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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.

Can a man be a Christian who never prays in public? Yes, and a man can pray in public and not be a Christian.

You don't believe in "doing"? Then you believe in doing nothing. "He that hath my commandments and doeth them, he it is who loveth me," are the words of Jesus.

It is no harm to have an ideal. It is not wrong to profess to be striving to reach an ideal. It is not sinful to exhort others to follow after an ideal. But it is not honest to profess to have attained an ideal when we know in our hearts we are far from it. Such hypocrisy deceives no one.

You believe in the wife going with her husband in religious matters? Indeed! But suppose he does not go anywhere religiously,—which, of course, is a kind of going, viz., to the devil—then must the wife go with her husband? You say, "Oh no." Then you don't believe your own doctrine except when it suits you. The wife has just as much right to her religious independence as her husband has. And the husband who does not cheerfully acknowledge it deserves to be tied to a feminine gorilla.

The politicians are still wrestling with the Manitoba School question. It is very interesting to watch the discussions

and notice the moves. It will all come out right too, we think. This would be a good time to form a new Canadian party out of the best elements of all the parties. We could name a good Premier and a good strong government to lead it.

It is to be hoped that the perpetrators of the outrage near Wingham will get their deserts. We have no use and no need for lynch law in Ontario.

The cry from all quarters and from all foreign missionary societies seems to be scarcity of funds owing to prolonged financial depression. It is a time to test how much real interest there is in the salvation of the heathen. Any one who can be comfortable while the missionaries are suffering, should not shout very loud in meeting.

The split in the Salvation Army in New York is the beginning of the end, we believe, of that organization. It reveals the inherent weakness of that modern Papacy. An autocratic system that puts the Bible into the hands of its adherents is always liable to be destroyed by the Bible. For the Bible imbibed, even in little drops, tends to develop individualism, self-assertion, impatience of dogmatism and tyranny. General Booth is a tyrant, a well-meaning tyrant, we think. But a tyrant none the less. Intelligent, Bible-loving, Christ-loving people will not long submit to a dictator.

I have never permitted the close relationship of family love, which has subsisted between me and my children, to secure for them any preference in the affairs of the kingdom of God over their comrades, who, though not blood relations, have ever been dear to me for their works' sake. I will not do so.—GENERAL BOOTH.

That is very well, General, so far as it goes, and we all wish you well in your efforts to lift up the fallen and do the work which, if the churches had been doing it properly, your Salvation Army never would or could have been started. But what some of us wonder at is, that with all your profession of love and loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ, you take it upon yourself to set at naught His ordinances—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The fact is,

General (we grieve to have to say it), you are a Pope. *

What is the statement dealing with the Jesuits which Cardinal Manning left behind him? And when will it be published? The *Daily Chronicle* stated mysteriously the other day that it was owing to the "extraordinary exertions" of the Jesuits that it was kept out of the biography. Mr. Purcell, however, says in his preface that he did not print the statement, because it might be hurtful to living persons. One recalls that Cardinal Vaughan has, at least, one brother who is a Jesuit. Perhaps this helps to account for the suppression of the statement. It is well known that Manning was on bad terms with the Jesuits, and tried to keep them out of his diocese. If the statement is ever published, it will not be pleasant reading to them.—*The Sentinel*.

Paste the above in your hat, and when some Protestant friend is expatiating upon the beautiful harmony existing in the Roman Catholic church, let him look at it. There are parties in the Roman Catholic church that hate one another with a bitter and unrelenting hate. But that does not justify Protestants in hating one another.

The following, copied by the *Hamilton Times* from the *Boston Herald*, is sensible, patriotic and Christian:

Only the other day, a noble woman was deploring: "I don't know how to teach patriotism. To the children, love of their own country seems to mean hate of some other country. The moment a flurry of discord arises between America and England, these children begin to cry, 'Now is a chance to pay the British off.' Pay them off! Why not want to pay them off for Shakespeare and Milton, John Hampden and Oliver Cromwell, Watt and Stevenson, and have them want to pay us off for Washington, Lincoln, Morse and Lowell? This kind of pay can be tendered only in the coin of gratitude and generous emulation, and in deep rooted horror at the thought that two nations allied by such ties of spiritual blood should ever plunge into fratricidal strife. Why cannot history be taught to children in this spirit? The evil wrought at the time by any war is as nothing to the heritage of bad blood left behind. A single expedition for the North Pole fitted out in America for the rescue of a heroic British explorer like Sir John Franklin, a single letter of tender con-

dolence, like Queen Victoria's to Mrs. Garfield on the assassination of her husband, furnish better material for international instruction which shall call out the higher qualities in boys and girls, than fighting over again a score of old battles."

One of the great questions of the day is thus wisely treated by the *Hamilton Times*:

The *Ladies' Home Journal* complains loudly of the general desertion of domestic service for business, and speaks quite severely of girls for so choosing. There are two sides to that question. When girls are reasonably paid and get reasonable leisure, and the mistresses cease to treat them as inferior beings, "domestic service" will be a more popular vocation for girls, and training for it will receive more attention. Why should any woman treat a girl in her employ less considerately than she would like her own daughter to be treated under similar circumstances? Girls furnish the key to the situation when they say that, as a rule, they receive more courtesy and consideration from masters for whom they work than from mistresses; and many a girl of spirit and energy prefers hard work and small pay, with preservation of self-respect, to good wages and the everlasting grind of housework, with the humiliating sense of inferiority which some—too many—mistresses think it their prerogative to impose.

There is no doubt but that a liberal application of the Golden Rule would help much toward the solution of the "domestic service" question. It is a little curious that a woman who has done her own work, and may do it again, sometimes despises the girl who engages to do the same work in the capacity of a servant.

The *North and West*, as quoted by the *Canada Presbyterian*, says, "Whoever learns the Catechism has his mind well stored with all that is most precious in Reformation Theology—the theology of the Holy Scriptures." We have been asking publicly for a long time that some Presbyterian paper would show that doctrine of the Catechism called "Calvinism" is the doctrine of the Holy Scriptures. But no one, so far, has attempted the impossible task. It is much easier to appeal to old names and old prejudices than to sustain an assertion by sober reasoning. It is an outrage to teach children the Catechism.