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The Words of Christ.

There are many people who acknowledge the obligation to confess Jesus as Lord who do not feel under any compulsion to be scrupulous with regard to the exact meaning of his teaching on a given point. There are those who even go so far as to ignore entirely his teaching on certain points. That is to say, there are those who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, who think themselves wiser than he. It may never occur to them just in that way, but a view of their conduct suggests the conclusion. The proposition we wish to maintain here is, that loyalty to Christ requires us to be loyal to his words—demands of us that we should believe what he says, and do whatsoever he commands us to do. The Saviour himself clearly teaches this, as, for example, in Luke ix. 26: "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels." The being ashamed of the words of Christ separates us from Christ. On another occasion he said, John viii. 31: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." And we may say that the very fact of receiving divine teaching places us under the highest obligation to study it carefully and to observe its precepts faithfully. Reverence for God does not exist where reverence for his word is absent; and true reverence for his word incites to the earnest study of it. We all probably err more or less in this respect, both in respect to the word of God in general and the word of Christ in particular. But there is a difference between acknowledging and denying the obligation to search the Scriptures, and we can see a distinction between the person who laments his failure to do his full duty in that regard and the one who seeks to justify him-

self in not doing his duty at all. The disposition to receive what is agreeable to the individual is illustrated well by the way in which many people treat the ordinances of the New Testament—baptism and the Lord's Supper. On the one hand we find those who repudiate them altogether, on the other hand those who treat it as a matter of no consequence whether or not they understand the will of the Lord with reference to these ordinances. We hold it to be just as certain that Jesus Christ instituted baptism and the Lord's Supper to be constantly observed by his disciples until he comes again, as that he lived here on the earth. And we maintain therefore that those who claim to be his disciples are bound to observe them, and in the way in which he directs them to be observed. We know it is held that such ordinances are of no spiritual profit, that a person is no better for observing them. But we assert that whatever Jesus Christ requires men to do, is for their spiritual good; and that whenever a professing Christian refuses to do anything that Christ commands, he severs his connection with Christ, and destroys his own spiritual life.

It is a common charge against the people known as Disciples of Christ that they make too much of baptism; it is generally a baseless charge. There may be those among them who do wittingly or unwittingly make too much of baptism. But it is not true of the leaders among them nor of the great majority of their membership. They do in truth make baptism prominent in their teaching. And why? Because the Lord and his Apostles make it prominent and because very many of his professed followers do not now do so. The intention is to be faithful to the words of Christ, not to come under the condemnation of those who are ashamed of his words. There is no desire to give baptism a place it does not occupy in the New Testament, but there is an anxiety that it should stand just where the Lord himself has placed it. We exhort our brethren not to allow hostile criticism to prevent them from being loyal to the words of Christ in regard to baptism, and we ask those who are not of us to search the Scriptures and see whether or not our teaching be not in harmony with the truth as it is in Jesus.

Children's Day for Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Christian Missionary Society of the United States asked the Sunday schools among the Disciples of Christ in the United States and Canada to make up a special collection for Foreign Missions on the first Lord's day in June or about that time. We are not informed as to the number of schools that responded to that request. We are reminded that THE EVANGELIST has not, as its manner is, urged this good cause upon the attention of the Sunday school superintendents, teachers and scholars. In ordinary circumstances we would regret this very much and apologize for it. But now that our sisters of the Ontario Christian Woman's Board of Missions are asking the Sunday schools to send their contributions to Foreign Missions to their Treasurer, Miss Jennie Fleming, Kilsyth Ont., to assist in supporting Miss Minnie Rioch in Japan, we feel that if our neglect was the cause of any schools not taking up collections for Foreign Missions we have an opportunity of urging such to contribute to the special work undertaken by the O.C.W.B.M. It is important to note that this proposal on the part of the sisters has the approval of Bro. McLean who was

consulted about the matter at Bowmanville.

Many of the Sunday school pupils have seen and heard Tozo Ohno, and have had their minds directed by him to the condition of Japan and its great need of the Gospel of Christ. We feel sure their interest in Japan will be greatly increased when they learn that a young lady, a member of the church in Hamilton, is going to that country in a few months as a missionary to learn the language of Japan that she may tell the boys and girls there of Jesus and his love. She proposes to give up her position as a teacher in Hamilton, to leave her home, to deny herself the comforts of life in this goodly land, to relinquish the pleasures of church fellowship here. What girl or boy in our Sunday schools would not like to have a part in her work? Each one may have, by giving something towards the expense of sending her to Japan and supporting her there.

Here is an opportunity for the Sunday school superintendents and teachers to do the boys and girls under their care great good, by inducing them to deny themselves for the sake of those who know not Christ in Japan. We respectfully urge the Sunday school superintendents to lay this good work before the scholars.

Those of our friends who were at the Annual Meeting, as well as those who were not, will enjoy reading the papers of Bro. Fowler and Sister Rioch which we give in this number.

We trust that none of our readers are denying themselves the pleasure of reading the series of articles we are now publishing on "The Commission vs. Denominationalism." We feel indebted to Bro. Knowles for his able articles on so timely a topic.

We are pleased to see in the list of young men recently set apart to the ministry of the Word in the Broadway church, Lexington, Ky., the name of Bro. R. W. Ballah. He begins his labors in Erin, July 1st. We pray that the Lord may richly bless him and make his labors fruitful to the eternal well-being of many souls.

A friend informs us of the death of Bro. Alex. McArthur, formerly of Western Ontario, more recently of Texas, and asks for particulars. We are not now able to furnish any. It will be remembered that Bro. McArthur spent some time with the church in Stayner two years ago. He then was in delicate health, but was loath to acknowledge it, and was very eager to be engaged in preaching the Gospel.

Our Omnibus.

NANKIN HOSPITAL FUND.
 Previously reported..... \$74 95
 G. M. and wife 2 00

There is still an opportunity for a number of our friends to assist in making up the proposed \$100. Send all sums to 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton.

At a public meeting of the Endeavor Union of Hamilton, June 20th, the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in that city stated that he believed that seven-eighths (about 5,000) of the young men in Hamilton were not members of any church.

There is one Unitarian church, and there are two Jewish synagogues in Hamilton; also two highly ritualistic English churches.

John Munro, preacher for the church at Toronto Junction and Fellow in Chemistry at Toronto university, expects to attend the Summer

school at Harvard university, which opens July 6th.

THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST for June gives a full account of the recent convention of the Disciples church at Bowmanville. We are glad to note that considerable progress has been made, and that their cause is becoming increasingly prosperous. In the same number is an excellent poetical effusion by Elder Sheppard of this town. Our columns are crowded this week, but we will publish it in our next issue.—*Bruce Herald.*

We direct attention to the request of the O.C.W.B.M. that the Sunday schools should send their collections for Foreign Missions to Miss Jennie Fleming, Treasurer, O. C. W. B. M., Kilsyth, Ont., to assist in supporting Miss Minnie Rioch, as a missionary in Japan. We think this is a reasonable request, and we trust the Sunday schools will cheerfully accede to it.

Bro. G. D. Weaver spent a day or two in Hamilton after concluding his labors at International Bridge. He left June 21st for his home at Weymouth, N.S., where he intended spending a few days before proceeding to Montague, P. E. Island, at which place he is engaged as regular preacher for the church. Bro. Weaver spent exactly one year in Ontario; and in that time he made many friends and did much good by his faithful and earnest preaching of the Gospel. While we regret his departure from Ontario, we wish him abundant success in his new home.

We are glad to hear from many quarters that the extended report of the Annual Meeting given in last number was read with pleasure and satisfaction. We have learnt by experience that our brethren desire to be fully informed of what is done at our yearly gathering. The last number, we may observe, had ten pages and nearly as much reading matter as two ordinary numbers. We have some further reports of Committees and Annual Meeting notes in this paper.

The Annual Meeting.

The Bowmanville papers, the *Sun*, *Statesman* and *News*, all devoted considerable space to the proceedings of our Convention.

On Saturday afternoon a telegram was read from D. L. Sinclair, barrister, of Toronto, stating that he had that day received from one of the judges a certificate of incorporation for the Co-operation.

Bro. P. Baker presented the report of the Committee on Statistics. We are sorry that we have not the report by us and cannot recollect particulars. Will Bro. Baker supply this omission?

Co-operation Notes

CONTRIBUTIONS.
 Hattie Borland \$1 00
 Dugald Robertson 1 00
 All contributions to the Home Mission Fund of the Co operation should be addressed to the undersigned at 85 Wellington St. North, Hamilton.
 GEO. MUNRO, Cor. Sec.

A kindly word and a tender tone—
 To only God is their virtue known!
 They can lift from the dust the abject head,
 They can turn a foe to a friend instead;
 The heart close-barred with passion and pride
 Will fling at their knock its portals wide,
 And hat that blights and scorn that sears,
 Will melt in the fountain of childlike tears.

Church News.

WEST TORONTO JUNCTION.—Three baptisms since last report. J. M.

MOSA.—Bro. Alex. McMillan is preaching for the church in Mosca.

LONDON, June 24, 1892.—Since my last report, five have been baptized. T. L. FOWLER.

WIARTON.—Bro. Robertson of Owen Sound preached at Wiarton, June 12th, and made a good impression upon the brethren.

SOLKIRK.—As stated in last issue of THE EVANGELIST, Bro. Lediard began a series of meetings at Solkirk, June 10th, and continued over Lord's day, June 19th. He reports good audiences, but no additions.

GRAND VALLEY, June 25.—On Lord's day, May 29th, I had the pleasure of taking the confession of Mrs. McLellan, wife of Bro. D. McLellan, of Grand Valley. She was baptized next day. On Thursday, June 23rd, I baptized Mrs. Clark, wife of Bro. James Clark. Thus the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. We hope to see others come soon. S. W.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE.—This is the name of a village which stands at the Canadian end of the International Bridge and is just a short distance north of Fort Erie. Some interesting meetings have recently been carried on there by Bro. Besaw, of the Jefferson St. church, Buffalo, and Bro. G. D. Weaver. During the meetings six persons were baptized, and two immersed believers united with the little company of Disciples already there. There is now there a church of fifteen members. A Bro. James, formerly associated with the Baptists, we understand, is the leading man. He has secured and fitted up a building formerly used as a school house; it makes a comfortable meeting house. There is a Sunday school of nearly 100 pupils. It has been arranged to have Bro. Besaw preach regularly every Lord's day afternoon, and it is hoped that the good work will go on prosperously. Sister House, well-known to many of our readers, lives at International Bridge, and as a matter of course is deeply interested in the success of the cause of Christ in that place.

GEORGETOWN.—The garden party, by the ladies of the Disciples of Christ, Georgetown, held at the residence of Jas. Early, Esq., Norval, was a decided success. The evening was all that could be desired. Mr. and Mrs. Early had spared neither pains nor expense to make their beautiful and spacious home all that heart could wish for such an occasion. The grounds were illuminated with Chinese lanterns. The tables were ornamented with tastefully arranged flowers, and were spread with a repast fit for lords and ladies. In fact everything done was of exceptionally high order. How the heart of the friend, the neighbor and the stranger was made to burn within them as having entered the gate they were welcomed to the evening's festivities by a cordial firm grasp of the hand from Mr. Early and his estimable lady. But this was as expected as the receipts will show, \$101.25 being taken in during the evening. If it is an earnest of what these ladies purpose doing, there need be no anxiety as to their success in their purchased church home.

The programme as announced was in the main carried out. Mr. Chas. McKinlay was expected to be present and to take the chair, but in his absence it