

Auxiliary Programme for Aug. 1895.

Topic: "Send the light." Opening hymn—"The Saviour! Oh, what endless charms!" Scripture reading—John i. 1-14. Prayer. Reading of minutes and reports, and other business. Hymn—"Light of them that sit in darkness." Scripture readings—John viii. 12-16; Matt. v. 16; Acts xiii. 44-47. Discussion of topic. Roll-call and collection, the members responding with appropriate verses of Scripture. Closing prayer.

SEND THE LIGHT.

It is our mission to give light to the world. George Fox said: "Every Quaker ought to light up the country for ten miles around." On the Eddy-stone lighthouse is this inscription: "To give light and save life." Christ says: "Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." It is said that from the hills back of Nazareth, away far to the north, Mount Hermon may be seen, ten thousand feet high, snow-crowned, and shining under the Syrian sun like a field of diamonds. So the Church of Christ ought to shine far and wide in this dark world of ours.

It is our mission to fight sin and Satan; to win communities to Christ, and, above all, the greatest and grandest part of our mission is to evangelize the world. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." To carry out this sublime commission is the noblest work and highest honor of the Church of Christ. Much has been done; much is being done; but the mightiest part of this work remains to be done. Few comparatively are deeply interested in the evangelization of the world. It has a very weak grip on the heart of Christians. There is too much of self and not enough of Christ. We must have the good things of life, and Christ may have what is left. The surest way to the most powerful revival that ever blessed the blood-bought church, will be to pray that the world's evangelization may take such a hold upon our hearts that we will give up robbing God and consecrate ourselves and our property to God. We have God's own word for this; read Malachi iii. 10. This immeasurable and overflowing blessing is ready whenever the church complies with the condition.

What vast sums can be produced for self and the world. When Christ receives from a consecrated church what it owes him, the millennium will dawn. I choose to call things by their right names, especially when they relate to the kingdom of God. We are accustomed to talk of giving to the Lord's work. That is a great mistake. The giving is from the other party. The silver and gold are the Lord's. We only dig it up. The cattle on a thousand hills are his. We only herd them. The wheat does not germinate by our power. The sun does not shine at our bidding. The rain does not fall at our word. The soil is not fertile through our wisdom. Our opportunities and faculties to make money are all gifts from God. He giveth the power to get wealth. Let us pay God His due.—Christian Standard.

The "B. A.'s" Again.

Under the heading "B. A.'s," an article appears in the last number of THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, censuring one of the brethren for certain statements made by him at the recent Convention, held in London. The remarks to which exception is taken were, "We don't want university graduates." "You can't build up the cause in Canada by B. A.'s. We have been trying for fifty years and failed."

Taken from their connection, these statements might convey the idea that the one who gave utterance to them was opposed to an educated ministry. A few words of explanation will suffice to show that such was not the case. They were made in reply to a proposal to make a second-class school certificate the standard of entrance to the Bible School. The brother was opposed to this idea, as it would exclude all but those having a high secular education, however well qualified they might be in other respects. I think most of the readers of THE DISCIPLE will agree with him that it would be a fatal mistake to set up any such standard. The demands of the cause are too urgent to admit of our waiting until the work can be done exclusively by B. A.'s. His remark, that the work in the past had been a failure, was no reflection on those faithful and devoted preachers who have passed away. The blame must rest with our people in not training up young men to fill their places, thus allowing the fruits of their labors to die out for lack of attention.

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