

Campbell on the Name.

As there seems to be some uncertainty as to what name A. Campbell preferred, it might be well to have him speak for himself, and not attempt an argument from silence. This of course is only a matter of history pertaining to the teaching of Campbell. In Vol. III., No. 9, of the *Millennial Harbinger* (page 402), he says that Disciples of Christ is a more ancient term than Christian, and it fully includes the whole idea :

"It claims our preference for four reasons: (1) It is more ancient. (2) It is more descriptive. (3) It is more scriptural. (4) It is more appropriate.

"1. Our first reason is indisputable, for the disciples of Christ were first called Christians in Antioch.

"2. It is more descriptive, because many people are named after their country, or political leaders, and some times after their religious leaders, who would feel it an insult to be called pupils or disciples of the person whose name they bear. . . . Might not a stranger, an alien, imagine that Christians, like an American or Roman, had some reference to country or some benefactor, or some particular circumstance rather than scholarship.

"3. It is more Scriptural. Luke wrote some thirty years after the ascension. Now, in his writings, which give at least thirty years' history of the primitive church, the word Christian occurs but twice—used only by the Antiochans and by King Agrippa—but no disciple, as far as Luke relates, ever spoke of himself or brethren under that designation. More than thirty times are they called Disciples in the Acts of the Apostles.

"4. It is more unappropriated at the present time. Unitarians, Arians, and sundry other newly-risen sects abroad are zealous for the name Christian, while we are the only people on earth fairly and indisputably in the use of the title Disciples of Christ."

Again, Vol. III., No. 10, 536, he says :

"The brethren all have a vote in this matter, and among the candidates for public favor I give my vote for 'Disciples,' or for 'Disciples of Christ.'"

Again, Vol. III., No. 10, page 478 :

"I have heard much said in behalf of the name Christian for thirty years; and I am only more and more persuaded that the apostles had better reasons for not assuming it than any living man can give for now wearing it. Jesus, among the Jews, was a proper name, and Christ a characteristic—an official designation. *Jesuits, or Disciples of Christ*, is now the only alternative. Brethren, take your choice."

I have not given the argument in full in each case, for my purpose was to show *what* Campbell preferred, and not *why* he preferred it.

F. L. MOFFETT, OF UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, in *Christian Standard*.

Commonplace Help.

AGNES.

Emily looked at the heaped-up dinner dishes on the kitchen table, and with a sigh of woe sat wearily down on the edge of the wood-box.

"The fire is out, and there isn't a drop of water to wash them with, and not a stick of wood in; and oh! I am so tired. I wonder how mother lives with so much to do. I really didn't know how much there was to do."

She rose from the hard edge of the wood-box and sat down on a chair.

"I must rest one minute before I begin. What a lot of things I have to do yet! I must dust the sitting-room and sweep the kitchen, and clean the lamps, and make johnny-cake for tea. It's hateful to have to think of the next meal when you haven't cleared up after this."

The little girl who soliloquized so woefully had been left to keep house for father and the boys for a few days, while her mother went to visit a sick sister. This was the first day, and if she was tired so soon, how would she feel to-morrow and the next day and the day after that? She had felt quite grown up when she said good-bye to mother this morning; but now she forgot she was mother's right hand and a neat little housekeeper. She was only a tired little girl, with a great deal of responsibility pressing upon her shoulders.

Leaning back in her chair she closed her eyes. Some one passing the window glanced in and saw the little figure in its forlornly weary attitude. The same was brother Hugh, the one brother older than Emily, aged fifteen. He hurried off to the barn to his father.

"Father, I'll come in an hour to clean the wheat. Em is so tired, I'll help her first."

"Very well, my boy," replied father, kindly.

Emily dropped asleep for a minute, with her head propped uncomfortably on the back of her chair. A clatter of wood being thrown into the box roused her.

"Didn't know you were asleep," apologized Hugh, as he stuffed kindling and wood into the stove. In a few minutes there was hot water. Hugh got the dish pan, towels and draining pan ready, then dried the dishes and polished the knives. He was painfully slow, but Emily was too grateful to be captious about it, and he talked so cheerily about some improvement he knew he could make in the windmill that pumped the water, that Emily brightened up and felt less homesick

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for mother. She couldn't understand just how Hugh meant to improve the windmill, but that didn't matter so long as he did. She was convinced that he must be quite as clever as Edison himself to understand windmills, that could be attached to pumps and cutting-boxes.

When the dishes were put away, Hugh filled the wood-box and cleaned the lamps—tidying up seemed easy while he was there. When all was done, he said: "Mother always lies down in the afternoon," and he shook the lounge pillows vigorously. "Here is my library, it is a good one—all about Moffatt, the missionary to Africa. He took a little clock with him to church, and when the black folks heard it strike they ran out, they were so scared. They often went to sleep in church, and if one fell off the bench they would all roar and laugh right out in church. Isn't that funny; and it's all true."

Emily turned, with a face full of gratitude, that was not all for the book.

"Thank you for helping me, Hugh," she said. "We must all help mother more. I didn't know there were so many things to do till I got so tired

to-day. I wish Saturday were further away, so she might have a longer rest."

"So do I," said Hugh, "but it's jolly dreary without her."

Hugh went away, and Emily lay still, thinking how loving and grateful a little kindly help had made her feel.

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