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"If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples."—Jesus the 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.

Editorial Notes.

One of the privileges of a good man is to sacrifice for a good cause.

The *Christian Courier* says that quite a number of Disciples of Christ are members of the Texas Legislature, and that every one of them voted to squelch the prize fight. The *Courier* also says that the Convention of the Disciples of Christ to be held in Dallas, Oct. 17-25, will be for our people the greatest event of the century.

A brand of whisky is advertised, called "Horn of Plenty." On this a temperance writer remarks that they have chosen the name wisely, for out of the thing designated shall come—

"Plenty of poverty, plenty of pain,
Plenty of sorrow, plenty of shame,
Plenty of broken hearts, hopes doomed
and sealed,
Plenty of graves in the potter's field."

While the Aldermen and the ministers are collecting evidence upon the character of the entertainments presented at the Star Theatre, can nothing be done to induce the young men of the city to find more and better entertainment for themselves in reading good books and magazines? The latter are cheap and the former can be had for the asking at the Public Library. The reading of newspapers is good, so far as it goes, but something of a more solid character is needed to produce an intelligent, well-informed population. The young man who feels impelled to leave his home or boarding house every

evening in search of diversion and entertainment will not develop into a leader of his fellow men, and the probability is that he will not become a model husband and father.—*Hamilton Times*.

That is good doctrine, every word of it. It reminds us of the words of Paul: "Overcome evil with good."

With an air of seriousness, well calculated to deceive the innocent, the newspapers are publishing and commenting on an alleged scheme to buy Rome of Italy and give it to the Pope. It is said that bankrupt Italy would be glad to take a thousand million dollars for the city, and that the Catholics throughout the world would furnish the money. The whole thing is on a par with the moon hoax. The Catholics of the world would not furnish the money for such a foolish thing. Italy would never sell Rome for any price. If she should sell the city to the Pope, she could not deliver it until the people of Rome itself should be crushed. The Italian people would never do that, and there is no Louis Napoleon to send French soldiers to do it. The people of Italy, good Catholics as they are, have just been celebrating with great joy, the recovery of Rome for Italy twenty-five years ago, when Nabob Napoleon had to recall his soldiers from Rome to meet the victorious Germans. A prominent Italian consul in this country, himself a devout Catholic, says that he and the Italians of this country, almost to a man, would go back to Italy and shoulder muskets to prevent such an outrage upon the city and the nation.—*Christian Standard*.

This is the way the *Hamilton Herald* touches upon a note in last DISCIPLE:

We don't know that "Labor" supports the tobacco factories quite so much as the tobacco factories support "Labor." Mr. Tuckett gives steady employment to a large number of Hamilton people who would be in a bad way without his factory, as Hamilton would. Our esteemed and pious contemporary is talking nonsense.

Tuts! neighbor. More workingmen help to support tobacco factories by using tobacco than are supported by tobacco factories. But, apart from that, it would be vastly better for all hands if the tobacco habit should be-

come a thing of the past. It is not only a useless, but a harmful habit. Moreover, the capital invested in the tobacco trade could be used in a manner to give work and carry on business which would be wholly beneficial to the community. If all the money which workmen spend in tobacco were spent for necessities, it would be better for the workmen and the entire community. But the worst feature of the whole case is the physical and mental harm received by those who use tobacco.

The Home Mission Collection.

In other parts of this paper will be found appeals from Bros. H. Black and T. L. Fowler on behalf of the Home Mission work of the Co-operation.

Our knowledge of this work has been somewhat intimate for a number of years. We have written many paragraphs and editorials intended to commend it to our brethren. We have endeavored at all times to speak with moderation and according to the facts as we understood them. We desire still so to speak, and we give it as our opinion that the Home Mission work was never in a more hopeful condition than it is at present. There is every reason why the Disciples in this Province should give it their hearty support. We confidently look for large results during this mission year.

We know there are other churches in Ontario than those now receiving aid from the mission fund which need help and ought to have it. We know, too, that those entrusted with the management of the work are anxious that at the earliest opportunity such points should receive assistance. It is not pleasant to have to say to them that they must wait a little longer. But the Board of the Co-operation can only expend the money it receives from the brotherhood.

It seems that last year some of our people were afraid that money contributed to the Home Mission Fund would be used for Educational work. Of course, there was no such danger. But the fact that the Bible School is now being carried on in St. Thomas, under the management of an independent Board will prevent any such fears

from arising this year. The friends of Home Missions should rally as one man to the support of that work now.

Our Great Bible Offer.

Some of our old friends tell us we are unfairly discriminating against them when we do not give them a chance to get the Bible. We hate to seem ungrateful to our old and steadfast friends, and we have this proposition to make:

Any old subscriber who will send us in ONE NEW subscriber to the DISCIPLE may take advantage of our offer, and so may the new subscriber. This is not a hard condition, and it is really the best offer we can see our way clearly to make. We need 300 new subscribers. We believe our old friends can help us to get them.

We cannot too strongly impress the fact upon our friends that the offer we are making is an extraordinary one, not at all likely to be repeated. Any who fail to profit by it must not blame us. Why, the price we ask for the combination is only half the retail price of the Bible alone. People would be making big money by sending us \$2.50 for the Bible, the *Templar*, and the DISCIPLE, even should they throw both papers away.

One more word: To make certain of getting one of these fine Bibles, you must send in your order at once. The publisher of the *Templar*, through whose kindness we are able to make the offer, tells us that he is receiving many orders every day. As he has only 5000 copies to dispose of in this way it will be seen that those who want a copy should be prompt.

Notice.

The first consignment of the Premium Bibles is expected from England about November 1st. As soon as they arrive all orders will be promptly filled. Everybody who has examined the Bible is delighted with it, and amazed that it can be almost given away.

The China Inland Mission is making an appeal for 1000 men to go to China as missionaries. Those in Ontario who are interested should write to H. W. Frost, 632 Church St., Toronto.