

faculty for urging men to be baptized. When they know and love the Lord they require no coaxing to make them obey. I have been endeavouring to the best of my ability to sow the seed that may bring forth fruit unto everlasting life. Let us pray for the prosperity of Zion.

I am, dear brother, Yours, &c.,

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The preceding from the experienced and truly esteemed brother Black, who has been a standard bearer in the gospel for over a quarter of a century, deserves to be carefully pondered. The fact that one or more person or persons calling himself or themselves Disciples can be found in our country who delude the community with the belief that the people called Disciples hold forth a gospel wherein there is a human Saviour, and which offers a framework of cold language and a doctrinal theory, without life, spirit, or godly energy.—is a fact not only astounding and mortifying, but a fact which calls for something more than a sigh or a tear. We are ready to publish the name and surname of every such so-called Disciple, and hold him up to the community as “giving heed to fables,” a “false teacher,” and a “deceiver,” “denying the Lord that bought him,” “sensual, having not the Spirit.”

Surely “by reason of such the way of truth is evil spoken of,” and we cannot too soon proclaim to all who know us, and as far as our influence can reach, that we not only have no Christian fellowship with men of this character, but that we cannot view them as in any sense entitled to religious friendship. It is reported, and we think correctly reported, that there are a few misguided men in the Province west of Cobourg claiming the name “Disciple” as a distinctive badge, who ridicule the idea of Satan’s existence, affirm that angels are a sectarian delusion, declare and teach that Christ died not as a sacrifice but as an example, proclaim that sins are remitted by a species of obedience on the part of man himself, &c.; but can it be possible that men of this stamp are capable of deceiving any enlightened community, or that intelligent men look upon such as in anywise representing the Disciples of Christ in Canada, who, co-operating with the Scotch Baptists and other Baptists, plead for the Scriptures as the sole standard of religious teaching, and seek a purer and more perfect religious community than the principles of partyism either offer or produce.

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