

SHORT SERMONS.

NO. III.

BY A LAY PREACHER.

To shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and help them, until the Lord hath given your brethren rest.—Joshua, i. xiv. xv.

MY FRIENDS,—Among the many virtues which grow out of a perfect love of God, there is none which can be placed above loving one another. In fact, Jesus has made this the arbitrary test by which we may know whether our love for the Father is perfect or not. The fact that this is an article in the Covenant of Grace is almost universally recognized; but there be many who accept it as doctrine and ignore it as practice—yes, I may say, reject it. And there be many who try to yield obedience to the wise precepts of Him who ever is the center of unity, while persistently keeping themselves separate from all harmonious contact with His church—His visible body; and yet many more who hold themselves aloof from any original body, apparently because it is organized—expressing undue jealousy for their "individual liberty"—for the "the right of their own opinion." In view of the fact that Joshua uses words of positive command so as to anticipate this thought, as it were, (for he had seen them reject his words as counsellor—his report as spy—while his people were encamped in the Wilderness of Paran,) let us look at the circumstances under which this order was given.

We find the family of the Patriarch, Jacob, seeking not only freedom from slavery, but the rights and enjoyments of organic enterprise and homestead possession. Nine tribes of homeless pilgrims were to be provided for; the Kenbenites and the Gadites, and the children of Manassah, only, had come into their estate. Their brethren had more to do than to cross the Jordan—of itself a hazardous undertaking—they expected to meet with strong armed opposition before they could settle down to enjoy the good things of the land "flowing with milk and honey." So, although they had had many and valuable lessons as to the importance of standing by one another, the captain of the host, now also lawgiver for the nation, in the words of our text anew commands them to love one another "not in word nor in tongue, but in deed and in truth."

The mighty men of valor expect his wisdom while they obey his official order, and their brethren become owners of rich lands upon which, otherwise, they could only have cast "a wishful eye." By helping each other they prospered—through mutual effort, according to the commandment of the Lord, the tribes of Israel won their rest. (Joshua, xxi. 43-44.)

Now, my friends, let us apply this to ourselves as workers. Many men feel a certain degree of pride in saying, "I have succeeded by my own efforts—I owe nothing to any one else, let others do the same." Others say, "Unions are a source of trouble; why should good men have to fight battles for others—so that others who have nothing to lose in defeat may get the spoils of victory?" And so they make a wall of separation. "My brethren, these things ought not to be." Rather let us work together; for it is of God that we should bear one another's burden. It has in God's wisdom been made plain that when we see men seeking in the bond of unity to secure prosperity for themselves, it is economy to help them; for unless the men of valor had assisted their brethren to enter Canaan, the nine tribes would soon have eaten up the sustenance found on the east side of Jordan—the manna was only a contingent, remember.

It is as a religious duty, then, that I invoke you, friends, to STAND BY THE UNION.

ST. CATHARINES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

CO-OPERATION IN COAL AND WOOD.

Last night (Wednesday) a large and influential meeting of the working men of St. Catharines was held in the large room immediately above that occupied by the Y. M. C. A., Haynes' Block. Among those present we noticed Calvin Brown, Esq., Mr. Rogers, coal dealer, Mr. Wm. Magness, of the K. O. S. C., Mr. Cook, of the Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners, and Mr. Carroll, of the Tailors' Union. On the motion of Mr. D. W. Ternent, Mr. R. W. Craig was elected chairman of the meeting and Mr. Wm. Magness secretary.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, said he fully sympathized with the object which they were called to discuss, and was under the belief that fuel could be got at a cheaper rate than we were paying for it at present. With the principle of co-operation he entirely agreed, and trusted this meeting would discuss the question in

a calm and businesslike manner. He fondly expected great good from the present meeting. With reference to dry goods, he spoke from practical experience when he said that a co-operative society could effect a saving of from 40 to 50 per cent.

The Chairman next called on Mr. D. W. Ternent to address the meeting. Mr. Ternent said it devolved on him to explain the cause of the present meeting. He had been talking the matter over for some time back to various working men in St. Catharines, all of whom concurred in the necessity of having such a meeting, but no one seeming to take the lead in the matter, he had been forced to do so himself. As to the subject we were met to discuss, he understood that coal could even now be got at seven dollars per ton delivered at the Great Western station, but they would have to be carted to St. Catharines, which would cost fifty cents per ton. At this rate we would be saving one dollar per ton, a very important item. He said, with reference to hard wood, that during the summer he was offered a scow load at the rate of five dollars per cord, provided he could get subscribers to take one hundred and fifty cords. He could not do so in consequence of want of time. He said he was a firm believer in the principles of co-operation, having tried it in the old country. Mr. Ternent concluded by stating that he was glad to see such a large gathering of thoughtful, well conducted, hard workingmen present, and was sure the result of the meeting would be up to his expectations. The chairman next called on Mr. Watson, to address the meeting.

Mr. Watson said, Chairmen and gentlemen, when I came to this meeting I did not expect to be called on to speak for two reasons, first, I had nothing to say, secondly, I would much rather be a listener than a speaker; but the subject of co-operation is one of great importance, and having been more or less connected with such societies in England for the last eighteen years previous to leaving for Canada, he could fully recommend the principle to the intelligent men of St. Catharines. He stated that some time ago, the people of Welland resolved to try the principle, and what was the result. Why, they got their coals at the rate of \$6 per ton, and surely, continued the speaker, they could have been brought to St. Catharines for fifty cents more, that would make the price \$6.50 per ton. He had bought coal off Mr. Morris a short time ago at \$8 per ton; now the same coal, or at least a portion of the coal, was up to \$3.50 per ton. He decidedly called in question the action of these dealers in coal.

Mr. Rogers rose in the body of the hall to explain. He said that since the period referred to coal had risen in the market, and there was also so much additional as wharfage, which clearly showed why the article had risen.

Mr. Watson replied, saying that Mr. Morris had got no more coal since he made his first purchase, so that the argument of Mr. Rogers went for nothing. He would cordially support the appointment of a committee to report on the entire question of co-operation.

Captain Wynn was the next speaker. He approved of co-operation, but was afraid they were too late in the season to go into the matter of coal and wood; besides, he did not think they could get them much cheaper than at present. He was, however, glad to see the workingmen meet to consider the subject. Among other advice tendered by the gallant captain, he asked them as intelligent workingmen to inform their minds, which could easily be done by paying a dollar a year and become members of the Mechanic's Institute, where they could get the best of reading in the shape of books and periodicals. He also cautioned the workingmen against bearing ill-will to what they were pleased to call monopolists. He was ready at any time to give co-operation a fair trial, and take one or more shares should such a society be formed in town.

Mr. Calvin Brown was next called on. Mr. Brown said it gave him great pleasure to be present with them to-night. He was glad to see so many present to listen to what might be said on such a subject of such vast importance as that of co-operation. It had been carried on most successfully in the Old Country, and why should we not give it a fair trial here? He would like to see the principle applied to house building, which would be a great boon to the workingmen. He is preparing a lecture on the matter which will be delivered early in January, 1874. He thanked them sincerely for the attention they had paid to his remarks.

Mr. Sword, senr., moved "that a committee be appointed to draw up a series of resolutions and rules, to be submitted to another meeting." This was seconded by

Mr. Beatty, and on being put to the meeting was declared carried. *nem. con.*

The following Committee was then appointed for the purpose already mentioned:—Mr. Wm. Magness, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. D. W. Ternent, Mr. Beatty, and Mr. Watson.

Captain Wynn proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Secretary for the able manner in which they had discharged their duties, carried unanimously. Captain Wynn next proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. D. W. Ternent, for the great trouble he had incurred in getting up the meeting. Carried unanimously. The Chairman, Secretary, and Mr. Ternent, briefly thanked the meeting for the compliment, after which the meeting dispersed.

St. Catharines, Dec. 22, 1873.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. S. S. Mutton's card will be found in another column, soliciting the votes of the electors for him as Alderman for the Ward of St. Thomas. Mr. Mutton is one of the many enterprising and successful young business men who have been born and brought up in our midst, and whose qualifications not only make them fit for the classes of business they are engaged in, but for the highest positions of trust and honor in the gift of their fellow-citizens. Our friend above referred to has lived all his life-time in the Ward for which he is a Candidate, and if he be elected we are confident he will be an acquisition to the Council. We call upon our readers in the Ward of St. Thomas to give Mr. Mutton their hearty support, and by their votes help to place him in the Council for 1874.

ST. DAVID'S WARD.—Mr. James Martin, Sr., is a candidate for the office of Alderman for the Ward of St. David, as will be seen by his card in another column. Mr. Martin is the right kind of man for the position he aspires to, and we trust that our numerous readers in the above Ward will not only vote for him to a man, but that they will assist him in his canvass.

MR. BERNARD SAUNDERS' card appears in our advertising columns, soliciting the votes of the electors for the Ward of St. George. Mr. Saunders is making a personal canvass, and we learn that he is meeting with great success. His friends are sanguine that he will be one of the Aldermen for the City for 1874.

MR. WM. F. FARLEY is very popular with the electors of St. Andrew's Ward, and the general impression is that he will head the poll on the day of election. We feel satisfied that should Mr. Farley be elected as Alderman for the Ward of St. Andrew that he will make a useful and hard-working member of the City Council. See his card in another column.

EATON'S STORE, on the corner of Yonge and Queen streets, is, as usual, during the Holidays, crowded with customers supplying themselves with goods suitable for the season, at prices that astonishes everybody who buys at this now favorite establishment. Our lady readers would do well to call at once and see Eaton's Cheap Dresses. This is the place to buy Christmas and New Year's presents for the wives and daughters.

G. ELLIS, 177 Yonge Street and 75 King Street West, has a beautiful assortment of Christmas presents in swords, daggers, darts, and all sorts of ornaments for the hair. We recommend our numerous fair readers to pay Mr. Ellis's store a visit and see for themselves. We noticed that Mr. Ellis has in stock a new style of Belts, Bags, and Chatelaines; new style Braids for the back; large natural Curis, for \$1 each; real hair Curis for 50 cents; real hair Back Braids for \$4 and \$5; Hair made up to order, in all the Latest Styles.

In connection with the Mayoralty election, we understand the canvas of Mr. Metcalf is progressing admirably, and from what we have learned his prospects of a successful return are most flattering. Let the work be pushed on vigorously.

PIDDINGTON'S, 248 and 250 Yonge Street, is the place to buy toys. It is a treat to visit the "Mammoth Toy Store." Our readers must not overlook this place when making their purchases.

THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Mr. Z. R. Trigance, Lessee and Manager of this popular place of amusement, has produced a powerful bill for the holidays, and is already being rewarded for his enterprise in the increased audiences that nightly visit the Academy. Mons. Roveni and Zoe Zoonetti, in their astounding gymnastic feats receive rounds of applause, as does also Prof. Fabian in his wonderful exhibition of Magic and dark Art science, whilst the performance of his trained canary birds forms an interesting feature in the amusements provided. We must not forget to mention the favorite Miss Blanche Castle and Ned West, whose renditions of their various parts are always received with applause. To those wishing to enjoy a pleasant evening's recreation, we would recommend them to pay a visit to the Academy of Music.

WARD OF ST. THOMAS.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

S. S. MUTTON,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election January 5th, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF THE

WARD OF ST. DAVID.

Your Vote and Interest are respectfully solicited in favor of

JAMES MARTIN, SEN.

AS ALDERMAN FOR THE WARD OF ST. DAVID FOR 1874.

The Election will take place January 5, 1874.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST

Are respectfully solicited for

WM. W. FARLEY,

AS

ALDERMAN.

FOR THE

WARD OF ST. ANDREW.

The Election takes place January 5th, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF

ST. GEORGE'S WARD.

Your Vote and Influence

ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED FOR

BERNARD SAUNDERS,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election takes place Monday, Jan. 5, 1874.

ST. THOMAS' WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST

Are respectfully solicited for

WM. ADAMSON,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

THE ELECTION TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1874.

THE boundaries of the Ward are:—East of Jarvis Street to Ontario Street; South of Bloor Street to King Street.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF

ST. THOMAS' WARD.

Your Vote and Interest are solicited for

SAMUEL COXON,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

The Election will be held on MONDAY, JAN. 5, 1874.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

J. P. WAGNER,

AS ALDERMAN FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

Election takes place, Monday, 5th Jan., 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF

ST. DAVID'S WARD.

GENTLEMEN.—Your vote and interest are respectfully solicited for

THOMAS DAVIES,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election takes place Monday, January 5th.

TO THE ELECTORS

OF

ST. GEORGE'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

THOMAS BROWN,

AS ALDERMAN FOR 1874.

Election takes place Monday, January 5, 1874.

MAYORALTY ELECTION, 1874

The Election of Mayor being by the Vote of the Ratepayers, your

VOTE AND INFLUENCE.

Are respectfully solicited for

A. M. SMITH,

FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

MAYORALTY ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO

ELECTORS

I RESPECTFULLY SOLICIT YOUR VOTES AND SUPPORT FOR RE-ELECTION AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 1874.

I am, your obedient servant,

ALEX. MANNING.

Election:—Monday, January 5, 1874.

TO THE ELECTORS OF TORONTO.

GENTLEMEN:—

The time having now nearly arrived, when (by the Act of the Legislature) you will again have the privilege of electing from amongst yourselves one to fill the important office of Mayor, I have been requested, by a large number of citizens, to offer myself as a candidate for that position. In compliance with their request, and with a desire to see our common city prosper, I now ask for your suffrages at the coming election.

Let my former conduct be a guarantee for my future services.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours, etc., etc.,
F. H. MEDCALF.

Toronto, 17th November, 1874.

ST. ANDREW'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

WILLIAM THOMAS,

AS ALDERMAN FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

Election takes place, Monday, 5th Jan., 1874.

ST. JOHN'S WARD.

YOUR VOTE AND INTEREST ARE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

JAMES SPENCE,

The Workingmen's Candidate,

AS ALDERMAN FOR THE ENSUING TERM.

Election takes place, Monday, 5th Jan., 1874.

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