

" If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples."-JESUS the Christ.

VOL IX., NO. 24.

HAMILTON, APRIL 15. 1895.

\$1 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE.

The Disciple of Christ

Is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Ch-ist, 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 he Apostle Paul in the following terms : "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to wilk 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 that we are not yet ready to take his the opportunity of reading the Toronto and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all."-Eph. iv. 1.6.

This paper, while not claiming to be what is styled an "organ," may be taken as fairly representing the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country.

Editorial Motes.

IT is not surprising that some of our brethten should take serious objection to our article in the March 15th paper ! on the Sunday street cars. On another page will be found letters from three of our brethren on that subject, which will be read with interest. For our part, as i we have no liking for a one-sided, oneidea, onc-man paper, we have pleasure in publishing what those brethren have to say. What remarks we have to offer in reply, we shall try to embody in these notes on this page.

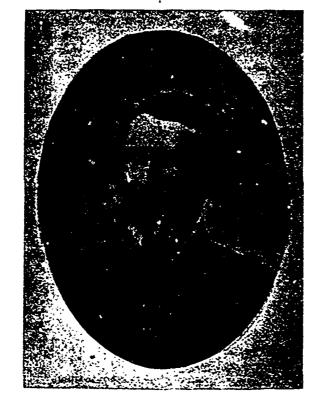
Bro. Kirk repudiates our claim to represent the people known as Disciples of Christ in this country, in so far as our views on Sunday street cars are concerned. But we have never made are held by not a few Disciples, and in the week. those not the least intelligent, or least spiritual, is a fact. But that fact does With reference to Bro. Edward social, pulitical or financial system not make them representative views. In Trout's contention that our opinion on which he honestly believes in, because, fact, there is no Disciple who could the Sunday street cars is inconsistent perchance, the Toronto World stands

brotherhood. Where the Lo.d has left Lord forbade the running of street ple, who seem to us to be not so good, us free, no man has any right to bind cars on Sunday, it would then be wick- have opinions on some things which to us. The Lord has left us free on the ed to give any countenance to the prac-Sunday street car question, and no man tice. Since the Lord is silent on the shall bind us. matter, we should hesitate to dogmatize

So far as the company into which our

j thereon. We might go through Brother Kirk's

letter and easily show up its inconsistencies, but the foregoing deals with the views may happen to bring us is conmain point we wish to draw attention cerned, we would say that we are more to. We pass his letter, therefore, with careful as to the rightfulness of our the query, whether it is more sinful to views than as to the character or repurun a milk trolley on Sunday than a tation of those who may chance to hold milk wagon, and with the intimation them in common with us. We have not



C. J. LISTER.

such a claim. The views expressed are thint to move to Chicago. Hamilton is World regularly, but some people who the views of the editor of this paper. a very good place to live in, and are not the worst people we have ever He does not pretend that they are the Toronto will be a better place to live in met tell us it is not a bad paper. And views of all the Disciples in Canada, than it is now when the trolley car pur- we should not wonder if Bro. Trout nor of most of them ; that similar views sues the even tenor of its way every day and the World hold some, if not many, opinions in common. Does Brother

properly assume to represent the Dis- with the new name of the p.per, THE on the same ground? Not he. Nor

Trout feel that he must relinquish a

ciples on a matter of the kind. The DISCIPLE OF CHRISI, we are rather sur- do we. The question as to who holds Disciples never have met, and, we prised that an old Disciple like Bro. this, or who believes that, has less are reminded that the first Lord's day trust, never will meet, en masse, or Trout should take so untenable a posi- weight with us than it once had. Some in May is the day on which they are through delegates, to pass a resolution tion. It surely is honoring to the very good people-and wise in their asked to give a special collection for on the Sunday street car question Master to maintain that we are free generation, too-cherish opinions which the Home Mission Fund of the Cowhich should be the rule of faith for the until bound by Him. If the law of the to us are detestable, while other peo- operation.

us appear to be altogether right, or not very far wrong.

There is one thing, and it is not the only thing, that pleases us in Bro. Trout's article. It is, that he will not remain away from the breaking of bread on the Lord's day, because a congregation happens to use an organ as an aid to the singing. Come to think of it, we have not gone much beyond that yet ourselves. We do not think the use of the organ can scripturally be made a test of fellowship.

Bro. 'Trout's word of caution as to a religious paper meddling with politics, single tax, etc., is received in the kindly spirit in which it is given. Our old friend, Bro. S. J. Chubb, urges us tomake a study of the single tax, and let our readers know the result. Bro. Chubb has been at us for several years on the same line. We are between two fires, so to speak. We shall endeavor, as usual, to find the right way and walk ın it.

So far as Bro. Lediard may not find his answer in the foregoing, we would say that we do favor the "better observance of the Lord's day," and with that end in view, we believe Sunday cars in large cities are helpful. We also favor "legislation looking to a better observance of the Lord's day," but we think it is very important that such legislation should be enacted from the standpoint of the State, and not from the standpoint of the churches. The State includes all citizens, whether religious or irreligious, Protestants, Catholics, non-Protestants, Jews, Agnostics, Sceptics, Atheists, and Nothingarians. The rights of all, the best interests of all, should be considered and protected. Those who profess and call themselves Protestants should not forget that they are not all the State.

The Disciples throughout Ontario