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The Head and the Heart.

Ever and anon somebody says, "It does not matter what a man's doctrine is, provided his heart be right." Another will say, "What's the odds what church a man belongs to? All the churches are headed for the one place." Very good people, too, talk that way. But they have not thought very deeply on the question in hand. A word or two usually is sufficient to turn their ideas into another channel. They discover that, after all, as is the head so is the heart, or to put it in Bible language (Prov. xxiii. 7), "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." That is to say, as we understand it, what a man truly, heartily thinks, is the real index of his character, and thereby will his actions be determined.

The answer to such sayings as we have quoted above is this, that as God has seen fit to give us a revelation of His will, it must be well for us to accept that revelation, consider it attentively, and conform ourselves to it. The person who most fully understands the revealed will of God, and most exactly regulates his conduct by it, will be the best man, as well as the best Christian. To say otherwise is to reflect upon Him who has graciously been pleased to speak unto us in His Son.

It behooves Disciples to keep their minds on the alert on this point, lest peradventure they be led away from the truth. It seems very plausible when some kind-hearted person says, "We are all trying to get to the one place. Why should we argue and quarrel? Let's agree to disagree." Well, as to the quarreling, we can do without that, and we should try very hard to avoid it, but not so the arguing, or the reasoning together, or whatever else we may choose to call it. For reasoning is the process whereby we arrive at right conclusions; and it is our duty to help one another in our

thinking, in our efforts to reject the false and to find the true.

It is quite safe to say that truth never wins its way without a fight. The Prince of Peace Himself said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth. I came not to send peace but a sword." And so His followers must not hesitate to take up the sword when the interests of truth require them so to do. They may, they should, speak the truth in love, but the truth they are bound to speak, even if speaking the truth should bring them into conflict with those they would much prefer to be on good terms with. It is a fine discrimination, and one that we are very thankful for, that Paul makes in Rom. xii. 18, "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Paul knew it was not possible to live peaceably with all men. He was himself a lover of peace, but nevertheless a man of war.

There is a disposition to deprecate controversy, and to despise controversialists. A mere controversialist—one who argues for argument's sake, or for notoriety's sake—is despicable. But the man who for love of Christ and truth "contends earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints," is one whom all good people should delight to honor.

Work for the Hamilton Lord's Day Alliance.

We respectfully suggest to the Hamilton Branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, especially the Presbyterian members thereof, that the bringing home of the 13th battalion from London on the Lord's day (May 26th) should not by them be allowed to pass unnoticed and undenounced. We mention the Presbyterian members of the Alliance particularly because Colonel Gibson is a Presbyterian, and as such is amenable to their church courts. Certainly the Colonel should be cited before their Kirk Session, and if he will not hear the Session, then before the Presbytery, and if he will not hear the Presbytery, then before the Synod, and if he will not hear the Synod, then before the General Assembly, and if he will not hear the General Assembly, then—what?

It is very pleasant to read that the 13th had a good time in London, behaved themselves, covered themselves with glory, and returned in good shape. But when we read of the stir they made in London on the Lord's day going to church and to the station, the crowds that followed and cheered, and the tunes the famous band played—as for

instance, "The girl I left behind me"—we confess that we find ourselves wishing that the boys had come home on Saturday, or had staid over until Monday. And when we consider that cheering crowds greeted them at the railway stations along the route home, we fall to wondering what the gallant Colonel thought of it all himself. And, finally, we would like to know what our Hamilton Sabbatarian friend thought as he saw the 13th marching through our streets on Lord's day night to the accompaniment of martial music, and followed by an excited, surging crowd. Was there not more noise, more confusion, caused thereby, and was there not more labor connected therewith, than the street cars would occasion on a score of Sundays? However that may be, let Colonel Gibson be brought before the Session.

Omnibus.

"Enclosed find \$1 for the DISCIPLE. We would be lost without it," so writes a Manitoba brother.

Doubtful right is wrong, for it compromises the conscience, which is in all cases an evil.—THEO. F. SEWARD.

"We are highly delighted with the Premium Bible," is the word a brother sends us. Our offer of the Bible with the DISCIPLE is still open.

The DISCIPLE continues to receive compliments. Here is one: "The paper is greatly improved. It is a splendid idea to devote the first page to editorial notes. It brings in all interests."

As evidence of a friendly feeling for Disciples on the part of Canadian Baptists, we notice that the Baptist Book Room in Toronto continues to advertise a tract entitled, "No communion with Campbellites."

Did you notice the date on the label on the May 15th DISCIPLE? If so, you know how you stand on our list, unless there be some mistake. We shall be glad to correct mistakes when pointed out.

"I, too, must congratulate you on the improved appearance and matter in the DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. It is up-to-date, as the saying is." This is appreciated the more as it comes from a brother who is himself in the newspaper business.

A subscriber writes: "Although late in telling you, I was very much pleased with the Pioneer Picture."

Another says: "Thank you for send-

ing me the picture. The group is complete with Brother Lister in his place. The likenesses are all good."

The *Templar* publishes an article by Geo. W. Casey which asserts that the Tobacco Bill of Canada amounts to nearly fourteen million dollars per annum. How much of that comes out of your pocket, brother? It seems to us Canada's Tobacco Bill is rather large.

The Annual Meeting will be in session at London by the time this paper reaches our readers. For the sake of those who have to stay at home, we may say that our information is, that the Convention is likely to be well-attended, and successful from every point of view.

A joyous note runs through the commercial agency reports of the week. Business is increasing, prices are rising, goods are moving. The winter has turned to spring. Things are everywhere at least perceptibly on the turn, and hopefulness takes the place of discouragement.—*Montreal Witness*, May 25th.

Mrs. Mary Campbell, widow of the late Dugald Campbell, of Harwich, passed to the land beyond, May 24th. Sister Campbell had been poorly for a good while. The notice of her death will remind many of a kind hearted, hospitable Christian lady. We expect an obituary notice for next paper.

Dr. Dewart, for twenty-six years editor of the *Christian Guardian*, gave up the editorial chair to Mr. Courtice last week. We have looked upon the *Guardian* as a first-class religious paper, excepting that its editorials were rather for the preacher than for the general reader, and excepting, of course, its Methodism. We wish Mr. Courtice well in his honorable and responsible position.

"I am sure all the readers must be pleased with the new spring dress of the DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. The name means so much. May its every issue become more and more worthy of its lofty title, and may we who read its wholesome pages grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord, and become, in very truth, disciples of Christ." This is what a cultivated lady has been kind enough to write. She interprets well our thoughts and purpose in giving the paper such a "lofty title."

We have received a copy of the Annual Calendar of "The Disciples' Divinity House of the University of Chicago." It gives a very interesting