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ONESIDEDNESS.

One of the greatest evils troubling the church at the present time, is onesidedness or partyism, taking sides for or against persons and opinions and thereby creating division of sentiment and feeling. It is greatly to be regretted that members of the Church of Christ, sometimes allow themselves to so speak and to write as to create and perpetuate partyism in the Church, and thus obtain the favor and support of some brethren by stirring up their minds to jealousy and distrust against other brethren.

It all would speak "The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," and speak that truth in the love of it, and for the truth's sake, there could not be one-tenth of the hard unkind words spoken and written that we often hear, and may see in many of our religious papers, weekly and monthly. So much of this has been done that some, very wisely, will scarcely believe any of these things until they see what they call, "Both sides of the question." Now there can not be two true sides to those questions. There are two sides, the right side and the wrong side, the truthful and the untruthful, and if anyone so speaks or so writes, in a onesided way, that only part of the truth is told and the other part kept back, in order to leave a biased and improper impression on the mind of the hearer or reader, such writer or speaker is, in the estimation of the Apostle Peter, falsifying. If this were all, the sin would only be upon the one who thus wrote or spoke, but the desired result is too often obtained, and brethren are led to dislike when they ought to love, and to distrust those who are most worthy of their confidence. Thus the wedge of division is entered, and it is driven, not only by those who entered it, by speaking or writing in the onesided manner mentioned, but it is driven perhaps by thousands whose minds have been poisoned and embittered by false, unfair, or unkind words.

Those who thus constantly speak and write evil of their brethren, should not be heeded; and then the Church could keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. When all would learn to have and retain the love that suffereth long and is kind, that envyeth not, that seeketh not its own, and is not provoked; that taketh no account of evil, nor rejoiceth in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth, the love that covereth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all things, the love that never faileth.

Look back over the past and think of how often you have heard or read some onesided report of a brother, that has caused you to distrust, if not to despise him; and probably after you have (through allowing yourself hastily to believe an unfair statement) distrusted such a one for years, you learn that he is a brother beloved, who has always abounded in the work of the Lord. Think of the injustice you have done in thus regarding with

illwill, without a just cause, and possibly in speaking from a prejudiced heart, you have led others into the same error. Do not allow erring men to lead you into partyism. It will only gendar strife and every evil work. But do those things which make for peace and things whereby we may edify another.

J.C.W.

ONTARIO CO-OPERATION.

Owing to circumstances, over which the managers of the above Co-operation had no control, but little evangelistic work has been done during the last year, but we are now able to inform our readers that arrangements are being made whereby, a worthy and efficient evangelist will be sent out to carry "Glad tidings of great joy" to the hearts of many in the Province, who, heretofore, have not had the gospel of Christ preached in its purity and simplicity. And we trust also, that through the instrumentality of such evangelist many new congregations will be organized and those congregations that have been recently established, but are yet weak, may be made strong through the power of the gospel. In most places where special efforts have been made during the last summer, much good has been accomplished, proving the correctness of the adage, "The Lord helps those who help themselves." Savoral congregations have done nobly in sustaining and holding up the hands of workers in the Lord's vineyard, during meetings of a few weeks continuance, at home and abroad, and consequently many have been turned or transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son. But what has been done is only an earnest of what may be accomplished, if every member of the body of Christ can be induced to give as the Lord prospers him. If we allow our minds to become illuminated with the light that cometh from above, which dispells unbelief, removes prejudice, selfishness and malice. If we add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and love, and fight as good soldiers the battles of the Lord, who can estimate the results of such a warfare upon sin, error and superstition? But in conducting such a warfare, the sinews of war are indispensable. No conflict can be waged successfully without money. Hence the necessity for appealing to the congregations in Ontario for money with which to carry on the work of evangelizing—\$1000 is required. Can we expect a response to this appeal? Brethren will you act promptly and liberally in this matter. In the next issue of the Worker, we expect to be able to give more definite information and to report the completion of arrangements. In the meantime we ask all congregations who are in sympathy with co-operative work to immediately collect what funds they can and remit to the undersigned who will acknowledge through the Worker or by letter.

H. T. LAW, Sec.-Treas.

OPENING AT BEAMS-VILLE.

The Church at Beamsville has labored hard during the past summer, building a most excellent meeting house, and we are glad to announce that it will be formally opened on the 18th of October. Bro. I. L. Carpenter of Indiana will be chief speaker on the occasion. Weather permitting there will be a large gathering of Disciples from the Churches on the peninsula and other parts of the Province, besides some from New York.

The brethren everywhere are invited to be with us on the above day and enjoy the sermons of the "Prince of Preachers." Ample accommodation will be made for all who desire to attend. Those coming by rail may drop a card to the writer and you will be assigned to a home. The sisters of the church will furnish dinner and tea in the basement of meeting house, so that opening day may be spent together in worship and christian sociability. A cordial invitation is extended to all Disciples of our Lord and Master.

H. B. SHERMAN, Preacher for the Church.

BRETHREN OF WORKER:

I wish to drop you a few lines which may interest some of the many readers of the Worker. Our beloved brother, Samuel Kesser, formerly of Ontario, came to our neighborhood, February last and held a few meetings, resulting in the conversion of two, who were buried with their Saviour in Baptism to rise to walk in a new life. Since the close of the meeting, Bro. Kesser started a congregation with nine who were members of the one body before, making eleven in all. Bro. K. meets with us every third Lord's day, and labors also in another part of Michigan. At our Lord's day meetings, one united with us from the Baptists, and one from the United Brethren.

Bro. Kesser was the first one that preached the gospel in its primitive order in this part and is a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. We would be glad to have any of our Canadian brethren give us a call.

Yours in the one hope, JOHN W. TAZEWELL, Mariou, Sault, Co., Mich., Sept. 4th, 1885.

Preston, Iowa, Aug. 29, 85. DEAR EDITORS:—

I am now in receipt of three copies of your paper, and to say I am pleased with its spirit and make up, would but faintly convey my appreciation of it. The brethren of Canada should give it a liberal support. Canada would have as good, as solid, and as presentable a paper as Australia, if the brethren would rally to its support. No better or cheaper tract can be found than that of a religious paper.

I wish the experience of your humble servant would awaken the churches to a more liberal support of those who "minister in word or deed." I would not be in the U. S. now if half the encouragement I receive now had been given to me by my own country men. I am satisfied that one of your most interesting correspondents would now be in the Masters work all the time, instead of a meagre part of it, if two or more churches would sustain him as well as he is in his secular employment.

Our work here moves along satisfactorily to all, since our coming the church has been lifted out of very serious troubles which threatened its life. Six have been added to the saved, and there is a bright outlook for the future. Next week we have a county meeting; Elder D. R. Lucas, the efficient editor of the Christian Oracle is to speak for us three days, this is the first meeting of the kind ever held in this county. Wishing you every success,

I am yours, E. POMEROY.

Bro. D. Stirling is now preaching in Bracebridge this is the first meeting held in that town by any of our brethren that we are aware of. The audiences are large and we look for a good report of this meeting.

NEWS ITEMS.

Bro J. A. Harding commenced a meeting at Stratford, Lord's Day, Sept. 6th.

Bro. Phillips of Selkirk says: "Bro. Sherman was with us Lord's day, Aug. 23rd and gave us three good sermons."

Bro Most writes that prospects are brightening at Welland, and they have reason to hope that the membership will increase.

Don't fail to attend the opening at Beamsville, Oct. 18th. See the notice and invitation on behalf of the Church by Bro. Sherman.

Bro C. J. Lister is still on Manitoulin Island. We have not heard what success has attended his trip, nor how long he will remain.

By request we publish an article written by Bro Barclay for the Index, but for which there was no room there.

Bro. Almsworth and Sherman are now holding a meeting at Jordan. Bro Almsworth will return the favor by assisting Bro. Sherman in a meeting at Beamsville, after the new house is opened.

The brethren at Euphrasia have a prayer meeting every Wednesday evening, and the brethren at Cape Rich meet every Tuesday evening for the same purpose. The term brethren, of course includes the sisters.

One who was formerly known as a Denksard, united with the Church at Collingwood on 13th inst, and is now known as a christian, or Disciple of Christ. These are nicer names than any other, because the Saviour gave them, and we should all love to wear the names he gives, nothing more, and nothing else.

After closing the meeting at Meaford, Bro Harding commenced meetings at Collinwood and continued over three Lord's days, the audiences although small at first, increased in size, and a fair interest manifested, but none were induced to obey the gospel. We hope much good seed was sown that will bring forth abundantly after many days. Bro Hill says the brethren were well pleased, and that Bro. H. is sound and good.

Bro. Crewson is still laboring at and around Raysville, one more believer has been baptized since last report. Two churches have been organized there and are now meeting regularly for worship. Bro. C. has also widened his field of labor, and expects to extend it still farther soon.

Bro Sherman reports two additions to the church of Christ at Beamsville; one of whom had been a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church for years, but learning the way of the Lord more perfectly. He said to those he was leaving, "You do not teach as the Bible; I have found a people who do, and I am going with them."

By some mistake, either of the writer or the printer, the report of the Meaford meeting was not inserted in the August No. The M. S. was lost somewhere, and by someone, we know not who. Some have hinted that it was left out purposely by the editors, but that insinuation is neither kind nor true.

One baptism in Guelph recently.

MARRIED.—At Owen Sound on the 9th inst. by A. Scott, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Henry Knowles of Meaford, to Miss Eleanor Jane Lister, of Owen Sound.

Bro. Clark Braden has been selected to represent the Christians of Waynesburg, Green Co. Pennsylvania, in a debate with C. Watts, the champion infidel, commencing at 7 p.m., September 29. Mr. Watts has lectured in Canada and is considered very able by his party, but we feel confident that it is useless for him to attack the Bible, and its teachings when Clark Braden is present to defend it. It is not possible that he can prevail against that word, that shall stand forever, even though the heavens and earth pass away.

OBITUARY.—Bro. John McMillan of Erin was thrown by his team against a log with such force that he died in 36 hours. He was one of the active members of Erin village church; being leader of the singing and superintendent of the Sunday School, he will be greatly missed by the Church, by society, and by his widow and six children. Bro. T. L. Fowler, conducted the funeral services, and about 300 vehicles followed the remains to the cemetery.

Bro Barclay has held a short but very successful meeting at West Lake, during which eleven were added to the saved. See his report in another column. The energy, zeal, and love, displayed by Bro. Barclay in the Master's cause is praiseworthy, and we hope the day is not far distant, when he shall receive such support as will enable him to devote his whole time to the work. Our advice to the churches is; Don't look so far that you cannot see good men near home.

MEAFORD MEETINGS.—Bro. Harding commenced a meeting at Meaford in August and continued four weeks, during which time eleven trusted in Christ and were baptized. This was a pleasant meeting, and the audiences were large throughout, especially on Lord's days, when the house was too small for the comfort of the congregation. Brethren from Collingwood, Owen Sound, Kilsyth, and Warton, came over to visit and enjoy the meeting, and from Euphrasia and Cape Rich churches, many attended quite regularly. An afternoon meeting for Bible readings was kept up part of the time, which was edifying to many and pleasant to all who attended.

We spoke for the Church at Cape Rich, on the evening of the 7th of Sept., when four came forward and made the good confession. The following evening at the water one more came forward. Four of the five are heads of families. On account of the rain Bro. Whitelaw was left to baptize two of the candidates. The Cape Rich meeting is still bearing fruit and the seed is not yet. Bro. Law and Whitelaw feel well repaid for their persevering and faithful labors in this comparatively new field. A. Scott.

On September 9th, I baptized one of the Owen Sound converts at Kilsyth and as we were about to attend to the baptism a young lady expressed her desire to confess Christ and be baptized, and she was obedient to the Gospel that very hour. This was the third which will take membership at

Kilsyth. We had only time for two discourses at this place. On our way home we met sister Trout and daughter of Warton on the train. She informed me that the brethren in Warton were anxiously waiting for me to begin a meeting among them. However, they must wait a little until I have a few days at home to put in my work in shape. A. Scott.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.—In the August Worker, Bro. E. E. Phillips began an article on the above subject, a continuation of which will be found in this issue. Bro P. is a new contributor to our columns, and we bespeak for his articles a careful perusal. While all our brethren may not agree with his views, the tone and spirit displayed, must command the admiration of all. H.T.L.

WALKERTON.—We closed a short meeting at Staynor on the 9th of August, with four believers baptized as the immediate result of the meeting. On Monday evening the 10th of Aug. we addressed the brethren in Collingwood on our way to Owen Sound. At the latter place we spoke on Wednesday evening and at Kilsyth on Thursday, as we supposed on our homeward journey, but the church at Owen Sound decreed otherwise and would have us begin a meeting at once, so we consented to labor with them for a short time. This meeting closed with 8 additions, 7 by baptism and one from that body of people known as "brethren." Two of this number will take membership with the Kilsyth church. During my stay with the Owen Sound church, they appointed Bro A. H. Finch to the office of Evangelist, and requested me to act with them in the ordination services which we cheerfully did. Seldom have we witnessed such feelings of reverence and devotion in a religious assemblage as upon this occasion. Bro. Finch is a promising young preacher, devoted to his work. We are hopeful of his future. At present he is engaged by the church in Owen Sound to labor in the town. This is an important commercial point, and a fruitful field in which to labor. Our prayers are with this church for its prosperity. A. Scott.

On 9th inst, Sister Ella J Lister was united in matrimony to Bro. Knowles of Meaford. This makes six sisters we have lost from our little congregation during the past year. But with all this we are well pleased, for they have obeyed the scriptural injunction, "Be not unequally yoked," and we are satisfied that six better wives can not be found in the Dominion. Bro W. A. Stephens is home from his trip to the North West, considerably improved in health. Bro. Lister is still on the Island preaching. A. H. Finch.

We have a communication signed by Bro. James Black and others criticizing Bro A. Scott's article on "Home Talent" which appeared in the August number, but cannot appear in this issue as it came too late. Bro Munro's article is also crowded out; a larger paper appears necessary. H.T.L.

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