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THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST AND CANADIAN EVANGELIST.

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

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Is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ, 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 the Apostle Paul in the following terms: "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk 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 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 Notes.

It is not surprising that some of our brethren 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 we have no liking for a one-sided, one-idea, one-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 such a claim. The views expressed are the views of the editor of this paper. He does not pretend that they are the views of all the Disciples in Canada, nor of most of them; that similar views are held by not a few Disciples, and those not the least intelligent, or least spiritual, is a fact. But that fact does not make them representative views. In fact, there is no Disciple who could properly assume to represent the Disciples on a matter of the kind. The Disciples never have met, and, we trust, never will meet, *en masse*, or through delegates, to pass a resolution on the Sunday street car question which should be the rule of faith for the

brotherhood. Where the Lord has left us free, no man has any right to bind us. The Lord has left us free on the Sunday street car question, and no man shall bind us.

We might go through Brother Kirk's letter and easily show up its inconsistencies, but the foregoing deals with the main point we wish to draw attention to. We pass his letter, therefore, with the query, whether it is more sinful to run a milk trolley on Sunday than a milk wagon, and with the intimation that we are not yet ready to take his

Lord forbade the running of street cars on Sunday, it would then be wicked to give any countenance to the practice. Since the Lord is silent on the matter, we should hesitate to dogmatize thereon.

So far as the company into which our views may happen to bring us is concerned, we would say that we are more careful as to the rightfulness of our views than as to the character or reputation of those who may chance to hold them in common with us. We have not the opportunity of reading the Toronto

ple, who seem to us to be not so good, have opinions on some things which to 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 to make 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 in 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 are reminded that the *first* Lord's day in May is the day on which they are asked to give a special collection for the Home Mission Fund of the Co-operation.



C. J. LISTER.

hint to move to Chicago. Hamilton is a very good place to live in, and Toronto will be a better place to live in than it is now when the trolley car pursues the even tenor of its way every day in the week.

With reference to Bro. Edward Trout's contention that our opinion on the Sunday street cars is inconsistent with the new name of the paper, THE DISCIPLE OF CHRIST, we are rather surprised that an old Disciple like Bro. Trout should take so untenable a position. It surely is honoring to the Master to maintain that we are free until bound by Him. If the law of the

World regularly, but some people who are not the worst people we have ever met tell us it is not a bad paper. And we should not wonder if Bro. Trout and the *World* hold some, if not many, opinions in common. Does Brother Trout feel that he must relinquish a social, political or financial system which he honestly believes in, because, perchance, the *Toronto World* stands on the same ground? Not he. Nor do we. The question as to who holds this, or who believes that, has less weight with us than it once had. Some very good people—and wise in their generation, too—cherish opinions which to us are detestable, while other peo-