling Skills by Dave Knutson.

Ryan Pullar, Julia Mazzalongo and Mark Oliver were baptized in recent weeks. Tom and Karen Clark have place membership here.

On August 25, \$3,200 was collected in a special appeal for the shipment of medical equipment and supplies for Romania. Leslie Kerr left earlier this month for Romania, where she will distribute this equipment and remain for a while to teach. Leslie is a member of the Brantford congregation and works as a child life therapist at McMaster Medical Centre, Hamilton.

Vol. 55, No. 11, November 1990, p. 13

St. Catharines, ON: "September 8, several men from this congregation attended a one-day seminar in Burlington on Small Group Study in the church. Becki Smith was baptized into Christ on September 19 and Dee Clark recently asked for prayers of this congregation, as she placed her membership here. An Overcomer's Support Group led by Michel Mazzalongo is being held each Friday evening at the home of Gordon and Nancy Veinot. A seminar for Coping in the '90s will be held here from November 18-24." --Ina Allcock

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St. Catharines, ON: On October 21, Rod Garnett confessed his sins and asked for the prayers and help of this church family. Cameron Mason was baptized on Nov. 12.

Vol. 56, No. 1, January 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Our teen class has collected a 'good works' box containing canned goods, shampoo, Kleenex, etc. to be divided equally between Women's Place and Bethlehem Place here in St. Catharines. They are now collecting mittens for needy children.

"We are happy to report the good news from our Fractured Families Seminar, which was held for seven nights, with different speakers each night. The average attendance was over 100 each night, with a total of 111 visitors, with 60 non-church members. The process of follow-up with the contacts has begun. We want to thank all those who participated in our seminar.

"Lee Ann Delean wishes to be identified with this congregation."--Ina Allcock

Vol. 56, No. 2, February 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Connie Bailey, the wife of Trevor Bailey, was baptized on Monday night, December 17.

"Leslie Kerr made a video presentation on the Romanian work to this congregation, after the evening worship on January 20."-- Ina Allcock

Vol. 56, No. 3, March 1991, p. 15

St. Catharines, ON: John Osborne from Oklahoma preached on Sunday morning, February 3. He is raising support for his mission to Leningrad this summer.

Vol. 56, No. 4, April 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Chantale Roux was baptized here on Tuesday, February 12.

"The sympathy of this congregation is extended to Edith Williamson and her family on the death of Edith's husband, Eric, on February 11. The funeral service was conducted by Michel Mazzalongo and Gordon Harris.--I. Allcock.

A contribution towards John and Kelly Osborne's fund for mission work in Leningrad, Soviet Union reached approximately half of the \$5,000 needed.

This church has been sending men once a month to preach in Sardina, New York.

Vol. 56, No. 5, May 1991, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: "Natasha Pettes, daughter of Steve Pettes, was recently baptized here.

"On Sunday, March 17, a young preacher from Port au Prince, Haiti, spoke to this congregation. Jeantyanrd Elmira is a Haitian who speaks English and has had a tremendous success in establishing the church in one of the Western Hemisphere's poorest and most unstable countries. A special collection taken for this work totalled over \$2,900.

"We now have a call-in line with a short Bible message (687-7644). The Bible message will be changed at least twice weekly. We hope all area churches will also take advantage of these resources in the months ahead.

"Due to the mounting work load the eldership and other personal reasons, Dave Carruthers and Norman Oliver have resigned as elders of this congregation. The congregation is now in the process of reorganizing in order that the church will continue to grow; on April 14, over 200 were present.

"Gary and Jacqui Anderson have offered the right hand of fellowship to the St. Catharines congregation.

"Each month the men of the congregation are enjoying a combination sports and devotional evening. A "Silver Serve" (Senior) group meets once a month to enjoy fellowship and initiate plans for service to others.

Vol. 56, No. 7, July 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Following a home Bible study on May 6, Barbara Lloyd of Niagara Falls was baptized into Christ. Preparation for a weekend V.B.S. is underway. This family V.B.S. will take place on July 26-28."

Vol. 56, No. 8, August 1991, p. 15

St. Catharines, ON: "Ted Mountjoy, evangelist for the church in Reinlander, Wisconsin, spoke to this congregation on June 25. He has recently returned from mission work in Czechoslovakia.

"Michel Mazzalongo has resigned as a minister with this congregation, and along with his family has accepted a post with Oklahoma Christian University. Doris Slaper of Tonawanda, New York, who worships with this congregation, was recently baptized.

Vol. 56, No. 9, September 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: This congregation rejoiced recently as they witnessed the baptism of Wayne Eyman. After studying for months with Gordon Harris, Karen Baines was also baptized into Christ on August 11.

A very successful weekend VBS is now history. A tremendous response from the congregations, under the leadership of Gordon Harris, resulted in some good contacts in our community and an excellent spirit within the congregation.

Vol. 56, No. 10, October 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Harold Johnson, long-time member, passed away August 30. Left to mourn is his wife, Rita. He will be missed by his church family as well.

Vol. 56, No. 10, October 1991, p. 15

Bright Ideas: Contact Cement!

St. Catharines: Weekend Workout

The VBS here was held on Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday morning because it allowed more working church members to be involved. A full third of the kids who participated were children whose parents weren't Christians.

"We're going to follow up with a letter thanking them for coming, and encouraging them to give us a call, if they need anything," says evangelist Gordon Harris. "We may also try a special Saturday program four times through the year."

Vol. 56, No. 11, November 1991, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Gordon Harris began a weekly column in the religious section of *The Standard* on September 7 under the title "Point Blank" in an effort to "expose people to the Gospel and introduce them to the real, relevant Jesus". Catchy titles like "Time to See the Doctor"; "A Promise to Return" and "An Impossible Mission" have enabled him to reach many curious readers with the good news in a very unique way.

Vol. 56, No. 12, December 1991, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: "Carlos Hernandez from El Salvador has lived in St. Catharines for several years, often passing the St. Catharines church building. Years ago he was baptized into Christ in El Salvador. He noticed our sign and contacted Gordon Harris some time ago. On Sunday, November 10, he was restored to the church. We welcome him into our church family.

"Several classes of our Bible school students had a costume party on November 8. They dressed as Biblical characters, visited members' homes, asking to be identified. What a delight to welcome these eager young students into our homes!

"Joe Molnar, long-time member of the church here, died on October 17. Left to mourn his passing are his wife Bette; son, Michael and Cathy; and daughter, Michelle.

Vol. 57, No. 1, January 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: A young man committed his life to the Lord in early December. Outreach seminars are being planned for teens and families.

Vol. 57, No. 2, February 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: On December 8, Chris Braun was baptized into Christ. Chris, son of Mel and Ellen Braun, has attended this congregation since he was a little boy, and the congregation welcomes him with open arms as our brother in Christ.

Reta Johnson died very suddenly on December 23 at her home. Since the death of Harold, her beloved husband, Reta has been very lonely and often spoke of her desire to go to her eternal home. This quiet and gentle lady is greatly missed by her many friends here.

We rejoice with Gord and Cathy Harris on the safe arrival of Meghan Deidre on January 6. Big brother Matthew is so proud of his new sister!

Vol. 57, No. 3, March 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Two of our teens have recently confessed sin in their lives and have asked for the prayers of the congregation here. The congregation is responding in love and encouragement to these young Christians and admire their courage to make their lives right with God."

Vol. 57, No. 4, April 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "The congregation lost two long-time members in February. Mary Lane died on February 4 and Gordon Stewart on February 13. Both Mary and Gordon leave many faithful members of the church in St. Catharines to mourn their passing.

"Jori (Reed) Warren and Randy and Dolly Lane have recently confessed sin and been restored to the fellowship here. A large shipment of food and other necessities has been collected and shipped from here to Haiti. Ray McMillan spoke to a very appreciative audience here on March 8, and we look forward to welcoming Philip Morrison to speak on May 3. A Teen Seminar is scheduled for the weekend of May 30 with Don Smith as featured speaker."

Vol. 57, No. 5, May 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: The bulletin makes mention of the passing of Harold and Reta Johnson during the past year and of a generous sum left to the church for the Lord's work.

The passing away of Chum Beck on March 31 is also noted. Chum is widely known as a faithful and steadfast Christian associated with pioneering the Port Colborne congregation.

The Haiti shipment totalled 106 cases of needed items and \$1,620 was collected for the "Good News" campaign. Plans are going forward for the Teen Seminar with Don Smith for May 29.

Philip Morrison will speak on "Dealing with Change" the first weekend in May.

Vol. 57, No. 6, June 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Clyde Lansdell is conducting a most interesting and informative spring series entitled, 'Being God's Person in Today's Circumstances' each Wednesday night." Don Smith and Clyde are to speak in the Teen Seminar on May 30.

Former ministers at St. Catharines, Murray Smith of Thessalon and George Mansfield of Grimsby spoke on April 19.

Vol. 57, No. 7, July 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Sam Foxwell, a young man from the community, who has been attending Bible studies and worship services here, was baptized following our Youth Seminar on Sun., May 31.

"Several members from this congregation, along with the E.B.T.F., are supporting Mike Gosselin as he attends York College as a Bible major. Mike's summer plans include campaigns in six U.S. states before returning to York in the fall.

"Our Teen Seminar, held on the weekend of May 29-30, was excellent, and even though it rained, the weather didn't dampen the spirits of the 21 teens attending. Don Smith and Clyde Lansdell were the featured speakers."

Vo. 57, No. 9, September 1992, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: "This congregation is happy to report that our shipment of food has arrived in Haiti and is now in the hands of the church in Port-au-Prince. Jentyard Elmera, a preacher from Haiti, will be here and will speak to us on Sunday, August 23.

"We have also responded to a request from Rick Pinczuk, who plans to return to the Ukraine in August. Yvon Beaudoin from Quebec will also receive funds from the St. Catharines church for his return trip to French Guiana."

Vol. 57, No. 10, October 1992, p. 13

St. Catharines, ON: The congregation here enjoyed a family picnic at Queenston on September 13. The attendance and games were excellent, and the devotional at the end of the evening made us thankful to God for each other and all the blessings we enjoy as a family of Christians.

New Sunday morning adult classes began on September 6 with lessons from 1 & 2 Samuel, followed by Sunday evening sermons from 1 & 2 Kings.

Vol. 57, No. 11, November 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "This congregation has enjoyed Larry McComber from Erie, Pennsylvania and Dave McMillan from Beamsville as guest speakers on October 18 and November 1, respectively. Mary Gregoire was baptized into Christ on October 18, following many months of Bible study." –submitted

Vol. 57, No. 12, December 1992, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: Mary Gregoire was baptized on October 18. Of 30 responses to Good News, four have finished the first B.C.C. lesson.

Vol. 58, No. 2, February 1993, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Two long-time members of the church in St. Catharines passed away recently. Pat Barber, wife of John Barber, mother to Lois Morimoto and her husband, Ernie,

died on November 19. She leaves to mourn her passing two grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

"Jim Walters died peacefully at the Hotel Dieu Hospital on December 9, leaving his dear wife, Ruby; a son, Ken Walters; and daughter, Ruth Peterson; six grandchildren and one great-grand-child." –submitted late for January issue.

Vol. 58, No. 3, March 1993, p. 13

St. Catharines, ON: (Received too late for the February issue) "Brother Rick Pinczuk gave an interesting slide presentation on December 20 based on his visit to Ukraine.

"This congregation had fun and fellowship with both the children and adults participating during the holiday season. On December 5 the adults enjoyed dinner and games at a local restaurant. On December 12, the adults gathered to hear the Bible school children sing and recite for relatives and friends.

"An interesting outreach program has been started by the ladies here. They have made care bears to deliver to both of our local hospitals. The ladies made small bears (as suggested in a *Christian Woman* magazine article) with the church's name sewn in a seam. The hospitals have been delighted to receive the bears and tell us that the children, who are usually quite unhappy to be in the hospital, love to receive their special gift."

Vol. 58, No. 4, April 1993, p. 10

St. Catharines, ON: "Mike Lovell put on Christ in baptism in late January. Kregg Hood met with the congregation on March 7 for a workshop on Service and Ministry, followed by potluck fellowship. Wesley Jones spoke to the congregation on March 21. A successful men's retreat, with 17 men in attendance, took place recently on the topic of Ministry and Communication."

Vol. 58, No. 6, June 1993, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "At our annual congregational meeting we began the process of defining the congregation's goals and objectives for the future. Mike Gosselin has been hired as an intern with this congregation for the summer."

Vol. 58, No. 8, August 1993, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: "Mark Daley from Horseheads, New York spoke on June 27. Gordon Harris has recently won first place in the Christian Writers Conference for one of his weekly articles published in the *St. Catharines Standard*.

Vol. 58, No. 9, September 1993, p. 11

St. Catharines, ON: David Dunn put on Christ in baptism on Monday, July 26. Men's Retreat is September 24, 25 on "Temptations Men Face".

Vol. 58, No. 10, October 1993, p. 11

St. Catharines: "This congregation was shocked and saddened at the recent (July 28) death of Isobel Haines, a long time member of the church here. She is survived by her husband, Wilfred; son, Murray Haines; and daughter, Heather Haines. Her sister, Margaret Bennett and brother, Donald Murray mourn her.

"Much rejoicing took place on July 26, both with his family, Dave and Pat Dunn, and his church family here as Dave, Jr. was baptized into Christ. Dave is an integral part of a fine group of young people in our college and careers class. This group hosted a farewell party for Mike Gosselin, after our weekly Bible study on August 11. Mike has returned to York University after interning with this congregation for the summer."

Courtney Bayliss was baptized at Camp Omagh.

Vol. 58, No. 11, November 1993, p. 12

St. Catharines: Earl Warren, husband of Jori (Reed), was baptized on September 20, after over a year of attending services. Emma Weir passed away on September 17. This kind and gentle

lady was loved by all who knew her. She is mourned by Ron Mason (former husband of deceased daughter, Shirley) and family.—Gordon Harris.

Vol. 58, No. 12, December 1993, p. 12

St. Catharines: Marlene Goodfield has placed her church membership and asked for prayers of the church for her health and personal problems. Tom Clark has joined Oklahoma Christian University as director of the university's admissions counselling program.

Vol. 59, No. 2, February 1994, p. 11

St. Catharines: "On Sunday morning we've been going through the process of choosing a new direction for the congregation. In small group sessions we are studying the purpose(s) for the church."—I. Allcock.

Vol. 59, No. 3, March 1994, p. 11

St. Catharines: "Early in the year we will be finishing our series on the mission of the church. As well we will be setting forth a mission statement for ourselves and embarking on fulfilling the mission God has for us in this city."—Ina Allcock

Vol. 59, No. 4, April 1994, p. 11

St. Catharines: Lyman Allen, long-time member of the church here, died on January 15. Recently a StarTrek Mystery party was enjoyed by young people here at the home of Barclay and Sharon Osborne. On February 5 about 65 people gathered at Uncle Porky's Farm for a sleigh ride.

Vol. 59, No. 9, September 1994, p. 11

St. Catharines: Two long-time members of this congregation have died: Stanley Coon passed from this earth on June 16. Norman Leakey died peacefully in hospital on Saturday, July 2. Gordon Harris performed both funeral services.

Gordon and Cathy Harris took several of our young people to Nashville Jubilee in July. Jon Veinot has conducted a weekly Bible study for young adults over the summer months.

Recently 10 teens from here enjoyed a great weekend at the London youth rally. September 18 has been designated Education Day with presentations from our classes, family worship, and picnic at MacFarland Park.

The ladies of the congregation continue to make care bears and assemble soap and toothpaste packets for our two local hospitals.

Vol. 59, No. 10, October 1994, p. 10

St. Catharines: Gordon Harris regularly writes a short column in the *St. Catharines Standard*.

Vol. 59, No. 12, December 1994, p. 10

St. Catharines: Ten ladies from this congregation attended the Owen Sound Ladies' Retreat. Our speakers here on September 18 and October 16 were Wesley Jones and Murray Smith.

Vol. 60, No. 1, January 1995, p. 10

St. Catharines: Food was collected for five needy families. A congregational "potluck" dinner was held on Friday, December 2.

Vol. 60, No. 2, February 1995, p. 11

St. Catharines: Mike Gosselin graduated from York College in Nebraska, Summa Cum Laude.

Vol. 60, No. 3, March 1995, p. 12

St. Catharines: The ladies were planning an overnight breakaway February 10 and 11. The men have been having a class on Training for Worship.

Vol. 60, No. 4, April 1995, p. 15

St. Catharines: Wayne Eymann, Jr. and Kati Matson were recently baptized into Christ. The special collection for Haiti is \$726.

Vol. 60, No. 5, May 1995, p. 15

St. Catharines: Brian Boden spoke in mid-March. The Grimsby church invited this congregation to visit on March 26 to thank them for 10 years of support.

Vol. 60, No. 6, June 1995, p. 18

St. Catharines: Joanne Isaac was baptized into Christ on April 4. The memorial service for Mrs. Frances Renshaw was held May 4 at 4 p.m.

Vol. 60, No. 7, July 1995, p. 11

St. Catharines (Garden City): A meeting was held at the Ina Grafton Gage home in the Cedar room. The featured speaker was Russell Dunaway of Blue Ash, Ohio.

Vol. 60, No. 8, August 1995, p. 11

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Six teams among local congregations are playing baseball.

Vol. 60, No. 11, November 1995, p. 11-12

St. Catharines: A special contribution was taken for Haiti. Marion and Robert Culp celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 21. A farewell party was held for Gordon and Cathy Harris and family on August 17. They left to study at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. Harris worked with the congregation for seven years. The Gay family moved to Mississauga in the middle of September.

Vol. 60, No. 12, December 1995, p. 11

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Ladies class is studying Joe Beam's "Spiritual Warfare. Lawrence Moribito has just had a bone marrow transplant. The congregation has formed a search committee to locate a new preacher.

Vol. 61, No. 1, January 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): The ladies are continuing in their study on the presentation of Spiritual Warfare, as they try to find ways to combat the temptations of Satan in their lives. On Sunday, November 19, the congregation gathered following morning worship for a bag-lunch and a special meeting out of concern for the spiritual state of the congregation and its members. It was a time of prayer and discussion.

Vol. 61, No. 2, February 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): The York College chorus from York, Nebraska performed on Saturday, January 6 to a full building.

Vol. 61, No. 3, March 1996, p. 15

St. Catharines (Ontario St.): The ladies study group had a Ladies' Night Out on January 22.

Vol. 61, No. 6, June 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines: Baptisms: Several have put on Christ this spring. Terri McConnery, February 9; Brian Kern, February 25; Ian Knutson, April 10; and Lyle McConnery, Allan Shute and Tommy Martin, April 22. The church is still searching for a preacher.

Vol. 61, No. 7, July 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines: A mission meeting was held on March 17 and a men's breakfast on March 16. Luc Fortin was a guest speaker Sunday evening, April 14. A church family supper was held on April 24. The GLCC chorus sang on May 22.

Vol. 61, No. 10, October 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines: Guest speakers were Art Ford, June 16 and Wayford Smith, June 23. Brad and Laura Corbett placed membership on June 16. Rochelle Hersey obeyed the gospel on Friday, June 21. A fellowship was held Sunday evening, July 21.

Vol. 61, No. 12, December 1996, p. 11

St. Catharines: Hugh Gannon was a guest speaker recently.

Vol. 62, No. 1, January 1997, p. 12

St. Catharines: The congregation has a program called "Kids for Christ" one Friday evening each month for children aged 5-13. Shawn Reed was baptized into Christ on Tuesday evening, September 17.

Vol. 62, No. 2, February 1997, p. 12

St. Catharines: Correction: It was Shane Reed whom they baptized on September 17.

Vol. 62, No. 3, March 1997, p. 12

St. Catharines: Marie Shute was baptized on Wednesday, November 20. Kids for Christ meets from 7:00-8:30 p.m. twice a month on Friday evenings. On December 29, Murray Smith spoke in the morning and Scott Mansfield, back from Sunset, spoke in the evening. Jim Allcock died of cancer on Tuesday, January 14.

Vol. 62, No. 4, April 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: Bobbi Lynn Harper was baptized into Christ on January 26.

Vol. 62, No. 5, May 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: On January 19 the missions and evangelism group had a potluck lunch at the building. Kids for Christ, similar to Welland's program, meets from 7:00 to 8:30 on Friday evenings once a month. The brethren viewed a video on February 5 on the latest work in Haiti.

Vol. 62, No. 6, June 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: Iona Garner celebrated her 90th birthday on March 23. Felix Turner was guest teacher and speaker on April 6. The fellowship ministry has been really busy hosting various fellowship activities. The congregation decided to support Dave Knutson in the last half of 1997 in his work in Waterloo. The men had a breakfast on March 15 at Art's Restaurant. A few days after committing his life to Christ, Joe McNeil died of cancer. The funeral was April 13.

Vol. 62, No. 8, August 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: It was reported in May that Mike Gosselin was planning to move to Korea. Mark Lewis from Bossier City, Louisiana, will be visiting with the congregation July 14-21.

Vol. 62, No. 9, September 1997, p. 11

Donald Perry of Beamsville was a guest speaker. Lindsey Smith, daughter of Paul and Lori, was baptized on Thursday, July 31.

Vol. 62, No. 11, November 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: Barclay and Sharon Osborne are making plans to teach in Japan. They will leave as soon as their visas arrive.

Vol. 62, No. 12, December 1997, p. 11

St. Catharines: On September 12 a Missions/Evangelism meeting and potluck were held to discuss ideas for local evangelism. Kids for Christ started up again on September 19.

Vol. 63, No. 1, January 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: Guest speakers have been Ed Broadus, Donald Perry and Steve Cordle. Steve and his wife, Debbie, from Martinsville, Indiana visited with the congregation on September 28.

Vol. 63, No. 2, February 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines (Ontario Street): Cathy Pickles was the guest speaker at the ladies' coffee hour on October 25. The ladies ministry is involved with providing food supplies on a monthly basis for "The Raft" which is a drop-in center for troubled teens.

"My wife, Debbie, and I arrived on January 4 from Martinsville, Indiana to begin work with this church. The congregation will host a potluck lunch and open house after the morning worship on February 12 to give everyone an opportunity to meet Debbie, myself and the congregation.

"The congregation will also host a Vacation Bible School, March 14-22 with a team of students from Oklahoma Christian University and the Mayfair congregation in Oklahoma City."—Steve Cordle.

Vol. 63, No. 4, April 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: Joel Osborne is seeking \$1,900 for his summer mission work, "Let's Start Talking", in Japan. Barclay and Sharon Osborne left for Naha, Okinawa at the end of January. Oklahoma Christian College had a group of students holding a three-day VBS and meeting the week of March 15-18 including an adult program.

Vol. 63, No. 5, May 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: There was much rejoicing as Nicole Knutson, was buried with Christ in baptism on Friday, March 20 and Eric Knutson made his decision to obey the Lord on Monday, March 23. Sister Gladys Hallett passed from this life to be with her Lord, on Wednesday, April 8. A memorial service was held at the St. Catharines church building at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14.

Vol. 63, No. 6, June 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: A spring break VBS was held March 15-19. Steve Cordle started a new class "A Closer Walk" for new Christians, mature Christians who want to study the basics and those who are not yet Christians. The ladies packed food trays to be taken to shut-ins on February 23. On February 1 the congregation held an open house and luncheon to visit and meet their new minister, Steve Cordle and his wife, Debbie. John Cirone was baptized on March 4. Barclay and Sharon Osborne's address is Nagata 2-32-20, Highrise Tamasho Apt. 217, Naha City, Okinawa, Japan, 902-0077; email: JSOsoborne@compuserve.com.

Vol. 63, No. 7, July 1998, p. 12

St. Catharines: A recent bulletin indicated the addition of Gary Evans and sons Paul and Marc, Carolyne Whitfield and sons Sean, Eric, Mark and Kevin and Christy Williams to the directory.

Vol. 63, No. 8, August 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: The combination fellowship meeting was June 21 with Beamsville, Tintern and Grimsby. Joel Osborne along with team members Crimson Ruhnke, Ben Berry and Jon Straker are involved in the L.S.T. program in Sendai, Japan.

Vol. 63, No. 9, September 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: Mindy Crone and Jesse Morimoto were baptized into Christ on June 30.

Joel Osborne wrote that he left for Sendai, Japan, June 16 from his visit with his parents, Barclay and Sharon Osborne in Okinawa. Joel asked for prayers for his co-workers and Mr. Mawatari and the church in Sendai.

Vol. 63, No. 11, November 1998, p. 11

St. Catharines: Steve Cordle reports that religious pollster George Barna has found that 78% of visitors love being greeted by the individuals seated near them. A Prayer and Praise night was held on July 25. On Friday, August 28, the young people had a teen camp-out at the Cordle's.

Vol. 63, No.12, December 1998, p. 10

St. Catharines: Gary Bumstead and wife, Sheila McLoughlin were baptized September 17 and Grace Bragger on October 11. Roy and Nelle Merritt have moved from Winnipeg and have been welcomed. Guest speaker October 4 was Joe Worndle. 'Bring a friend day' was October 18. VBS is planned for March 14-19, 1999. On October 24 the brethren had a men's breakfast and a work day for the teens. On October 31, Erin Gray, eldest daughter of Warren and Jackie was baptized by her father. John Clayton is scheduled for the first week of October 1999.

Vol. 64, No. 1, January 1999, p. 11

St. Catharines: November 15 was set as 'purpose Sunday' where the congregation had the privilege of letting the leadership know how much they are willing to contribute to the financial upkeep of the Lord's church. The congregation celebrated by having fellowship with fellow Christians with a ladies' breakfast on November 21, 'Kids for Christ,' on the 22nd, and men's breakfast on the 28th.

Vol. 64, No. 2, February 1999, p. 12

St. Catharines: The congregation collected unperishable groceries for needy families in the community. A number went carolling three different days at older members homes. An overwhelming contribution was made towards relief for Haiti.

Vol. 64, No. 3, March 1999, p. 11

St. Catharines: A Vacation Bible School is scheduled for March 14-19, with the theme, the Hall of Faith, based on Hebrews 11. A group of students from Oklahoma Christian University will come to assist. "Please join us for this fun time of learning from God's Word. For info. Call (905) 935-9581."

Vol. 64, No. 4, April 1999, p. 14

St. Catharines (Garden City): Brian Sullivan delivered a series on the second coming of Christ on March 7-10.

Vol. 64, No. 5, May 1999, p. 11

St. Catharines; "The Ontario St. church in St. Catharines asks congregations and individuals to mark their calendar for two special events coming in 1999. We will host a seminar on marriage and the family with Jerry Jenkins of the Roebuck Parkway church in Birmingham, Alabama, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. Also the congregation will host John Clayton for a seminar entitled "Does God Exist?" on Oct. 2 and 3. John is a scientist who was raised as an atheist and converted to Christ in his 20's." St. Catharines had their spring VBS on March 6 and 13. Thursday night, the congregation had a farewell for the students from Oklahoma Christian University who had participated in the VBS. Brandy Huard was baptized Sunday, March 14 and two more baptisms are reported for early April. A special surprise 50th anniversary celebration was held April 17 for Jim and Jean Hunt

Vol. 64, No. 8, August 1999, p. 12

St. Catharines [Ontario St.]: John Clayton will be presenting his seminar on "Does God Exist" on October 2 and 3.

Vol. 64, No. 9, September 1999, p. 10

St. Catharines [Ontario St.]: On August 1st a new adult class will begin a survey of the books of the Bible. A Marriage Seminar with Jerry Jenkins and his two sons, Dale and Jeff was planned for August 29-September 1. John Clayton will be presenting his seminar on "Does God Exist" on October 2 and 3. A home Bible study is held at the Cordle's home on Thursday evenings. Barclay and Sharon Osborne were home from Japan for a visit.

Vol. 64, No. 10, October 1999, p. 12

St. Catharines [Ontario St.]: Old tents, blankets, pillows and things were being collected for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. On Sunday, September 19, the brethren were planning to canvas the area for the John Clayton meeting. Dave Carruthers was giving a report on Haiti. The building had a break-in the weekend of September 12. Their two computers were stolen and everything was pried open leaving a big mess.

Vol. 64, No. 12, December 1999, p. 11

St. Catharines: The ladies class is studying "Women in God's Design." In November they study Acts on Mondays, have a Bible study on Thursdays, a men's breakfast on the 27th and Kids for Christ on the 26th.

A birthday tea for Nellie Johnson's 90th birthday was Sunday November 21.

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Gospel Advocate, November 10, 1898, p. 723

Canada Notes:

Brother S. M. Jones, lately of the Nashville (Tenn.) Bible School, has been laboring successfully in Canada since January last and has just closed a fine meeting at Beamsville which resulted in twenty-eight being added to the one body. A full report is expected shortly. From Beamsville he went to Smithville where he is now engaged in a good meeting. When he is through there, his next meeting will be held in the city of St. Catharines, where Brother Madison Wright has been carrying on a good work during the past year.

Gospel Advocate, August 15, 1901, p. 527

Christian Standard, July 13, 1901

June Meeting, Tintern, Ont.

According to arrangement, the Churches of Christ in Ontario, which are well satisfied that Jesus, nineteen centuries ago, gave to the church "all things that pertain unto life and godliness," decided two years since to revive the "June Meetings," which the brotherhood of Ontario conducted during the long period when the Churches of Christ met together to encourage and strengthen each other, and spend the time of the meetings in spiritual upbuilding and preaching the gospel, instead of legislating for the church and planning worldly schemes and organizations not authorized by the author of the New Testament.

In 1899 the "June Meeting" was held at Beamsville, last year it was held at Smithville, and this year at Tintern, all in the Niagara District. The meeting held early in June last, was in many respects the best of all. The attendance was large, disciples being present from many points far and near. Among the churches well represented we can name Tintern, Beamsville, Smithville, Jordan, Selkirk, Attercliffe, Wainfleet, Fenwick, St. Catharines, Hamilton, Acton, Sherwood, Meaford, Pickering, Pekin, (N.Y.), Toronto (Brunswick Avenue), Toronto (Elm Street), East Toronto and others.

Christian Monthly Review, Vol. 9, No. 12, December 1924, p. 22

By H. M. Evans

It was the privilege of the writer, in the absence of Bro. Tallman, to visit the faithful little congregation in St. Catharines, on the 16th ult. We enjoy getting out among the different congregations occasionally, especially those who re true to the "old paths" as the one in St. Catharines. May her kind increase.