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

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The Disciple of Christ

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.

Special.

We have not pestered our subscribers with many plaintive appeals this season. We have not rung the changes on the arrearage question, as those dear friends who are behind on the subscription list might enjoy. And although, at least, two collection agencies have been begging us to turn over delinquent subscribers to their tender mercies, we have as yet stoutly refused to let loose "the dogs of war." We prefer the weapons of peace—conciliation, solicitation, exhortation. Nevertheless we need every cent that is due on the list. It is true our printers are not only masters of their own craft, but they also possess the graces of patience and forbearance to an amazing degree. But that is no reason why the Disciples who read this paper should keep them out of their well-earned money, especially when it is overdue. We want to settle all accounts with our printers by Jan. 1st, 1896. We can do it, if what is due on the list is sent to us at once. Will not those friends who find by the label on their paper that they are in arrears, put forth an extra effort now, and send in, if not all they owe us, a portion of it, at least?

The DISCIPLE is not a money-making concern, but it can pay the actual expenses of publication, if all who are on the subscription list will each do their little part.

By Way of Explanation.

The reader will have noticed the peculiar appearance of the DISCIPLE for a few issues past, and also this one. The editorial department has been conspicuous almost by its absence. The Editor, anxious that his friends should not think that the editorial pen is losing its cunning. The fact is, subjects many and items manifold have to be held over or neglected entirely. And why? Because the Editor, out of the goodness of his heart, has given up his space to contributors. He is especially anxious to overtake Bro. McLean, in his tour around the world; and there is now on hand almost enough copy to fill another paper. The article on "Thanksgiving," promised in last number, must still wait, and an instalment of "The Day Dreamer." Even Mrs. Bradley had to wait over from last issue. Will all our friends who do not see something in this number they would like to see, just remember that the poor editor is doing the best he can? And one more word: Let all who write, condense, condense, condense.

The Bible Offer Still Open.

We are glad to be able to continue our great premium combination still. We fully expect to have to withdraw it in next issue. Our friends should seize this opportunity to get a Comprehensive Bagster Teacher's Bible for a trifle. It will be a long day before they get such another chance.

As the advt. is taken out to make room for reading matter, we repeat the offer here: We shall send a splendid Bagster Bible (retail price, \$5), the DISCIPLE one year, and the *Templar* one year, for \$2.50; or, with the cover of the Bible leather-lined, for \$3. Remember, it is a strictly first-class book, with all the "Helps" revised up to date.

Our friends who have ordered Bibles are anxiously enquiring. Will the Bibles be here before Christmas? We have just come from the *Templar* office, and they tell us that they are assured that all the Bibles will be here and mailed before Christmas. They were not shipped from England as

early as at first expected, but they are now on the way, and are looked for every day.

Cannot our agents send in a good lot of orders still?

The College of the Disciples.

It occurs to me that as Financial Secretary of the Board of the Bible School, living at a distance which makes it difficult for you to be with us often, it should devolve on some of the Board who have easy access to the sessions of the school to keep you informed concerning it, that you might be the better able to treat the subject intelligently. One reason for lack of interest in the school by the brotherhood at large during the past has, I feel, been because they knew so little concerning it. Not but what the information was accessible, but that we lacked the interest necessary to inform ourselves.

First then, the school has been opened very auspiciously. The church takes pride in it, and already begins to feel its reflex influence through the students who attend, a majority of whom are from our own congregation as yet, though if I were to prophesy I would say that this condition will not be for long. Other students are enrolling every week and paying the enrolment fee, expressing surprise at what can be obtained for so small a sum.

This brings us to another phase of the subject, which I think will be of interest. Quite a number of the students are from denominations who do not know the Bible as we understand it. What must be the result? The truth once known will be obeyed by honest hearts. In what better way can be carried out the commission, "Teach all nations." This, of course, will require the united help of all who are trying to do something along this line. Shall we not divide our offerings for missions, or better, make an extra effort to have a part in this grand work without diminishing our contributions through the Co-operation?

One subject that is troubling the board at present is one that I think will appeal to the paternal instincts of all interested, "What shall we call the

baby?" To be incorporated it must have a name. What shall it be? Name it, and, of course, send it a new dress.

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St. Thomas.

The College.

As the report of the College Board in last paper intimated, the writer has been appointed Financial Secretary and Treasurer of the college. It falls to my lot, therefore, to exert myself in the matter of raising funds for the support of this young institution. The college has no rival in its own field among us in Ontario. It is in no way antagonistic to any other interest, but is ambitious to be a faithful auxiliary to all departments of Gospel work at home and abroad. It comes before the brotherhood, not to solicit a part of what is now devoted to the various mission funds, but to request that, in addition to what is given to those good objects, a sufficient sum be provided to carry on a Bible college in our own province.

In a future issue an extended statement will be given. There will be found elsewhere in this number a letter from Bro. R. N. Price, which contains interesting information concerning the college, and which, with the excellent article on "Education" which appeared in last paper, will give our people abundant matter for reflection in the meantime.

Subscriptions and contributions for the support of the college are solicited. All sums sent to the undersigned at North Barton Hall, Hamilton, Ont., will be promptly acknowledged and properly credited.

GEO. MUNRO.

It is very gratifying to be able to publish so many cheering reports from the churches. Last issue and this are notable for the number of additions reported.

It is always a satisfaction to speak a good word for the Montreal *Witness*. This is its jubilee year. The first number was issued December, 1845. The *Witness* has many good points. Notably it is clean and independent. Long may it flourish!