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"Go....speak....to the people ALL the words
of this life."

The Need of Old-Fashioned Preaching.

We are pleased to note a revival of interest in the principles which the Disciples of Christ have maintained from the beginning of their work. Leading papers published in the States by our brethren are urging that special attention should be paid to what we have been in the habit of calling "first principles." It is declared that this is necessary for the sake of our own young people. It is certain that not only our young folk, but also our older folk, will soon lose interest in our distinctive work unless there is frequent emphasis laid upon our plea and its importance.

There is a type of mind that would never initiate any reform, nor do anything that would bring the person into unpleasant relations with friends or neighbors. We have it among us, and it deprecates whatever savors of controversy. Discussion is discounted and discouraged. A disposition to argue is looked upon as being unspiritual. It is urged that our minds should be on practical matters—feeding the poor, clothing the naked, comforting the afflicted, and so on. We freely grant that no amount of doctrinal soundness can make up for the lack of charity and good works, nevertheless it can never be right to treat the word of Christ as a dead letter, nor to assume that what He has seen fit to appoint may be ignored. It would rather appear to be the part of faith to say that whatever the Lord Himself has ordained must be important, whether we can see it or not.

The union spirit is in the air, we are often told. And some people are inclined from that fact to argue that the Disciples have done their work, and that the sooner they cease to be a separate

people the better. The union spirit may be in the air, and that is about all it is so far as many professing Christians are concerned. Before there can be union that will amount to anything, there must be a clear apprehension of the Scriptural basis of union, and a genuine willingness to conform to it. And those who insist that the New Testament should be carefully studied in order that the Lord's will should be known and recognized should not be treated as wicked disturbers of the peace of Zion, but should rather be honored because they remind us of our duty to hear the word of the Lord and do it.

It cannot be too often affirmed that the believer should now be received into the fellowship of a church of Christ on the same conditions as were required by the Apostles, and it is always important to maintain that no human being has any right to vary from the teaching of the New Testament in this regard. This great law should be diligently impressed upon the minds of our brethren, and every proper opportunity should be used for directing the attention of our religious neighbors to it.

The Apostle Paul taught that divisions were sinful in his day; if then, they must be so now. It is from this standpoint that we must view the union question. When we realize that unless we are doing our best to bring together the divided followers of Jesus we are not faithful to Him, we shall then be prepared to do justice to such a man as Alexander Campbell, and shall count ourselves happy to have the privilege of laboring to further the cause to which he devoted all the power of his magnificent mind.

"The Critic's Corner."

Under the direction of our lamented Bro. Sheppard, "The Critic's Corner" was long one of the most popular and profitable departments of our paper. We have had many inquiries as to whether the "Corner" would not again be started. We are pleased to be able to announce that an experienced brother, who is well versed in the Scriptures, has kindly agreed to undertake the charge of this department. It gives us great pleasure to make this announcement, and we are sure that our friends will rejoice with us.

All queries must be addressed to "X," Box 100, Owen Sound, Ontario. They will be answered in the DISCIPLE as time and space will permit. Our readers are invited to use "The Critic's Corner" as freely as they formerly did, and we are confident they will read the replies given with pleasure and satisfaction.

"I Have Never Been Immersed."

In the December 1st EVANGELIST, page one, there was an article with the heading, "The Leading Revivalists Immersed." It was credited to the St. John Christian, and, of course, was believed upon that authority to be correct. One of our subscribers wrote us saying that a neighbor had questioned the statement, at least so far as Mr. Moody was concerned. In the circumstances we thought the proper thing to do was to write to Mr. Moody and ask him to kindly state the fact. Mr. Moody replies, "I have never been immersed." So let all papers and persons who may like ourselves have given currency to the incorrect statement be at pains to give equal publicity to the true one.

As to the other leading revivalists reported to have been immersed we have no further information than the article referred to contained. If we had their addresses we should write to each directly. Any reader who can help us in this matter will oblige by dropping us a post card.

It is quite natural that those who themselves believe that the act of baptism is immersion should be glad to hear of others coming to see and to practice the truth on the subject, but due care should always be exercised lest that which is not true should be set forth as a fact.

Omnibus.

Can't you send us one new subscriber to the DISCIPLE?

So far as we have heard, our friends are pleased with the changes made in the paper. We shall have things still more orderly by and by.

Let no church fail to send a contribution for Foreign Missions to A. McLean, Cor. Sec., Cincinnati, O., that has not already done so.

Our friends can help us by patronizing those who advertise in the DISCIPLE, and at the same time mentioning the fact that they saw the advertisement in our paper.

The proprietors of "Pink Pills" in another place in this issue speak of the manner in which they are wronged by unscrupulous imitators of their goods. It is well that the public should be warned and protected.

We invite articles of from a column to a column and a half in length for the DISCIPLE. We desire so far as possible to confine each department to its own page, which will on the whole be most satisfactory to all.

Mr. George Munro, well known here, editor of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST, has greatly improved that publication, changing its form to 12 pages and the name to THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. This journal is always spicy and interesting.—*Blenheim News*.

It would be a great convenience at this end of the line if those who write for publication in the DISCIPLE would use paper, note paper size, write with ink on only one side of the paper, be careful to spell all words, especially proper names, correctly, and avoid crowding too much on a page.

The Bible College of the Disciples of Christ closes its first session this week. The school rooms in Cecil Street Church of Christ have been used for class rooms. The work of the session has been encouraging, and the new college promises much for the denomination under whose auspices it has been opened. The young men of this church in the Province studying for the ministry have heretofore gone to the States for their education, but will now, no doubt, take advantage of home institutions. The Principal, Prof. T. L. Fowler, is much encouraged with the outlook.—*The Toronto Globe*.

Dr. McIntyre, of Denver, Colorado, lectured to a large audience in Gore Street Methodist Church, of this city, on Friday evening, March 22nd. His subject was, "Buttoned-up People." He said many striking things, as, for instance, "I believe there is love enough in the world to sweeten every home and make every life happy if it were only properly expressed and demonstrated." That saying might be called the key-note of the lecture. It was a well satisfied audience that listened to Dr. McIntyre that night. The people went home feeling that they had not only been richly entertained, but also greatly benefited, and no doubt, in the case of many, with a solemn resolution to make life sweeter for those around them.

The appeal made in another column by Bro. E. R. Black on behalf of the church in Aylmer will, we feel sure, strike a responsive chord in the hearts of the Disciples in Ontario. We presume that where cash is not available now, subscriptions will be acceptable. The friends of the Co-operation will feel that as the May collection for Home Missions is so near at hand they should give their ready money to the Home Mission fund of the Co-operation, especially as there is likely to be a considerable deficit. June 1st, unless all the friends of the Home Mission work