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Repentance and Faith.

Old controversies are revived from time to time. Points that were thought to be settled are raised again and again. To some extent, at least, each generation seems to go over the ground for itself, and that is well. It is not in the interest of the truth that we should receive without question from our fathers their views and their prejudices. Especially is this true with regard to matters of scriptural interpretation. Every "succeeding race" of men, and every individual of it, too, as far as in him lies, should make an original study of the Word of God.

These reflections are suggested by a revival of that old subject of debate, as to the order of repentance and faith. Prof. Garvin, of Butler University, appears to be the occasion of the present discussion, seeing that he maintains that repentance precedes faith. It is well known that the thinkers among the Disciples usually hold that faith precedes repentance; though let it be observed that the Disciples never think of making the point a test of fellowship. For the benefit of our younger readers, we will state that the common doctrine of what is now called evangelical Christianity is that repentance precedes faith, and anyone who listens to their prayers, exhortations and sermons, will note that the idea is thoroughly ingrafted into their minds. Our recollection, etc., of the prayers and addresses of Presbyterian ministers is to the same effect, and yet, as we look into the Westminster Confession of Faith, we do not find the doctrine there. Chapter fourteen treats of "Saving Faith;" chapter fifteen of "Repentance unto Life." The first section of chapter fifteen reads: "Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ." Mark the words, "as well as that of faith in Christ." And section two teaches that it is upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ, that the sinner turns from his sins to God.

Prof. Garvin, like others who maintain that repentance precedes faith, quotes from Mark i. 15 the words of our Saviour to the people of that day: "The kingdom of heaven is at hand; repent ye and believe in the gospel." Also from Acts xv. 21 the words of Paul: "Testifying both to Jews and Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ," and insists that the order in which repentance and faith are mentioned in those passages indicates the order in which they occur in a sinner's heart. But this does not necessarily follow. Take *Rome* x. 9, for example; if the order of mention is to decide, then confession must go before faith; but verse 10 would make faith precede confession. Look the passage up for yourself.

Nevertheless, we believe that in Mark i. 15, the teaching is that repent-

ance goes before faith in the gospel, while yet we hold that the New Testament doctrine is that, since the ascension of our Lord, *faith in Him* precedes *repentance toward God*. Or to put the matter in another way, that the apostles preached repentance toward God on the ground of faith in Jesus Christ; or once more, that they preached first faith in the Lord Jesus, and then when persons believed on Him, they exhorted such to repent and turn to God. In Acts, second chapter, we have a familiar and striking illustration. When those of the audience who were pricked in their hearts by the belief of the truth that God had made Jesus both Lord and Christ cried out, "What shall we do?" Peter said unto them, "Repent ye and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." In that case, repentance was preached as a duty consequent upon faith, and those people were Jews, too; let us say, with reference to such as allege, that the same rule does not apply to Jews and Gentiles. But the whole matter may be summed up and settled, so far as the Christian dispensation is concerned, by an appeal to the speech of the Apostle Paul on Mars' Hill. Let us quote two verses (Acts xvii. 30, 31): "The times of ignorance, therefore, God overlooked; but now He commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: inasmuch as He hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." Here we have the universal duty of repentance preached upon the basis of the fact that God will judge the world by the risen Christ. But before any person would repent under such preaching, he would require to

And so while it may be freely granted that other preachers might and did preach repentance on other grounds, it is, nevertheless, the fact that the preachers of the gospel of Jesus Christ are to preach repentance toward God on the ground of faith in Jesus Christ; consequently, where the gospel is proclaimed, faith in Jesus comes first; repentance toward God, second.

Sunday Cars in Toronto.

The comparatively small majority by which the proposition to run the street cars on Sunday in Toronto was defeated is not calculated to make the "Antis," as they have been called, very happy. The vote was very large—27,311. Of these, 13,154 were given for Sunday cars and 14,157 against. In January, 1892, in a total vote of 24,638, there was a majority of 3,936. It looks as though it would be a case of "three times and out," for, no doubt, those who favor the Sunday cars will bring on another vote at the first favorable opportunity. It seems certain to us that had the question not been complicated by the manner in which the vote was brought on, and by the strong feeling against the Street Railway Company on other present grounds, the street cars would have run in Toronto last Sunday.

As we have stated before, we are guided in the formation of our opinions by what we believe to be the really preponderating feeling on the subject among the Toronto voters, rather than by our desires in the case. And we are still of the opinion that no pains should be spared to protect the interests of the employees of the company when the cars are permitted to run on Sunday. Those who truly care for the working-man should give their attention to this. Personally we favor a quiet Sunday,

and more than that, a religious Sunday. And we would like to have all the denizens of our cities able to get their fresh air, and their views of nature's beauties, and their outings in the parks, etc., etc., on week days. But we recognise how difficult, nay, impossible, it is to realize our ideals; and we lament, as all Christians who know the fact, must, that great masses of the city populations have no taste for a quiet or a religious Sunday; moreover, we do not see much reason to hope that it will soon be otherwise. And so there comes to us some such feeling as this: if these unevangelised masses want to get to the Island or the parks on Sunday, or wish to move about the city to visit their friends, perhaps it is as well to grant them full liberty to do so, and that they cannot have without the street cars.

Our New Special Offer.

We hope to receive many new subscriptions at the very low rate of \$1.25 for the EVANGELIST until Jan. 1, 1895, and "On the Rock." We ask our friends to lend a hand to gain for the EVANGELIST a larger circle of readers. We cannot complain of the lack of friends, but we would like that a larger number of them would actively interest themselves in the paper. Let each help a little.

Notes.

The Canadian Baptist says:

"It is time that the world, both Protestant and Catholic, had the means of forming an opinion on incontrovertible evidence as to the truth or falsehood of the terrible accusations which are from time to time made in regard to what goes on in Roman Catholic convents."

If Father Chiniquy, Ex-priest Slatery, and Mrs. Shepherd are to be believed, Roman Catholic convents the world over are little better, if not worse, than houses of prostitution.

Speaking of the stories of the gross immoralities of priests and nuns, we may say that for our part we find it very difficult to credit the allegations that right here in Canada we have institutions which, being professedly devoted to religion, are really devoted to lust. We would like to believe that, whatever foul things may have been perpetrated in convents in other lands and other days, in this land and in these days, the priests and nuns are, at least, of average moral character. But on the other hand, it is almost past belief that such a well kept set of men as the Roman Catholic priests should be able to keep themselves pure. They do not look like a body of men who mortify themselves. It is certain that the system of celibacy is directly opposed to nature, reason and Scripture.

Ministers and others who lead in public prayer are often heard to thank God that we live in days of peace, but how near the awful brink of war and revolution we may be at almost any time is suggested by the following from the *Christian Oracle*:

"One of the most momentous problems demanding solution at this time is that of providing the means of subsistence for the thousands of unemployed men with which the country is filling up, especially the large cities. The financial stringency through which our country is passing is leaving in its wake a most ominous condition of society, which, if money matter continue as they now are during the coming winter, will likely occasion most calamitous results. Chicago already has thousands of unemployed men, and the number is constantly increasing. The most of them are anxious to work, but work cannot be had. The labor organizations of this city are taking active and timely measures looking to providing means of relief in the way of work of some kind. This is a move that should have the sympathy and hearty co-operation of all good citizens."

Our Omnibus.

It grieves us to hear of the very serious illness of the wife of Dr. P. T. Kilgour, of College Hill, Ohio.

Bro. Wm. M. Crewson, of Huntsville, Muskoka, is not at all well. Yet he is still keeping up as many of his appointments as he can. Bro. C. has done a lot of hard work in Muskoka.

The General Conventions are to be held in Chicago beginning September 15th and closing September 22nd. We trust that, notwithstanding the World's Fair, the conventions will be a great success in every way, and that a goodly number of Canadians will be present.

The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick is to be held at Lord's Cove, Deer Island, N. B., Aug. 31st-Sept. 3rd. Bro. H. A. Northcutt, of the U. S., now evangelizing in the Maritime Provinces, is on the programme; also Bro. T. H. Capp, of Springfield, Mo.

One of the mothers in our Israel is Sister Royce, widow of the late Elder Robert Royce. She now lives in Acton. A few days ago her children and some of her grand-children met at her house to celebrate her eightieth birthday. May the Lord continue to be gracious unto His aged servant.

A very melancholy event happened at Hamilton Beach on the morning of Aug. 29th. The storm of the previous night had made the lake very rough; notwithstanding, a number of lads were enjoying themselves playing among the rollers. One of them, the fourth son of Rev. Samuel Lyle, of this city, was carried out by the undertow and drowned.

The British Canadian is the name of a new paper published in Toronto, and edited by Margaret L. Shepherd, who is well known as an anti-Catholic lecturer in this country. The motto of the paper is, "One language, one school, one flag, one nation." It is strongly anti-Catholic, but promises to discuss every subject "in a calm, dignified and courteous manner."

As both Bro. Sheppard and Bro. Fowler speak in this number of that recently deceased good man Archibald McKillop, Sr., we do not need to say anything. Yet we feel like gratifying ourselves by expressing our very high opinion of his lovely Christian character. "He was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." His family have in the memory of his beautiful life a precious legacy.

We find this item in the *Aurora Banner*. We presume it refers to our brother J. P. Wells, an old and highly esteemed Disciple whom we last saw at the Annual Meeting. We hope to have a suitable obituary for next issue: "Just before going to press we have learned of the sudden death, from paralysis, of Mr. J. P. Wells, of Wellington street, which occurred on Thursday afternoon. The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon."

The funeral of our late Brother Archibald McKillop, of Aldborough, was the largest ever seen in that section. The post office and all places of business in the village were closed, and every evidence was given of the high esteem in which he was held and of the profound sorrow which was felt by the community. The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Sheppard, who delivered a very touching and most impressive discourse from the following words: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
 T. L. FOWLER.

The following from the Committee on Entertainment should have attention at once by all who are expecting to attend the General Conventions:

GENERAL CONVENTIONS.

All delegates who wish the Committee to arrange places of entertainment for them will please notify J. H. Pickrell, 115 Monroe street, Chicago, at once. If you will do so we will send you notice of your lodging places, and to those you can go immediately upon your arrival here.

The Nashville Convention decided that, in view of the large number of people expected here this fall, all delegates would pay their own way. Noon and evening meals will be served as of late years. For lodging and breakfast the maximum rate will be 75 cents. The Chicago Disciples would be glad to furnish lodging and breakfast free to all, but we find it impossible to do so at this time. We will do all in our power to contribute to the pleasure of all who come to the Convention.

J. H. PICKRELL, Chairman.
 A. J. WHITE, Secretary.
 Committee of Arrangement.

Church News.

WEST LAKE.—We are glad to learn that Bro. J. D. Stephens will remain at West Lake another year.

SELKIRK.—Bro. W. G. Charlton is holding special meetings at Selkirk. No particulars as yet.

BLENNHEIM, Aug. 21.—Bro. Ainsworth preached for us yesterday morning and evening. I heard nothing but praise for his sermons.

A. C. GRAY.

TORONTO, Broadway Hall.—We hear that Bro. W. D. Campbell, now of Detroit, is to conduct special services for the Disciples that meet in Broadway Hall, Toronto.

GLENCOE, Aug. 14.—There were two more baptisms here yesterday—a man and his wife. Our audiences are growing satisfactorily. The house was crowded yesterday.—ALEX. McMILLAN, in *Standard*.

LONDON.—Since last report four more have been added to the membership of the church. Our Annual Meeting will be held the last Lord's day in October. We hope to see with us a number of brethren from a distance.
 T. L. FOWLER.

ROSEDENE.—Bro. Amos Tovell has been holding some evangelistic meetings at Rosedene. One young man had made the good confession when we heard from there, and Bro. Stevens, of Beamsville, was expected to assist in continuing the meetings.

RIDGETOWN.—The good work is going on at Ridgetown. There have recently been three additions by letter and three by baptism. A new roof has been put upon the meeting house and it will also be re-painted. The Endeavor Society is presenting the church with a silver communion set. Bro. Bulgin is engaged for another year.

HAMILTON, Aug. 28th.—Bro. Alex. Anderson has returned from his annual trip to the north, but we are sorry to say that he has not been able to be at church the last two Lord's days. There have recently been three names added to our church roll—one of a baptized believer formerly connected with another body, and two of Disciples lately come to the city.

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