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"Go... speak... to the people ALL the words of this life."

## Notice.

The College of the Disciples will open in the school room of the Church of Christ, Railway street, St. Thomas, on October 1st.

Courses of study are being arranged to suit all classes who desire to qualify for the best usefulness in the Sunday-School, Endeavor Society, and in the Pulpit. A preparatory course will also be provided. T. L. FOWLER.

## C. E. Convention.

The Provincial Convention of this year was held in Brantford, Sept. 24-26. It was a well managed and profitable gathering. The attendance was large, though, perhaps, not one-fourth of the C. E. Societies were represented. The number of societies in Ontario is now about 1650. The union has lost some strength during the past year through a number of Methodist and Baptist societies withdrawing, in order to become affiliated with their respective denominational unions.

The papers read and addresses delivered averaged up well throughout the Convention. Our people will be glad to know that Bro. Geo. Fowler, of London, made one of the most striking speeches of the occasion. Bro. Cunningham conducted the devotional exercises at the opening of one session, and during the Convention the young Disciples were in evidence.

About twenty-five Disciples met in one of the city churches on Thursday forenoon, and had a very enjoyable session. Twelve o'clock came, and the company was reluctant to break up. As a report of "the Rally" will appear in Oct. 15th DISCIPLE, we shall not go into details here, but as we observed those earnest young men and women seriously enquiring together how they might do more for their

Lord and Master in the future than they had done in the past, it occurred to us that if a large representation of young people from every church in the province were to have such a conference, it would be good for them and good for the cause. Those young Disciples were not assembled to devise ways and means to set aside the Lord's will, or to supplant the old people, but to provoke one another unto love and good works, and it must be said that there was not a little of such provocation.

Dr. Clark, of Boston, the founder of the Endeavor movement, was present on the last evening of the Convention and addressed two large meetings, as there was an overflow meeting numbering about one thousand. Dr. Clark impresses one as a man who is not seeking his own glory, but the good of men. He is very solicitous that Christian Endeavor should not trespass beyond its own sphere. He is very urgent that its object is not legislation, but inspiration, and he makes a very affecting appeal to the young people to be faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## "A Bothered Brother."

The article with the above heading, which we clip from the *Christian-Evangelist* of St. Louis, states the case as we understand it, and as we have from time to time tried to express it. It is very opportunely placed before our readers, as we know that not a few of them are giving the question some attention. It will be noted that our big brother of St. Louis says that the name, "Disciples of Christ," "is coming into universal use among us." We have observed that fact for some years, while looking over our exchanges published in all parts of the United States. We have always regretted to see any tendency to introduce on this side of the line the confusion which bothers our brethren in the States. Our pioneers were in the habit of speaking of our people as "Disciples of Christ." The Everton meeting house, built in 1861, has an inscription over its main entrance, "Disciples of Christ." And in what better way could one of our places of worship be designated? It distinctly describes the people who worship there.

While it is true what the *Christian-Evangelist* says, that the name, "Disciples of Christ," is coming into universal use among us, there seems to be an effort on the part of the *Christian Standard* to induce our people to drop the capital D. We would respectfully suggest that before the *Christian*

*Standard* fully commits itself to such a "Mrs. Partington act," it have the grace to remove from its masthead the legend, "Isaac Errett, Founder." We feel sure that that great man would not wish to be remembered as the founder of a paper which would in so conspicuous a manner repudiate its own record, sound sense, linguistic rules, and, to use the phrase of the *Christian-Evangelist*, "scriptural propriety." We beg the *Standard* to call a halt, and retrace its steps, before it forfeits its right to be considered a representative journal of an intelligent people.

## Rank Heresy.

The *Christian Leader* (Sept. 10th) has a long editorial under the heading "Breaking away from the old Custom," based upon what seems to be an acknowledged fact, viz: That the Cedar Ave. Church of Disciples of Christ, Cleveland, has received into its membership un-baptized people. The *Leader's* article is a regular "broad-side," and with its general tone, tenor and temper, we most heartily concur. But its force is weakened considerably by introducing missionary societies as responsible for the tendency which has reached such an unscriptural culmination in the Cedar Ave. Church, Cleveland. From personal experience we know that fellowship with a missionary society is not calculated to lead one to trample under foot the plain and positive commands of Jesus Christ. We throw no missiles at our brethren who do not feel that they can conscientiously work with a missionary society, especially if they are active in the Lord's work on other lines. And we do not like it when they persist in calling us bad names.

Perhaps we need not be surprised if there should be those among us who depart from the faith even on so clear a point as that our Lord commanded believers in Him to be baptized, i. e., immersed. Those who first took it upon themselves to change the Divine order in regard to baptism must have done so in the face of the unquestioned testimony of the Scriptures, and the universal practice of the church from the beginning.

If it be really true that the Cedar Ave. Church has so flagrantly ignored the Word of the Lord, we would fain trust that it will speedily repent and do the first works.

## Omnibus.

We have received a copy of the prospectus of the Academy of Music, of Waxahachic, Texas, the director of which is Kenneth M. Bradley, the son

of Mrs. Anna D. Bradley, who has become such a great favorite with the readers of the DISCIPLE. We can hardly recommend Canadians to go so far as Texas for a musical education, but we do most cordially wish Mr. Bradley very great success.

Chancellor Day, of Syracuse University, New York, recently paid Hamilton a visit in connection with the re-opening of the Centenary Methodist church. He generously met with the Ministerial Association on last Monday morning, and gave a very interesting talk. He is one of the big Methodists of the United States—large in body, mind and heart. He dealt with matters religious, social and political in his country, in a way which was most instructive.

The Bible College located at Toronto, Canada, last year, has been removed to St. Thomas. T. L. Fowler remains at its head. This is the only school conducted by our people in Canada, and it ought to be well sustained — *Christian Standard*.

Here is what one of our best agents has to say:

"For my own part I could not get on very well without the DISCIPLE. I look forward to its coming with pleasure. I think every Disciple should not only take it himself, but work to extend its circulation."

And this is the way another brother writes:

"Many a time since the paper started, when I have been pinched for a dollar, I have felt like giving it up, but it seems like a cord binding my heart to the old friends in Ontario, and in all my wanderings it has been a welcome visitor."

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