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Acts of Apostles.

We wish to drop a word here which may set our young brethren and sisters upon the careful study of that noble history—Acts of Apostles. We rejoice that the International Series of Sunday school lessons is now spending six months on that book. We have not yet heard of the complaint being made which was made some seven years ago when the S. S. lessons were in Acts, viz.: That the children would not have any Christ or any Gospel for six months. Perhaps the study of Acts for six months opened the eyes of the complainant so that he discovered that the Christ is the theme of Acts and that the Gospel beams upon its every page.

The book of Acts is a wonderful book to the one who begins to study it in an orderly and intelligent manner, yea, it is a wonderful book to the one who has studied it long and carefully. The student, if he has been under the influence of the notion that there is no Gospel in the Acts, that it is a dry and uninteresting book, will experience a constant succession of most exhilarating and edifying surprises. He will find himself translated in thought and feeling to the days of the Apostles, and as he attentively peruses the thrilling narrative he will find standing out before him in clearer and clearer light the simple Gospel story, the simple Gospel appeal, the simple Gospel conditions of pardon, the simple Gospel church and the simple Gospel life.

The Co-operation.

It is proper that now and again our readers should have their minds directed to the work of the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario. Misconceptions with regard to it exist in some localities, and earnest disciples are thereby prevented from having fellowship in a good work. The professed object of the Co-operation is to build up churches of Christ, and the professed object is the real object. Let this be carefully noted. To insinuate that some other purpose underlies this association is improper, unjust and unkind. And there is no indefiniteness as to what is meant by a church of Christ. It is not a sectarian church with unscriptural tests of fellowship—not a society which refuses those whom the Lord would receive, or receives those whom the Lord would reject; but a church which is a church of Christ because it is governed by His law and wears His name. To be more specific, the Co-operation stands for the well-known position of the Disciples of Christ, believing it to be in accord with the teaching of Jesus Christ and His Apostles, viz.: "That the person who believes in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ the Son of the living God, who repents toward God, who confesses with the mouth Jesus as His Lord, and who is baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, is a member of the church of Christ, and entitled to membership in

a church of Christ, and that only such persons are entitled to such membership." There is no other religious people in Canada that holds this position. All other bodies either require more or accept less, and are therefore at fault, the Word of God being judge. It follows that it is incumbent upon the Disciples of Christ to maintain their position and extend their influence in every lawful way. The Co-operation aims by a simple organization and by economical methods to combine the efforts of the Disciples in Ontario for the furtherance of this well-defined Scriptural end.

Judged by human standards (and we humbly trust by divine ones as well) the Co-operation is prospering. The amount of contributions, and the number of missions supported are increasing year by year. In the face of great difficulties, and of strong opposition the apostolic plan of building up the cause at central points was undertaken a few years ago and has been followed up with patience and perseverance. At the present time the work is in a somewhat trying condition because none of the missions are as yet self-supporting. There is some danger that the brethren may grow weary in assisting points that have been receiving help for some time and yet ask more.

We do not think that a careful survey of the whole question will justify discouragement, or the withholding of sympathy and support from these older missions. Results may not have been as speedy or as large as were anticipated, but our anticipations may have been too high; we may not have made due allowance for the obstacles to be overcome. Our lack of experience in such work may have prevented us from taking account of many of the adverse circumstance that are certain to arise when an effort is made to begin a new religious work in a city or town. We may have to adopt more moderate expectations and gird ourselves for more protracted contests. But what of that, if we have the truth and God on our side? Shall we be such craven-hearted soldiers as to fight unless in advance we are assured of a speedy and easy victory? Let it not be so said of us. Rather let us rejoice in the privilege of enduring hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, not fearing but that the Master will grant us the victory when we have deserved it.

And so we heartily commend the Co-operation and its noble work to our brethren throughout our country, and urge them by liberal offerings to put it in the power of the Co-operation to undertake still more for the propagation of Gospel truth and the salvation of men.

Children's Day for Home Missions.

We have written elsewhere of the claim we believe the Home Mission work of the Co-operation has upon the Disciples in Ontario. In this place a word or two may be permitted with reference to the special collection the Sunday schools are asked to take up on the first Lord's day in September, or as soon thereafter as may be most suitable for the schools. As we said on previous occasions, so we say now, that whether the response to this appeal be great or small, will depend almost altogether upon the superintendents and teachers in the Sunday schools. We have reason to believe that the majority of these earnest brethren and sisters are themselves contributors to the funds of the Co-operation and we therefore can address them as those who have confidence in the work and desire to see it largely prosperous. And what we think it is most important to impress upon them is this: that they

can greatly enlarge the collections by carefully instructing the scholars in regard to the work for which their gifts are solicited, by distributing the envelopes sent out, and by keeping the subject before the school every Lord's day until the collection is taken up.

Let the children be encouraged to give something, however small. It will do them good to excite their interest in a good cause, and if they be induced to exercise a little self-denial for its sake, they will not be injured thereby. We trust the returns from this special collection will indicate a healthy interest in the progress of the Gospel.

The decision of the Privy Council in favor of the contention of the Manitoba Government in regard to Separate Schools is highly gratifying. It may be taken as correctly interpreting the facts and as showing that the claims of the Roman Catholics are unfounded. Efforts are being made to stir up sectarian and race feeling over the matter. Every good citizen should do his part to show that those who oppose separate schools are not necessarily moved by hatred of Roman Catholics or French Canadians. What underlies the movement for national public schools is the conviction that national schools are essential to national life.

We find two epigrams from the *Youth's Advocate* in the CANADIAN EVANGELIST of July 15, without any credit. But as between thus boldly appropriating them and crediting them *Sol. or Ex.* there is little or no choice. —*Gospel Advocate*.

We remind the "miscellany" man of the *Gospel Advocate* of the admonition, "Judge not after the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." The editor of the CANADIAN EVANGELIST does not see the *Youth's Advocate*—it is not on his exchange list. It is therefore impossible for him boldly or otherwise to appropriate from its columns. Will the brother of the *Advocate's* "miscellany" give this explanation to his readers, and be a little more careful hereafter how he lightly accuses a brother journalist of an odious offence?

Sir Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University, died at his residence in Toronto, on Saturday evening, August 6th. His death was not unexpected, as he had been in failing health for some time. He was a distinguished man having a world-wide reputation among scholars.

We clip the following note from the *Hamilton Times*:

Sir Daniel Wilson, President of Toronto University, died on Saturday afternoon and was buried yesterday afternoon. Sir Daniel was a Scotchman, a native of Edinburgh, the freedom of which city he was presented with when in Scotland a short time ago. He was 76 years of age. The deceased was an author of considerable repute. His "Prehistoric Annals of Scotland" was declared by Hallam to be "the most scientific treatment of the archaeological evidences of primitive history which had ever been written." He was appointed to the chair of History and English Literature at University College, Toronto, in 1853. In 1881 he was promoted to the Presidency of the University. He was a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and as far back as 1864 the Société d'Anthropologie de Paris paid him the unsolicited compliment of electing him one of its foreign associates. He was at one time secretary to the Societies of Antiquaries of Scotland and a fellow of that society. In 1860 he was President of the Canadian Institute. In 1882 he was named by the Marquis of Lorne as a Vice-President of the Literature Section of the Royal Society of Canada, and in 1885 was elected its President. In 1883 Her Majesty conferred upon him the honor of knighthood. Mr. Edward Blake, Principal Grant and Prof. Loudon are mentioned as men from whom his successor might be chosen.

Our Omnibus.

The special attention of the O. C. W. B. M. sisters is drawn to the request of Sister Malcolm in another column.

Bro. J. A. Harding returned last Friday, July 29, from Manitoba, where he has been preaching the word since about the middle of June. He is in fine health and reports good work done among the Canucks. —*Gospel Advocate*.

Bro. E. Sheppard requests us to inform the churches that as he has a part of his time at his own disposal, he will be glad to hear from any church that would like to have him hold a protracted meeting. His address is Walkerton, Ont.

NANKIN HOSPITAL FUND.

Previously reported.....	\$82.95
Mary McDiarmid.....	1.00
Gilbert McArthur.....	50
Miss Katie McArthur.....	50

The annual meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be held in the Cobourg Street Church, St. John, N. B., beginning Friday, September 2nd. Miss M. Graybell, returned missionary from India, and J. H. Hardin, of Missouri, are expected to be present.

Bro. Sydney Black, of England, whose coming to America from Australia we have repeatedly announced, we hear, spent a few days in Toronto recently. On August 7th he spoke at Louisa St. Church, in the morning, and at Broadway Hall in the evening. He also lectured in Broadway Hall on the following Monday evening. We do not know whether he expects to visit other points in Ontario or not.

The *Oracle* Publishing Co. of Chicago have commenced the publication of the *Monthly Oracle*; the object of which is to supply the brotherhood with information in regard to the World's Fair. If the first number is a fair sample of future issues, it should have a large circulation. The price is only 50 cents a year; in clubs of five or more, 40 cents. The *Oracle* office is at 415 Dearborn St., Chicago, to which all subscriptions for the *Monthly Oracle* are to be sent.

The very unwelcome announcement is made that the *Missionary Weekly* of Richmond, Virginia, has suspended publication. Financial reasons account for this calamity. Whether publication will be resumed depends upon the action of the Disciples of Virginia in their district meetings soon to be held. It will not be a credit to the Virginia Disciples if they let the *Missionary Weekly* die. It is a good paper and must have done an immense amount of good in its own field. We shall be happy to hear of the *Weekly* being placed upon a solid financial basis and entering again upon its career of blessing to the cause of Christ.

OWING to the rapid increase in trade and the demand for K. D. C. across the border, the K. D. C. Company, Ltd., of New Glasgow, N. S., have opened offices at 127 State St., Boston, Mass., from which to supply their United States customers. Their offices, formerly occupied by the British Consul, are commodious and well suited to the needs of this pushing and energetic company, who seem bent on pushing their remedy, deservedly called the "King," to the uttermost parts of the earth. The remedy will be sent, post paid, to any address in the United States on receipt of price—one dollar a bottle. Free sample to any address.

Church News.

LOBO.—There have been two confessions and baptisms in connection with the work of the Lord in Lobo. One of the persons will doubtless take membership with the church in London, and the other has taken her membership here. I pray and work that many others in this community may be led to take the all-important step of obedience to Jesus, the Christ; and also that the saints may be built up in their most holy faith and by a Godly life lead their friends and neighbors to glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

J. A. BRENNSTUHL,
Poplar Hill, July 29th.

WEST LAKE.—Closed my year's work with the church at West Lake, on Wednesday, July 20th. On Lord's day three confessed their belief in Jesus, and on the following Wednesday evening another made the good confession, and was baptized the same hour of the night. My year's work has been one of pleasure, and I sincerely hope one of no little profit. During the year there were twenty additions, sixteen by confession and baptism, two reclaimed, and two by letter.

West Lake is a very desirable place to work. During the last year our meetings were well attended, the house being well filled at nearly every regular service. The brethren know how to treat one well—so well that there is a danger of spoiling one with kindness. During my stay with these good people, I received their sympathy, their help, and was amply remunerated from the financial point of view; and not only did I receive the sympathy of my own brethren, but also of our religious neighbors, who were very kind to me.

On the evening of July 21st, the neighbors gave me a surprise by coming to my home at Bro. Byron Hyatt's to give me a parting farewell. The guests were well entertained by Bro. Hyatt and his wife. The evening was spent in a sociable manner. Before partaking of the bountiful feast spread by the guests upon the lawn, a very kind address was read and presented to me, accompanied with a liberal gift of money which is but a slight token of the many kindnesses that have been showered upon me throughout the year.

It was no small struggle for me to leave West Lake, for we believe that God was blessing our weak efforts and that the good work had just nicely begun. After leaving, I was pleased to hear that eight were given the right hand of fellowship on the following Lord's day. As long as the spirit of love characterizes the actions of the West Lake brethren as it does now, I do not fear but that the Master's work will be well cared for.

A. C. GRAY.

Blenheim, Aug. 3rd.

LONDON.—Notwithstanding the heat and the absence from the city of so many of our members and adherents, the house Lord's day evening one week ago was filled with the exception of a few seats. At the close of the service three responded to the invitation. At our morning service yesterday two more confessed the Christ. In the evening the house was filled to the doors, five candidates were baptized and two more made the good confession. The interest is profound. Our work is attracting the attention of the whole city.

Remember our Anniversary the third Lord's day of this month. Bro. Parsons will be with us, and a good time is anticipated; it will do us good and you good to come. If you can't come, can you send us something that will make us glad? This is your work. The