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AND DISCIPLE OF CHRIST.

"If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples."—Jesus the Christ.

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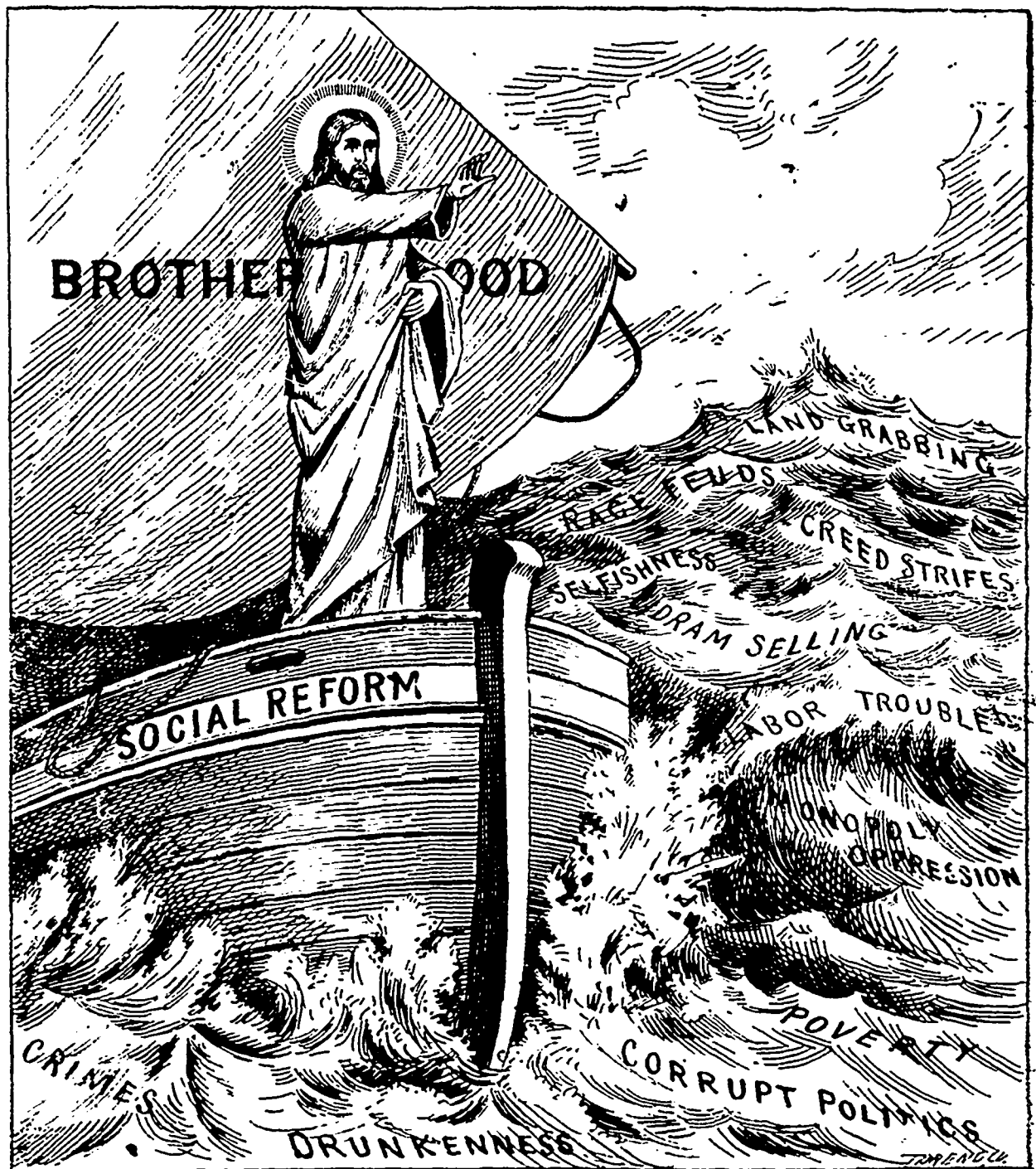
Is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, and pleads for the union of all believers in the Lord Jesus in harmony with His own prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, and on the basis set forth by the Apostle Paul in the following terms: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."—Eph. iv. 1-6.

Since the issue of this paper for June 1st, 1896, was published, circumstances have transpired which render it inappropriate to say that THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST "may be taken as fairly representing the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country." Such statement is, therefore, for the present at least, withdrawn.

THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST maintains that the commission given by Jesus Christ to His apostles should be rigidly adhered to, in theory and in practice, by all who acknowledge Him as their Lord. The commission reads thus: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. xxviii. 18-20, R. V.) This paper will constantly affirm that only those who teach and practice according to that commission have a right to call Jesus their Saviour, and to wear the name of Christ.

The phrase "DISCIPLE OF CHRIST," as a sub head to this paper, is intended to make clear the meaning of the name "EVANGELIST," which signifies a publisher of good news or glad tidings. This "newspaper Evangelist" claims to receive its inspiration from Christ, and finds in His life and in His Word the means to revolutionize the world, socially, morally and spiritually. This paper holds to the New Testament as containing an accurate record of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ and of His Apostles. It proposes, therefore, believing in Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ, the Son of the living God, to look upon this world of men in all their manifold, ever-varying relations and circumstances, through the medium of Christ's life and word, with the assurance that therein will be found the golden truth which will solve all problems, however difficult, and tend increasingly to the complete realization of "peace on earth and good will among men."

THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST maintains that there is no practicable *via media* between the rejection of the New Testament as an authoritative record, and the denial of Jesus of Nazareth as a Divine Lord. This Journal will therefore persistently insist that the New Testament must be accepted by all who profess to be Christians as an infallible rule of faith and practice, not as a mere ethical guide, in so far as we can see the truthness and fitness of its teaching. And that with regard to ordinances which have in themselves no necessary connection with moral and spiritual culture, as well as in reference to those matters which at present are entirely beyond our ken, it is ours reverently to believe, devoutly to obey.



THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST appeals to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity, and who accept the Bible as a Divine revelation, and the New Testament especially as the end of all controversy in matters pertaining to the Gospel of Christ. It will plead for an all-round, full-orbed Gospel, and urge the application of the ethics of Christ to all the relations of life. It will aim to keep an eye on religious affairs, especially in Canada, and where it thinks the cause of Christ demands, will criticise with a free but kindly hand. The times are ripe for bold, aggressive assertion of the teachings of Jesus. To those who think such aims and purposes good and laudable, we extend the invitation to become subscribers, and to use our columns to place their views before the people of Canada.