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FOLLOWING CHRIST.

The word "follow" is largely used in the Gospels in connection with the Saviour. Often in a general way as of individuals or multitudes merely going after Him: often in a special way as of His disciples who "left all and followed Him" constantly and were entirely devoted to Him. The same word is very frequently employed by Christians in our own day. Sinners are urged to follow Jesus, Christians to follow Him faithfully, and so on. Obviously there is no notion of physical following in such use of the word. With us it denotes to become a Christian, and to continue a Christian, and there can be no objection to this use of the term. But there is a New Testament use of it which deserves to be held very prominently before the minds of the disciples of the Lord. It is found, for example, in that beautiful and familiar verse, "For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter ii, 21 R. V.) The meaning of the expression "follow his steps" is made very clear by the context, and may be paraphrased, "do as he did."

And the whole passage (vv. 18-25) is an application of the general rule, that the disciple is to be an imitator of His Master. Here it is in respect to suffering for righteousness' sake, and the spirit in which that is to be done. And in view of the universal tendency among men not to "take it patiently" when they suffer for doing well, the necessity for the lesson is very plain. How often have men of honest heart injured if not ruined, their influence, and done untold harm to the cause they loved, because they did not follow the steps of Jesus in this regard! A whole lifetime of consistent walk could not undo the wrong one such lapse would do. How important then that we should note what the Apostle says. "Who did no sin;" we may not reach that holy height here but it is our undoubted duty to strive in that direction. "Neither was guile found in His mouth;" neither should guile—deceit—be found in our mouths. How wonderful O blessed Saviour! Never were thy holy lips defiled by the utterance of an untruth: alas! how often do thy professed followers stain their lips with falsehood!

"Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again;" marvellous! passing all understanding. Brother Christian, do you follow His steps in this?

"When he suffered threatened not;" how unlike man; what an evidence of Divinity. And so as we study this passage, and as we extend the phrase to the life of Christ in general, we have before us what it is to be a Christian—one who follows the steps of Christ. This is an accurate definition and any description inconsistent with this, we may be sure is untruthful and dangerous. It does not cover the mere professor, nor the one who begins well, but ceases to run. It represents the true perseverance of the saints. It is, therefore, a test to which every man can submit himself. The old question, "Am I his, or am I not?" will find a certain answer here. Surely it was the great enemy who led Christians to believe that a man might be a Christian all his lifetime and never know it, or be in constant dread lest he might not be: Where in all God's Book do we find any countenance given to such teaching? Our Heavenly Father does not deal so

with His children: But some one will say, "who is sufficient for these things?" and we reply, "If God be for us who can be against us?" But is it then a condition of eternal salvation that we should always "follow his steps," never vary from them? Ah! if it were, who then would be saved? How is it then? Let John the Apostle answer, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John ii 1, 2) "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John i 9). To follow Christ faithfully should be our constant endeavor; but if we fail we need not despair. The Word of God has hope and encouragement for us.

MINNEDOSA.

In another column will be found a report from Sister Fleming of the result so far of the appeal in October number on behalf of the Minnedosa building fund. It will be seen that about one hundred dollars has already been contributed or subscribed. That is very good—quite encouraging. And now if those of our readers who are able, but have not yet contributed will send in their portion to Sister Fleming as soon as they can, the brethren in Minnedosa can make preparations to build in the early spring; if it should be found impossible or inexpedient to go on with the work this season. Perhaps some of our friends have not given because they think newspaper appeals never amount to much and there is no use in a few persons sending contributions which might have to be returned on account of its being found impracticable to accomplish the proposed work. This project is evidently popular and no one need hesitate to help.

NOTES.

If you don't get your paper regularly let us know by Post Card.

Our readers will be glad to know that Brother and Sister Fowler arrived safely in Fairfield Neb.

You can get the *Christian Standard* from now until January, 1891, and the *ONTARIO EVANGELIST* for one year by sending us \$2.00.

From our American exchanges we learn that the Convention at Louisville, Ky., was a great success. We may be able to give some particulars next month.

In our August number J. B. Lister was credited with having contributed \$2 00 to the Owen Sound building fund. It should have been Mrs. Shrum, Gainsboro.

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:—
Church Kilsyth..... \$5 00
Geo. McGill, Bowmanville..... 10 00
R. Windatt, "..... 10 00

The pressure on our space last month crowded out the department of *Children's Work*. We hope that won't happen again, and it won't if we can help it. We are finding the *EVANGELIST* too small for the amount of matter we have to publish.

Bro. A. McLean will continue to act as Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, although he has been elected President of Bethany College, and contributions to the foreign mission funds are still to be sent to Box 750, Cincinnati, Ohio.

We have received a copy of the Bowmanville *Star* of Sept. 12, containing a report of the "Welcome Home" tendered to Bro. and Sister Baughman by the Church in Bowmanville. A very kind address was read and a Family Bible presented. Our limited space prevents us from publishing the address.

We are continually having illustrated the wisdom of our standing notice, "No paper discontinued without express orders and payment of all arrearages." The other day a brother in Texas who had lost track of the date of the expiration of his subscription, sent a \$2.00 bill to apply on the *EVANGELIST*, and another from Vancouver Island sent us a very kind letter with one dollar to pay for last year and this year. A visitor at the Annual Meeting whose paper was stopped at the end of the first year of our publication asked if we didn't know she was good for 50 cents.

The remark of the sister referred to in another note, as well as our experience with the greater number of those who have taken the *EVANGELIST* from the first, indicates to us that in many cases it would not be safe to stop the paper as soon as the time expires for which it has been paid. There is no desire or purpose to force the paper upon those who do not want it, the object is to make it agreeable and convenient to those who do want it. It costs nothing to stop a paper, but the law very justly requires that before a person can order and demand his paper stopped he should pay all arrearages, and, as we have intimated, we find the arrangement to work well both for our readers and ourselves.

Mrs. Russell Errett, who was instantly killed, was the wife of Russell Errett, President of the Standard Publishing Co. She was going to Mount Auburn to look for a house. When Mr. Errett went home last night she had not returned. The possibility that she might have been in the accident occurred to him and he went first to the hospital and then to the morgue, where he found her mangled body. The shock was terrible.—*Mail*.

The above paragraph is from a press dispatch regarding the awful catastrophe on the Mount Auburn Inclined Plane in Cincinnati on Oct. 15. How much misery is set forth in the daily chronicle of disaster by land and sea; and yet for the most part we pass the records by without pausing to reflect on the sorrows of those who are bereaved by these often dreadful calamities. But when the accident happened near home, or some one known to us perished in it, or suffers by it, our attention is arrested our interest aroused, and our sympathies called forth. It may be a poor satisfaction, but it will be some satisfaction, to Bro. Errett to know that thousands grieve with him and his three little ones. May God comfort and strengthen him and bind up his broken heart.

Through somebody's oversight the name of Bro. Sheppard was not appended to the article *Expedients* in the October number. We take the liberty of reproducing here a sentence or two from Bro. Sheppard's former article on the same subject in the August number.

"Now if our brethren adopt any expedient which sets aside or in any way interferes with a Divine command or a scriptural precedent, it should at once be condemned as a 'shift,' dishonoring to the Saviour and destructive of true Christian union. On the other hand, if an expedient is adopted to 'help forward' the cause of Christ it is not only unwise but un-Christian to oppose it, and to wrangle and contend over 'a means to an end' by which much good can be done. The co-operation of churches and of individual Christians to send the messengers of Gospel peace to the darkened places of our own country, or to foreign nations is not to supersede the commission of the Saviour, but more effectually to carry it out."

We hope no reader will fail to give this extract his careful consideration. It would not be easy to put the matter in a fairer or clearer way, while a great many unwise things are being written about "expedients," it is refreshing to find the truth so well set forth and we commend Bro. Sheppard's words to those writers who are trying—vainly trying we trust—to cause division among us on questions of pure expediency.

CO-OPERATION NOTES.

Any one not receiving credit for money paid should notify us at once.

The writer made a flying tour in the Niagara district recently in the interests of the Welland Church. Some particulars may be looked for next month.

All contributions for the work of the Co-operation and for Hamilton Church Building Fund should be sent to Geo. Munro, Corresponding Secretary, Erin, Ont.

Subscriptions are not being paid as rapidly as they ought to be at this time of year. Please remember that the Board wishes to meet all obligations as they fall due, but that cannot be done unless the Treasury is kept supplied with funds.

Brethren receiving packages of the Constitution will kindly distribute them one to each family. Where a sufficient number to supply a church has not been sent, the Corresponding Secretary should be notified of the additional number required.

At the late meeting of the Board in Toronto, D. W. Clendenan, J. R. Gaff, L. K. Murton and D. I. Sinclair, were appointed a committee to take steps to secure the incorporation of the Co-operation. A resolution was passed at the Annual Meeting authorizing this action.

The following returns from Children's Day have so far been received. Others will no doubt report soon:—

S.S. Erin Village	\$2 00
" Erin Centre	4 50
" Welland	1 00

Subscriptions to the Hamilton Building Fund paid since last issue:—

Edward Tolton	\$ 5 00
M. N. Stephens	10 00
John Munro	5 00
Maggie Thonson	5 00
Mrs. S. M. Brown	5 00

Contributions for Co-operation work since last report:—

J. B. Lister	\$1 00
G. C. M. C.	25 00
J. W. McKee	1 00
C. A. Fleming	5 00
Mrs. D. McGill	5 00
Wm. Ramsey	5 00
Joseph Soper	1 00

The names and Post Office addresses of the members of the Board of Managers are as follows:—

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Cor. Sec.

MINNEDOSA.

In response to the appeal of Bro. Darroch in the last issue of this paper, the following sums have been contributed for the erection of a meeting house at Minnedosa, Man.:

RECEIPTS.

Church at Warton	\$25 00
" Glencairn	11 50
" Nassagaweya	4 50
" Blenheim	11 00
Three Sisters, Everton	2 50
M. N. Stephens, Glencairn	5 00
J. W. Easterbrook, Nassagaweya	5 00
Mrs. John Thomson, Belmont	2 00
James McCullough, Toronto	2 00
Jennie Fleming, Kilsyth	3 00
Geo. Munro, Erin	1 00
C. A. Fleming, Owen Sound	1 00
A. Tovell, Ospringe	1 00
R. Windatt, Bowmanville	1 00
John Cartos, Kingsmill	1 00
Miss Libbie Thomson, Hillsburg	1 00
Miss S. B. Thomson, Hillsburg	1 00
Charles Fleming, Kilsyth	1 00
Mrs. Jessie Agnew, Kilsyth	0 50
Jane McLean, Erin	0 50
Stuart Fleming, Kilsyth	0 25

PLEDGES:

Church at Stayner	15 00
Kilsyth, Nov. 1st, 1889.	JENNIE FLEMING, Treasurer O. C. W. B. M.

PRESENTATION TO BROTHER AND SISTER FOWLER.

Wednesday evening September 4th was the last time Bro. Fowler met with us in Prayer-meeting. It was felt that we should not let him depart without expressing our gratitude for his faithful services during the six years, "he went in and out among us." According to arrangements, a short address, a Family Bible, and a Teacher's Bible were presented to him. Bro. Fowler replied in fitting terms, expressing his thanks and wishing the church in Everton continued success. A pleasant half-hour was spent in short speeches and social conversation, after which we dispersed "sorry to part."

The Everton Auxiliary C.W. B.M. presented Mrs. Fowler with an address and a small token of respect and kind remembrance, at their last meeting before her departure.

Both are much missed from all our meetings Everton Oct. 24th, 1889. A. T.

FROM BOWMANVILLE.

For more than a year I have been laboring in Ontario, and though often asked to do so, have failed to send any report of work to THE *EVANGELIST* that the brethren might know what we were doing. But now I am going to run the