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**Holy Spirit.**

Does he convert sinners? Yes, if they are converted at all. How? By the Gospel. When the sinner hears the Gospel, he hears the word of the Holy Spirit, for the Apostles spoke as they were directed by the Holy Spirit. Does he not convert men independent of the word? No; for men are only convinced and converted when they hear the word. If the Holy Spirit converted men independent of the means, then the Gospel is of no use, preachers are ditto. We have observed that the Holy Spirit does not convert any one, even for those who talk so loudly about the independent operation of the "Holy Ghost," unless they send off for a revivalist, and the "Holy Ghost" seems to cease his work as soon as the revivalist is gone!! Better stick to the Word. "The Gospel is God's power unto Salvation to every one that believeth."—PAUL.

**"Our Plea."**

In the first number of the Worker we gave a synopsis of the teaching of the Disciples, and promised "to elaborate in future numbers of the Worker

In this number we will continue the subject by laying before our readers "Our Plea," or what we are especially pleading for as a religious body. If we are simply trying to foster another Sect, we are free to admit that there is little or no room for us, and if we have nothing better to offer to the world than the Sects offer then we acknowledge that there is not the slightest reason for joining with us more than with the Sects.

Dear reader, you who "must appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ" with us, we beseech you to examine "our plea" carefully and prayerfully and then answer me: Are we not engaged in a laudable work?

1. We are pleading for a complete restoration of primitive Christianity both in doctrine and practice. In order to restore the Apostolic order, we reject all "human creeds" as tests of Christian or Church-fellowship, and plead with all to take the Bible without addition or subtraction as the only rule of faith and practice. "Speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent, in all matters of faith. To this there can be no objection raised by any lover of the Bible. We plead with all who love the Lord to unite with us on this basis of faith, and we are well aware that there is no use to ask for a union on any other basis; as human creeds have always been a cause of division, hence it is folly to ask for a union on a cause of division.

2. Our test of faith, is faith in the Christ as "the Son of God" and our Saviour. All will be perfectly willing to accept this confession of faith, but we cannot get all to accept the different confessions of faith gotten up by men.

3. We plead for a union in name. None will object to being called Christians or disciples of Christ. We need not plead with all to accept a Sectarian name, for it would be quite in vain to do so. The Church is the bride of Christ, and ought to wear her husband's name. We can unite on the name *Christian*, but we cannot on any human name.

4. We want union in practice, so that the world may believe that we really do believe the Bible. To bring about this harmony of practice, we plead with all to obey the commands as God has given them to us in His word. The command to be baptised is imperative and immersion is not in dispute; all admit that immersion is right, and that if a person is "buried with Christ in baptism" that he is properly baptised. I suppose none who have been immersed ever became dissatisfied and asked to be sprinkled, at least I have never heard of a case of this character, but in the last six years I have immersed 226 persons who were *rantized* in infancy, or after they had come to years more mature. I only mention this to show how inadequate is the practice of effusion, which rests for its authority solely on tradition, to satisfy the humble soul who desires to obey God aright. Therefore we plead with all to be immersed. We feel quite certain that many of God's children are now under bondage to human creeds, we plead with them to reject them and take their stand on the Bible alone.

5. We plead with all to cease baptising non-believing babes, and baptise only those who believe and intelligently confess their faith in Christ. Believers, baptism has never been disputed by a believer of the Bible.

Finally, we plead for all to speak the same things, believe the same things, practice the same things and be perfectly joined together in love. "That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for the other," and "all be one that the world may believe" that God sent Christ into the world to save us; What think ye of "our plea?" Will you help carry this plea to the world?

If the Worker more than pays expenses the remainder goes into the Missionary Treasury in this region. This is not a scheme to make money, if it fails to pay its way we have to foot it up.

Traveling on the stage recently, I overheard a gentleman say he "heard a preacher of Garfield's church, last summer, who convinced him of the truth of Garfield's religious belief." He said "it was the only Bible doctrine, in his opinion," Straws show which way the wind blows.

**Shorts.**

Why not run Sunday-school all the year? Too cold part of the time? The Lord will not accept such an excuse.

Workers for Christ cannot cease their labors and lounge around part of the year, and preserve a good record.

Let the work of the Lord go on during hot weather, rainy weather, stormy weather and cold weather.

The golden days of childhood are happy days.

How many churches have been taking vacation?

The devil keeps up his work all the time.

Press on, ye toilers in the Master's vineyard; you will be glad that you labored when you hear the "well done, good and faithful servant." We can't expect to hear this unless we *do well*.

How many, now, are moping around in sadness and despondency, on account of sins of the past. Better go to God and get relief, and then, "leaving the things that are past," and "press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Josh Billings says, "Don't sit down and cry over spilt milk, but pick up your bucket and go for the next cow." This is the philosopher's view of all the misfortunes of life, and the best way to deal with them.

We hope that every one who receives this number of the Worker will go to work and raise a large club and send to us, if you can't do this, just send your own subscription. As all our work is gratuitous we cannot offer any commission or premium, but we intend to make the Worker so good that all the lovers of our Lord will cheerfully give us a helping hand. Send subscriptions to

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**Clubs Received.**

H. T. Wood, Cobourg, 16; L. D. Crewson, Luther, 12; Elwood House, Patriot, Indiana, 22; Mary Carter, Rising Sun, Indiana, 10; Richard Cox, Meaford, Ont., 12; M. N. Stephens, Glencairn, 21; J. H. Cobb, Ashland, Wis., 4; Rosa, Trout, Warton, 9; single subscriptions, Mrs. Boyce and Jos. McGill. These have been sent direct to the business Manager by mail. Many clubs and hundreds of single subscriptions have been handed to the editor and mailed to the office. Many cheering letters have been received, some wishing for the Worker twice a month and some every week.

Honestly believing a thing to be so, will not make it so; nor disbelieving the truth will not keep it from being the truth; since it does not depend upon your faith for its existence.