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THE TESTIMONY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT REGARDING THE NATURE AND TEACHING OF JESUS.

By REV. A. T. BOWSER.

To the Editor of the Post.

I have read with much interest the

articles which have appeared in the Post

recently on "Trinitarianism vs. Socinianism,"

and I suppose that the immediate cause

of this discussion was your report of a

Music Hall service I would like to add a

final word on the testimony of the New

Testament itself regarding the nature and

teachings of Jesus. What did his com-

panions and disciples think of him? What

was their testimony in reference to the

Supernatural Conception? The answer is a

Trinitarian doctrine, and many people think

that it is written all over the New Testament,

so that there can be no doubt of its truth.

That it was held by the Apostolic Church,

let us see. The Apostle Peter was one of

the most intimate friends of our Saviour,

having been chosen by him to be one of that

inner circle of the disciples who were with

the Master in the more sacred hours of his

life—as the transfiguration, the agony in

the garden, the trial, the crucifixion, the

resurrection. Peter, at whose dictation the

Gospel of Mark is generally admitted to

have been written, knows nothing about the

most wonderful event of all the ages—the

miraculous conception in the womb of the

virgin Mary! For if he knew of this, he

would say so, as he makes no record of it.

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chapter of Matthew does not assume that

this is any evidence against the fact that

Joseph was the father of Jesus; for he, too,

brings forward a long list of ancient names

to prove that through the husband of his

mother Jesus was of noble descent.

Now, would any unprejudiced man accept

of such evidence in a court of justice to-day?

Is such evidence sufficient to establish an

marvellous occurrence—a supernatural

conception? Must we not have other and

better testimony before we can be morally

certain that Jesus was an earthly father?

And yet there is no other evidence. Jesus

does not mention the matter himself. He

often claimed to be the son of God, and he

taught the people to believe it; but if it

was necessary to this relationship with the

Heavenly Father that he should have a

father, would he not have been appealed to

to the fact of his exceptional birth as all-

persuasive evidence of the righteousness of

his claims? But no such appeal is recorded by

any of the witnesses of his life and works.

It is exceedingly interesting to notice the

proofs as applying to himself. There are

many in Isaiah which are usually applied

to the Messiah, and which are also applied

to the office and work of the Messiah, such

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WOMEN'S COLUMN.

Conducted by Members of Sackville W. C. T. U.

Maritime W. C. T. U.—Reports Continued.

There was a large attendance of

visitors at the afternoon session, to

listen to the discussion on juvenile

work and the work of the W. C. T. U.

conducted by Miss Tilley, of

Toronto.

The session opened with responsive

readings and devotional exercises,

after which Miss Tilley introduced

the subject, explaining that no re-

port had been received of the work

of juvenile organization owing to the

illness of the superintendent of that

department, and calling upon individual

workers to report.

Mrs. D. Todd, of St. Stephen,

outlined the work of the Band of

Hope under her supervision. The

greatest difficulty she found was in

the difference of age in the children.

She did not call them children, but

always boys and girls. Black-board

work was very helpful. It was well

to let them manage their own business

matters and elect their own officers,

and above all not to let them get

tired. Singing was an important

feature. You could sing temperance

into the hearts of the children before

you could reason with them.

Mrs. Pember, of Campbell,

has been a superintendent of juvenile

work for two years in Maine, in con-

nection with Good Templars. Her

experience taught that children could

only be interested by those who felt

an interest in them. Give the

children something to do, keep all

appointments with them promptly,

be prompt in governing them and

keep your promises. There was 77

members in the juvenile temple now

under her care in Campbell.

Mrs. Cummings, of Truro, spoke of

the Loyal Legion which had been

organized there. It had 400 mem-

bers (Applause). The superintendent

and assistant superintendent were

appointed by the W. C. T. U. It

was divided into classes, or ranks, as

they were called, under the direction

of rank leaders, young ladies who

volunteered for the work. The mem-

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