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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Young man, thinking of getting an education, get the best! You will regret it all your after life if you don't. If you slight your duty to yourself in this regard, you will pay for it in the future. Get the best, if it costs you sacrifice, expense of hard labor, and desperate effort.

This good advice taken from an editorial in a late number of the *Apostolic Guide* we emphatically commend to our young brethren whose purpose it is to be ministers of the Gospel. We do not need to urge any of them to get an education for that they are determined upon without exception; but in case some of them should be thinking that an inferior education is good enough for them, or all they are able to acquire, we beg them to meditate upon the above as well as on what we are now about to add.

An inferior education is not good enough for a preacher. It is very desirable that he should have the very best possible education. This is now conceded by all whose opinions are of any value on the subject, so do we not need to enlarge upon it here. But it may be needful to pay some attention to the very prevalent idea that many a young man who is capable of being a very useful preacher is not able to secure a first-class education. We venture to say that the young man who has the physical strength and the intellectual ability to succeed as a preacher has it within his power to secure a thorough university training. It will necessarily take time and hard labor, but what of that?

One of the chief values of a university course is that it involves hard work, disciplines the intellectual powers, and gives a man control of all his mental faculties. We published an article in our June No. which deals in a masterly way with this subject and we need only refer those interested to it. We allude, of course, to Prof. McGarvey's article on "College Men." Let a young man who is considering this most important matter give that article a careful reading before deciding to be satisfied with a one year's course, or a two year's course. The person who has never had his attention called to the principles set forth in the *second, third and fourth* paragraphs of that production has no proper conception of the nature, purpose and value of a university education and is therefore entirely unqualified to advise another on the question and we pity the young man who looks to such for counsel and who is led by him to conclude that a little learning will do him. It will be a matter of lamentation to him throughout his life that he had not had a wiser and more intelligent counsellor.

We hear, and very glad we are to hear it, that quite a number of our young brethren are intending to enter College next Fall in order the better to prepare themselves to be preachers of the Gospel. We want to do our duty to these young men. We want to talk to them as we wish we had been talked to when we were in their position. We do not desire to have it said of us that we neglected to warn them against the unwisdom of being satisfied with a short college course; and therefore we place ourselves on record here as being in favor of a thoroughly educated and a highly cultured ministry; and we beg our young brethren to place before themselves this high standard.

Having devoted so much space during the last year to establishing the fact that University

College, Toronto, is the best institution for our Ontario men to attend, we shall not enlarge upon this subject at this time, but we venture to ask the favor of those interested that they will re-read what we have written on it, beginning with the article in the number for November, 1888.

ROBERT MOFFETT.

Our readers would learn from our June number that Bro. Moffett, according to announcement, was at the Annual Meeting; but that is about all they would learn. It is fitting that more extended notice should be taken of the first visit of such a brother to Ontario. For be it known that though Robert Moffett is styled neither "Right Reverend," nor even "Reverend," and wears no "D.D." to his name, he is one of the religious leaders of the United States; his name is a household word among the Disciples from the Lakes to the Gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific; and good reason is there for that; because his missionary zeal and organizing power are felt for good in all those parts. The future historian of the people known as Disciples of Christ will pay his respects to Robert Moffett.

Like all—perhaps it would be safer to say, most—able men he is unassuming, and yet he is an aggressive man. What struck us most in his public speaking was his power of making hard things easy to be understood by his clear, simple, language, and his striking illustrations. It was really refreshing to listen to him. A young preacher might be pardoned for coveting so excellent a gift. And mark you, brethren, Bro. Moffett is "sound." Though a recognized leader in the line of organized effort for the furtherance of the Gospel, his preaching has no "uncertain sound." And, pray, why should it be thought a thing incredible that such a man should be "sound"? And yet some good brethren do think so. We are glad to be able to say that not a few brethren after hearing Bro. Moffett preach, discovered they had been deceived!

Bro. Moffett makes no parade of his "soundness," neither does he make any secret of his conviction that "organized" effort is preferable to "unorganized" effort. It was positively edifying to observe his straight-forward method of dealing with the question of money. "I believe, in every honorable method of raising money for the spread of the Gospel," sets forth his view on that vexed question. And the more one considers it, the more he will be satisfied that that is sound doctrine. No election-bags, no grab-bags, no raffles, etc., etc., come in under the head of "honorable." Bro. Moffett gave us an exhibition of one honorable method in successful operation, by raising in the open meeting over one thousand dollars for mission work.

We regret very much that we are not in a position to present to our readers copious extracts from Bro. Moffett's speeches and sermons. We make special reference to his discourse on the "Old Paths," delivered on Monday forenoon. We could wish that every Disciple, especially every young Disciple, in the Province might hear it—to say nothing of those of other religious bodies, and those of no religious faith.

The Disciples of Ontario have pleasant memories and kindly thoughts of not a few eminent American brethren who have visited our country in other years. To those who were so fortunate as to attend the Annual Meeting of 1889 Robert Moffett will ever be a cherished name.

WHAT SOME ONE MAY BE THINKING.

Some one may be thinking that there is altogether too much in this paper about co-operation, mission work, raising money, etc., etc. Especially now for a few months entirely too much about about this wonderful Annual Meeting. We beg any one who feels that way to remember that the great object of all these articles and notes is to stir-up our brethren to do their part towards carrying out the commission of our Lord:—"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." We humbly trust that this is the great motive that guides us in the publication of this journal.

Our aim is to publish only that which will directly or indirectly further the Lord's work. We are glad to note that at our yearly gatherings the great theme of the blessed Gospel is ever presented to our minds, and that there is little danger of our forgetting the cause which brings us together to do business. Any stranger who might wonder what 'twas all about, would be quickly told by any Christian present. May it

ever be thus, so that all desire of vain-glory, all mere sectarian ambition, shall be absent from our meetings and our hearts. In the name of our God let us set up our banners for another year of labor in His vineyard, and let us pray that we may be able with truly consecrated souls to work together for His glory.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Any brother who purposes attending University College, Toronto, next session, may learn something that will interest him, if he will send his name and address to Geo. Munro, Erin, Ont. All such brethren are earnestly requested to forward their names at once.

NOTES.

The Constitution adopted at the Annual Meeting will be printed as soon as practicable and circulated among the churches.

Everybody, with possibly one exception, was delighted with the Christian spirit which pervaded all of the proceedings at our Annual Meeting.

Bro. E. R. Black graduated last month at Bethany and has taken up work at New Lisbon, Ohio. May great success attend his ministry.

We again ask our friends to remember that all matter for publication is to be sent to Geo. Munro, Erin, Ont.; they will thereby save us some trouble.

Did you read the selected article in last number, "Answer of a Good Conscience"? If not, you missed a great treat. Let your neighbor read it too.

Sister Brown requests us to say that Bro. Lemon is now at work in Minnedosa. The *EVANGELIST* sends a hearty greeting to him, and prays that his labors may be crowned with great success.

Several have asked, "To whom shall I send money pledges to Hamilton church? All money for Hamilton as well as all other contributions to the Co-operation should be sent to T. L. FOWLER, Cor. Sec., Everton."

Bro. Harris from Bethany, who is to spend his vacation with the brethren in Minto and Walkerton has arrived. He spoke for us in Everton on Saturday evening, 29th ult., and Lord's Day morning.

WANTED.

The names and Post Office addresses of all the Disciples scattered throughout Manitoba and the North-West. Those of our readers who know of such will confer a favor by sending us names and addresses on a Post Card.

We extend our hearty congratulations to Bro. E. R. Black of Everton, recently graduated from Bethany College, and to Bro. Percival Baker of Victoria Square recently graduated from the College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky.

Bro. Kirk is expected this week. He is announced to speak in Guelph on Wednesday evening, July 3rd, after which he goes on to Owen Sound to occupy the pulpit there in place of Bro. Lister who will spend the summer on Manitoulin Island.

There is much complaint throughout the country about the damage done by the heavy rains. It is quite evident that the corn and potato fields in the flat sections of the country have been seriously injured, but in the sections where the land is rolling the damage is slight. We may have better crops yet than we expect, and much better than we deserve.

It grieves us to record the death of Mrs. Sarah Thomson, wife of Bro. John Thomson, now of Acton, but formerly of Erin. Sister Thomson passed away on the morning of the thirteenth of June. In his great sorrow Bro. Thomson has the sympathy of a large circle of friends, relatives and brethren. A more extended notice will appear next month.

Now is the time for pledges to be made to the Co-operation. Let the churches attend to this at once that the Board may have some idea of the amount of work they will feel safe in undertaking. Those who wish to become *Life members* of the Co-operation can do so by paying \$20.00, or by paying \$5.00 each year for five years. *Annual membership* may be obtained by paying at least \$1.00. There were thirty-six who took life membership and fifteen who took annual membership at the Annual Meeting. Please don't delay this matter but let us all commence at once, and let us make this the most prosperous year in the Lord's work in our history.

Contributions from Ontario to Foreign Missions since last report:—

Cash, Blenheim	\$1.00
S.S. Stayner	6.00
Collingwood	6.45
Toronto, Denison Ave.	10.30
Glencairn	15.00
Selkirk	2.93
Acton	3.00
Walkerton	5.00
Erin Village	17.75
Galt	3.00
Warton	2.55
Church, Oshawa	25.00
John Matheson, Erin Centre	10.00
Annual Meeting, St. Thomas	70.17

If anything were wanting to show the deep interest in Foreign Missions felt by the Disciples in Ontario, it was supplied by the large collection taken up after Bro. McLean's magnificent address on Saturday night. There is good prospect of our raising that thousand dollars this year. We are now about \$100 ahead of this time last year.

We hope our brethren are taking an intelligent interest in the Jesuit question. Every Canadian should become well informed on it. Those who are trying to throw cold water on the agitation are like those of old, who cried, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace." The real friends of our country, we believe, are the men who demand that the merits of the case shall be fully gone into, and that no church and no party shall have undue privileges in this Dominion. Hunt up your old Canadian Histories, brethren, and read the early history of these Provinces; you will understand the discussion better.

The following "motion" found a place in our columns last month without our knowledge, so we had no opportunity of referring to it:—

"Reached home, but have the spirit of the St. Thomas meeting; and I move that you give the C.W.B.M. at least one column in each issue of your paper. Sister Knowles will second said motion." C. J. L.

It is a very good motion, but out of order, being about three years behind the times. Before the O.C.W.B.M. was organized two years ago, *Woman's Work in the Church*, was ably dealt with in our columns by that noble Christian lady, Mrs. C. N. Pearre. And when our sisters organized, they were invited and urged, to use the *EVANGELIST* freely, whenever they pleased. Any one who will take the trouble to look over the back numbers of our paper will see that they have quite frequently accepted our invitation. And we have no small satisfaction in knowing that in and we have been instructing innumerable number of our sisters to write for publication, and that we have had the honor of introducing them to the reading public. The O.C.W.B.M. is welcome to the half of our kingdom.

Volume XII. of Alden's *Manifold Cyclopaedia* is now issued. All the strong commendations which have been bestowed upon previous volumes are in equal measure due to this. It is, of course, published in the same handy form and is just as convenient to use as its predecessors. This is no small matter, as all who have had occasion to consult the unwieldy volumes in which cyclopedias usually appear can testify. The editorial work is characterized by the same thoroughness and fidelity as that of the previous issues. The broad field has been carefully gleaned. The results of long continued investigation are presented in an attractive and available form. Open it where you will, the book offers rich treasures of knowledge. This volume takes the work from Dominion to Electric Clock. Among the articles treated at length we notice the following: Dormant Vitality, 3 pages; Drainage (in Agriculture), about 3 pages; Drama, over 10 pages; Dyeing, 5 pages; Dyestuffs, about 5 pages; Ear, 9 pages; Earthquake, 4 pages; Easter, 3 pages; Eclipse, 9 pages; Education (including Military, State and National with valuable statistics), 47 pages; and Egypt, nearly 24 pages. Electrical Units, over a page, embraces the nomenclature recently made by leading scientists, and is here first published by a Cyclopaedia. This work is a dictionary as well as a Cyclopaedia—a fact which which adds greatly to its other merits. It seems almost incredible that such a work can be sold for 60 cents a volume in cloth, or 75 cents in half morocco (sent post paid by mail) but such is the case, and beyond this as an inducement for early orders, the publisher offers these 12 volumes now ready (if ordered before July 1) for \$5.60 in cloth (a reduction of \$1.50) or \$7.40 in half morocco. A specimen volume may be ordered and returned if not wanted. JOHN B. ALDEN, Publisher, New York, Chicago and Atlanta.

JUNE MEETING NOTES.

C. C. Pomeroy of Toronto led the singing, so it need hardly be said that it was first-class.

P. T. Kilgour represented the Standard Publishing Co., and we were pleased to learn that his visit was not in vain.

Well-merited thanks were voted to the President, Hugh Black; the Recording Secretary, J. W. Kilgour; and the leader of song, C. C. Pomeroy.

Now, brethren, that you have got home and resumed "the even tenor of your way," are you still resolved to do your utmost to make the Home Mission work a grand success during the coming year?