

Contributions.

Tell Thy Sorrows All to Jesus.

EDNA.

Tell thy sorrows all to Jesus,
For He knows life's bitter way—
Knows how great the toilsome struggle
And the sins that lead astray.
But His blood it is that cleanses,
That of Jesus Christ's, God's son;
Tell thy sorrows to thy Saviour,
Strength is found and victory won.

Tell thy joys unto that Saviour,
He has purchased all for thee,
And thy confidence is blessed
Unto Him who made thee free;
And thy joy will seem more sacred
When thou hast told Jesus all;
Greater joy shall surely follow
"Showers of blessing" surely fall.

Tell thy trials all to Jesus,
Many has He borne for thee;
And He scorns not our petitions
Brought in deep humility.
"Precious in His sight" our conflicts,
If to Him they bring us near;
And perchance those very trials
Make life's path of duty clear.

Tell thy weakness all to Jesus,
Perfect strength in Him is found,
Strength to bear the heavy burden,
Grace to scatter flowers around.
Many cheerless desert places
Can be found in life's expanse,
Gast not shadows by thy presence,
But let sunshine from thee glance.

Give thy heart, thy all to Jesus,
Though the offering seemeth poor,
Yet with Christ it is accepted
And will open heaven's door.
It will gain for thee admittance
To that land where all is day,
And the clouds of life are lifted
And all tear drops wiped away.

Character Building.

DISCOURSE BY J. H. MUNDY.

"What I have written, I have written."—John xix. 22.

Life is a character maker. There is not a man or woman living but should look forward to a home for himself or pride of everyone, that at some day, and that day as soon as possible, there would be a house and home of one's own, with all the hallowed and ennobling influences associated with it. In the building of a house one may leave the detail of arrangement, specification and construction to the architect and contractor, and relieve himself of all responsibility and trouble.

There is another house God calls character. This is not left optional for men to build; all are building it, whether conscious of it or not. We are obliged to build character whether we will or not. Such a house one cannot let out for the building; no one has to do with the plans, material, style, foundation or finish, but the individual. That one refuses to plan or remain indifferent to the structure matters not, for character is being promoted just the same. Whether your character is a palace or a hotel in its construction or furnishings, all rest with each individual. "What I have written, I have written." What we think and do, so we are, now and for eternity. Shall your character be attractive and beautiful? You must make it so. One sees an oak tree, the monarch of the forest, and notices a knot on one side, but censures not the tree because of such knot, for the oak is not to blame for it. One sees a knot in your character. What is the difference? There are none who will not blame and censure you for it, for all know it could have been avoided. The choice not left to the tree is yours. One can make himself what he will. Some say, let life go on, let it take care of itself; but every second drives a nail, and your thought, your act, is giving eternal character to that structure of yours. No one can go on and not build character; that is what we are here for on earth.

No sane person but what will grant that, "Man made in the likeness of God," is here for no ignoble purpose. Young man, you are not simply sent into the world to wear a fine suit of clothes and stand so high in your stockings, but to glorify God "with all your heart, soul and mind and to love thy neighbor as thyself," to read the sermon on the mount and make some part of it personal, with all sincerity to study the Lord's prayer (John xvii).

We are constantly putting on some additions to our house character. Every Satanic thought or God-like one is an addition to our structure. The "cup of cold water," with its beautiful associations of kindness, or the dastardly act frowned upon by all true men, are alike conditions and give character to our building. The worthy men who are dreaming of the attainment of a character which shall give them not only reputation, not only praise, but weight in the world. If this be your prime object, young man, you are very likely to take the wrong course and make a wreck of yourself. Character lives in a man, reputation outside of him. Let me tell you that if you do right your character will take care of itself, no less your reputation. Serve God and your generation well; seek to be consistent with the highest life you have; be not afraid to change your opinions or your course or anything if you think you are wrong, and God and your generation will take care of you. Again, character is a destiny maker. Equally true is this statement as the one that life is a character maker. Judas had his character; he made it what it was. You are going to your destiny. There is no doubt in your mind to-night as to what the character of your structure is like; so there is no doubt what your destiny will be. "He that is filthy let him be filthy still. He that is righteous let him be righteous now so will they be hereafter." What is the destiny of the gambler, rum-seller, licentious, the lazy, devil-serving liar, the man who denies the Lord Christ? Each knows his character, each knows his destiny. Tell me what is the destiny of the man that loves God, that gives up all for Christ's sake, that accepts Christ as his personal Saviour. There is no doubt as to where such a person is going. Equally true is it that there is no doubt to-night where you are headed for. "What I have written, I have written." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned." Every day is a judgment day for you. Character is indeed a destiny maker. No character is fit to stand in the presence of God without Christ. Why not take the Son of God into your life and allow Him to strengthen, purify, and enable you to wear such a character-structure as will be fitted for the eternity you hope for? Will you not accept for your personal Saviour Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God? "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, Jesus Christ the chief corner-stone, in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

Rev. Geo. M. Adams, D. D.

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Cleveland, '94.

The Thirteenth International Christian Endeavor Convention is to be held in Cleveland, O., July 11-15, 1894. Cleveland Endeavorers are hard at work laying plans for the proper care and entertainment of the expected thousands.

The committee of '94 are planning for anywhere from 25,000 to 40,000 delegates.

Norman E. Hills, 372 Sibley St., Cleveland, O., is the chairman of the Entertainment Committee, and the only person to whom you should write for all particulars in this line.

Up to date ten thousand applications have been received from those who wish accommodations. Several states have been assigned headquarters.

The five Christian Endeavor districts of the city have been divided into sections, each section representing a state. Some church will be made headquarters for the section and will be open all day for the convenience of delegates from that state. Here committees can meet, friends confer, announcements be made, etc. Most of the delegates will be cared for in the delightful homes of Cleveland, the hotels being able to accommodate comparatively few. Every house where delegates are quartered will display in the window a large C. E. monogram, the name of the state from where the person comes being hung below it.

The Cleveland Union has adopted "white and gold" as official colors. Citizens generally will decorate.

In addition to our fine large auditorium, which will seat about 9,000 people, the Hall Committee has rented a mammoth tent which will seat 10,000 people. Music Hall, with a seating capacity of 5,000, can be brought into service, as can a number of small places besides adjacent churches.

has been adopted by the "Committee of '94." It will have a celluloid front and back, and contain six pages of white paper. These pages will each have two photo-engravings, one on either side. These will be distinctively souvenirs of Cleveland. The outside front will be beautifully lithographed in two colors. The C. E. monogram will be the center piece, surrounded by a laurel wreath, rays of gold adding to the effect. The reverse side will be worded, 13th International Convention July 11-15, 1894. It will be a beauty.

The official paper of the Cleveland Union, *The Cleveland Endeavor*, will contain all convention news. If you wish to keep informed about the preparations being made send twenty-five cents to Walter J. Lewis, 160 Public Square, Cleveland, O., and the paper will be sent until after the convention.

The Union has just issued an advance souvenir entitled, "*Christian Endeavor in Cleveland*." It is daintily bound in gold and white and is filled with engravings of prominent local Endeavorers and places of interest about Cleveland. It contains a fund of information about the Convention City and should be in the hands of every one who expects to attend.

F. M. Lewis, 27 St. Clair St., will send this book post paid for thirty cents.

The City of Cleveland is an ideal place for a convention and it is with pardonable pride their beautiful city that the Cleveland Endeavorers are spreading abroad this invitation to all to come and visit them. They are opening their hearts and homes, and the more delegates that accept their hospitality in July the happier they will be. Situated on Lake Erie, the lake breezes make every July a comfortable month, and its numberless shade trees have won for it the name of the "For-

est City." The famed Euclid Avenue with its magnificent residences and well-kept lawns, and its other beautiful residence streets, have made Cleveland noted for its beauty. Lake View cemetery, where the Garfield monument is located, is easily reached by the electric cars. Within the monument lie the remains of President Garfield. A marble statue of the president, bronze base-reliefs, showing scenes from his life, and mosaics, are striking features of the memorial. The electric street car system is unequalled. There are about one hundred and seventy-five miles of it in the city, the cars crossing over the two large city viaducts and reaching all the points of interest. The educational institutions, the large hotels and fine business blocks of Cleveland make it well worthy a visit were it only for the purpose of sight seeing. With the inducement of the greatest of great conventions it is to be hoped that many Endeavorers and those interested in their work will accept Cleveland's invitation for July 11-15.

Baptists and Disciples.

THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST of the 15th ult., in the course of an article upon the discussion now going on in some of the Baptist and Disciple papers of the United States touching the possibility of a union of the two bodies, refers with evident disapproval to our endorsement of a paragraph which we clipped from the *Watchman* a week or two since. The salient points which we had in mind in expressing our concurrence, were two. The first was the statement of the obvious fact that no negotiations carried on openly or secretly, by any man or body of men, no matter how influential or how highly respected among Baptists, could bind the denomination in any way. The statement was not needed for the in-

is sometimes necessary to guard against mistakes by others, who, being used to a different system, do not bear in mind the principle of the independence of the individual church, which is so dear to Baptists.

The second thing in the *Watchman's* paragraph which we cordially approved was the expressed hope that, should a union of the two bodies be at any time effected and Baptists require a new name in consequence, that name may not be "Christian." The EVANGELIST assures us that the body it represents do not take to themselves the name "Disciple" or "Christian" in an exclusive sense. If it is not used in an exclusive sense, but held only in common with Baptists and other denominations, they have no distinctive name. How then shall they be distinguished? Is it not of the very essence of a name used to designate any body or society that it be exclusive? It cannot serve its purpose else. It is useless for distinction if not exclusive. But, if exclusive, nothing can excuse the bad taste, to use no stronger term, of the attempt to appropriate either of the above terms as a special designation of any one little section of the great family of the followers of Christ.

Though we do not regard denominational divisions as so very bad a thing, provided they represent conscientious convictions intelligently reached and held without arrogance, we shall be glad to see a union between Baptists and "Disciples" whenever such union can be effected on a sound basis. Two things on the part of the "Disciples"—we say it with all respect and kindness—seem to us to render such a union very difficult, if not impossible, at present. One is that, as Dr. Tupper says, they lay undue emphasis on the external act of baptism. Our contemporary does not admit this, and proceeds to support its

views by quoting texts. But Baptists think they have studied the Scriptures no less carefully, and follow their teachings no less loyally. Be that as it may, the fact of this difference remains, and it is we believe the conscientious conviction of most Baptists that it is too important in its fundamental character and spiritual influence to admit of compromise.

Another thing that Baptists have against their "Disciple" brethren is that the latter are continually denouncing sectarianism while they themselves are as strictly and narrowly sectarian as any other body of Christians. Some good day they will come to see themselves as others see them, or better, as they really are, in this respect. When that takes place the day of union and fellowship with Baptists may be nigh. —*Canadian Baptist.*

Disciples of Christ.

ELDER W. D. CAMPBELL ON THE "REASONS FOR OUR EXISTENCE."

Elder W. D. Campbell preached last evening at the Church of Christ, corner of Fourth and Plum streets, on "The Distinctive Pledge of the Disciples of Christ." Mr. Campbell is an evangelist of considerable power, speaking with a clearness and force that commands the attention of his audience from first to last, and his illustrations of the "reasons for our existence" were very pertinent and plain. He said that 1700 years ago Jesus Christ established a system of religion, and as Christ Himself was perfect, so His system was perfect, all imperfections being of human derivation. For nearly three centuries the pure church existed, and then the corruption of which the Apostle Paul gave warning just before he died came upon it. For centuries afterward, during the dark ages, the Bible was a sealed book in charge of the church of Rome. Then it was rescued by Martin Luther, who declared that it was God's heritage to His children, and was theirs to read. But in doing this the church made the mistake of giving to his followers a creed, consisting of ninety five opinions of his own. He was followed by Whitfield, Knox, Calvin, and Wesley, all great reformers, but all the authors of creeds or dogmas, all of human agency. Seventy years ago Walter Scott and other leading men, each of whom were unknown to the other, began to urge the restoration of the primitive religion of Christ, just as it was taught by the disciples, and with the same temporal church organization which they employed. This was the beginning of the church of Christ. It does not seek to reform any existing creeds or forms, but seeks the restoration of the system of religion founded by the Saviour and taught by His disciples. Just this; no more and no less.

"If there is anything in our teachings for which we cannot say, 'Thus saith the Scriptures,' we will give it up," said Elder Campbell. "The only article of faith required of anyone is the one article given by Christ himself, belief in Him and repentance of sin. This is all that the apostles demanded." The church of Christ adopts the same form of baptism as that adopted by Christ and His apostles, immersion, holding there is no warrant in Scripture for any departure from this, and that it must follow repentance and the acceptance of Christ. The church of Christ now has a membership of 1,250,000, and the elder, last evening, said it stood as the one bright star to all Christians of all denominations who are praying and hoping for Christian unity, a sentiment that has lately made wonderful progress throughout Christendom. A large audience was present and, at an invitation from the elder, three signified their desire to unite with the society. —*Detroit Free Press, Feb. 26.*

No doubt it will be of interest to the many readers of the EVANGELIST and to the brethren and sisters in Christ to hear a little in reference to the church of Christ in Detroit and relative to the work of Bro. W. D. Campbell as evangelist. The year just closed has been indeed a fruitful one. Two hundred and thirty souls have been added to the Plum street church and