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"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.

We have recently heard of a Baptist minister who said that he could join with Disciples in fighting the devil, but he could not sit at the Lord's table with them. We have no doubt but that the latter statement is pleasing to the devil, as he delights when the followers of Christ behave in an unbrotherly fashion towards one another.

A belated Baptist minister in Western Ontario holds to the antiquated opinion that denominationalism is a blessing and an expression of the will of God. Paul held a different view, and so did our Saviour when He prayed that believers in Him might be one, that the world might believe that the Father had sent Him.

One of the speakers at the Convention of the Sunday-school Association in Toronto praised one of the Ontario Cabinet because of the aid he had given in amending the Lord's Day Act. But the speaker said it was only what might be expected, for the said Cabinet minister was a good Presbyterian elder, who had got his grit from oatmeal and his grasp from the Shorter Catechism. On which we take occasion to remark that oatmeal and the Shorter Catechism have both been considerably over-rated: the oatmeal, because it does not agree with everybody, and the Shorter Catechism because it contains a lot of unscriptural

and anti-scriptural doctrine. It is a shame to teach Calvinism to children, and also to require them to memorize the Psalms of David in metre.

The *Gospel Advocate* prints and comments on our remarks regarding "A Bothered Brother," who wrote to the *Christian Evangelist* enquiring what we must do if we cannot capitalize disciples when it refers to our brotherhood, nor say "we," "our," "us." The point which the *Gospel Advocate* and some other ordinarily sharp people do not see is this, that whether disciples is spelt with a small d, or a big D, does not make the slightest difference. For when the word is applied to our people it is a proper name, whether it is properly spelt or not. It ought to be spelt with a capital letter when it refers to our people. But if any brethren prefer to spell it with a small d, why they may; but they need not make such a fuss about it, nor make fun of the Disciples with a big D. As to the "we," "our," "us," it is simply nonsense to object to the use of these pronouns by our people to designate what belongs to them, or pertains to them or their work.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario is in session in this city this week. It is said to be the largest convention yet held by the Union. They are a particularly fine looking company of women, who would be a credit to any country, any society or any cause. They have some remarkably clever speakers among them. We are glad to know that the work of the Union is prospering.

In the *Canada Presbyterian* and also in the *Congregationalist* of last week, there is a dialogue between "Peggy and the Preacher on Baptism." The preacher is a "Dipper" preacher—apparently a Baptist—and it is just wonderful how easily Peggy knock all his arguments to pieces, and leaves him not a leg to stand upon. Peggy is very ready with all the absurd pleas in favor of sprinkling and infant baptism, and the poor creature of a "Dipper" preacher has scarcely a word to say. He is a very obliging dis-

putant indeed. Very unlike the "Dipper" preachers of our acquaintance. They have a habit of maintaining their own side with energy, and are not in the habit of yielding at the first shot from a "sprinkling" preacher, much less from a hypothetical Peggy. Sprinkling and infant baptism have fallen upon hard days when two influential pedobaptist journals give space to such rubbish. We should be surprised to hear that intelligent pedobaptists were not disgusted with it.

An Invitation to Gamble.

We have received a number of lottery tickets, which bear the inscription, "Offerings for the benefit of the Catholic schools in Manitoba; price, 25 cents each." There is in connection therewith a list of tempting prizes, and the promise of an interest in one hundred masses, which Archbishop Langevin will have said for the donor, and those who have disposed of tickets.

We hate to seem disobliging to the good Catholic fellow citizen who remembered us in this way, but for two reasons we shall not invest in the tickets. First, we never gamble, if we know it. Secondly, we could not consistently support the Catholic schools in Manitoba for the reason that we believe it would be better for the Catholic children to attend the public schools. We are interested in the welfare of the children of the Catholics of Manitoba, we therefore wish them to be saved from the serious handicap of the Separate schools.

It is a curious thing that the laws of Canada permit this gambling on the part of the churches. And what a business it is for "Holy Mother Church" to be engaged in, teaching her children to gamble! And not only so, but casting a stumbling block in the way of some of us poor Protestants. We have a mind to write the "Holy Father" a letter about it. Surely he does not know that such things are going on among the faithful. The successor of Peter and the Vicar of Jesus Christ would hardly approve of such work.

The Bible School in St. Thomas is moving on nicely. Fourteen students have registered so far.

Omnibus.

We are particularly anxious that all those in arrears should pay up at once, and that they should take advantage of our great Bible offer.

A school teacher sends for a copy of the DISCIPLE. She wants Mr. Fowler's notes on the Endeavor lesson. She is not the only one who appreciates Bro. Fowler's notes.

Have you noticed the advertisement of McGarvey's Sermons on last page? We think not, or you would have sent for a copy long ago. Read and see whether you think you could put \$1.50 to a better use.

We have got behind in publishing Bro. McLean's letters. Their length encroaches upon our space too. But we judge our readers enjoy them and would not like to miss them.

We learn from the *Guelph Mercury* that W. J. Kilgour, upon leaving Arkelle, where he has taught the school for ten years, received valuable gifts and very complimentary addresses.

We have received a copy of the Annual Report of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. It is a very complete document. A new feature is a map of each of the mission fields. We shall endeavor to give some extracts from it in next paper.

We join with the many friends of Bro. R. W. Ballah in congratulating him that he is now enrolled in the honorable company of Benedicts. And we take occasion to inform our readers of what would have been published long ago had we been notified, viz: that, before leaving Erin, Bro. Ballah received presents from both of the Erin churches in token of their regard for him, and their appreciation of the good work he did during his three years of labor with those churches. A reception was also tendered to Bro. Ballah by the Aylmer church upon his entering upon his work in that place. It was a very happy occasion. Visitors were present from St. Thomas and other places. We trust that Bro. and Sister Ballah may have a very happy and a very useful life with the Aylmer and Dorchester churches.