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"Go....speak....to the people ALL the words of this life"

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The College.

When Paul wrote to Timothy, "And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also," he gave the warrant for a college whose aim should be to fit persons for the Gospel ministry. That verse contains more than an exhortation to preach the Gospel. It enjoins the selection of "faithful men," with ability to teach, and the preparing of them for that important work. That theological colleges have been largely in times past devoted to the maintenance of unscriptural dogmas, the upbuilding of sects, and the production of a class of preachers not qualified to teach the Scriptures, is no valid objection to the establishment of a school whose objects are in harmony with Paul's instructions to Timothy.

A reasonable inference from the words before us is that, if such faithful men are not found and trained, the Lord's work will not prosper. Before a person is qualified to go forth as a public proclaimer of the truth, he needs to know more than the first principles of the Gospel. He should be "mighty in the Scriptures." Fluency of speech, the desire to do good, loyalty to the truth, are qualities to be esteemed, but zeal without knowledge is always dangerous and especially in one who assumes to teach. The necessity, therefore, of giving those who intend to go forth to preach and teach systematic and thorough instruction in the Scriptures is apparent, and the people

who fail to recognize and act upon this sound and scriptural principle must in the very nature of things go to the wall. The College in St. Thomas has been started with such an end in view and it is proposed to carry it on with no lower aim than the production of able ministers of the N. W. T. testament.

It has been held, not unnaturally, that we do not need a college in this country; that our young people can find all the necessary facilities for ministerial training at one or another of our colleges in the States. There is no doubt but that there is room in any one of those colleges for all the Disciples that are likely to go to the States to college. And we are not among those who would suggest that there would be inefficiency in the teachers, or deficiency in the course of instruction. But, nevertheless, taking our brethren in the States for example, we are led to the conclusion that we should have a college of our own in this country. Their aim is, we might say to have a college in every State where possible. There are obvious reasons for this. Every such college is a centre of influence for our plea; it attracts attention to us in a way that nothing else will; it is an evangelistic force for all the region round about it. Witness what we read of in the notes in another column from "The Philomathian Society" of the College in St. Thomas. Those notes came to hand as we were writing this article. They gave us further testimony as to the wisdom of founding a college. It is the testimony of facts, not of reasoning, supposition and inference. Brethren, we need a college in our own country that shall stand for the simple truth of the Gospel, that shall appeal to the hopeful zeal of our own young people, and that shall be carried on in harmony with the national aspirations of the Canadian people. The fact is, brethren, without intending it, we have been playing into the hands of those who have no faith in Canada's future. By looking to the United States for preachers, papers, tracts, books, colleges, we have been "sitting upon" ourselves, branding ourselves as "nobodies," and leading the Disciples in the States to look upon us with ill-concealed contempt. We have smiled inwardly, even though we have outwardly resented it, when brethren from the States, at our annual meetings, have treated us like babies, and very weak babies at that, who could hardly take milk, but only a little sugar and water. But they were not to be blamed; they merely judged us by our own estimate of ourselves.

It is scarcely necessary for us to re-

mark that nothing in the foregoing paragraph is intended to reflect upon the brethren from the States who are now preaching in this country. The editor was one of the first, and one of the most active, in urging that able men were needed for important points, and much censure he has received for being so forward sometimes in paving the way for the introduction of United States preachers, and so he can write freely without fear of hurting the feelings of the worthy brethren from "the other side" now with us. If these brethren should decide to become subjects of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, and so free themselves from the bondage of "the stars and stripes," we should not interpose any objections, but rather welcome them to a position wherein they might enjoy to the full all the blessed influences that attend a connection with the British people.

In all seriousness let us say, preachers will come and go, will come here from the States, and go to the States from here, in greater or lesser numbers, college or no college; but, if the cause we plead is ever to be strong in Canada, it will, humanly speaking, be mainly through the efforts of Canadian preachers, men who, while they believe in preaching the Gospel to every creature, nevertheless see that, as things have themselves in this imperfect world, the interests of the Lord's work require that the people of any given country should assume the chief burden of carrying on that work. And so again we reach the conclusion that we need and must have a college in this country.

But it is objected by some brethren that we are not yet able to support a college. These brethren are not the least among the Disciples in Ontario, whether we regard their zeal, intelligence or liberality. We think they are wrong on this point, and they think we are. And so we are even. It is not a question of church fellowship, nor one that should alienate brethren. Let those who believe in the college support it, and those who do not believe in the college not oppose it. If the college deserves to live, it will live; if not, it will die. In the meantime, let us do all we can to further the cause of our common Lord in every way we conscientiously can. For our own part, we would say, not dogmatically, not aspiring contemptuously to trample under foot the brother who holds a contrary opinion that, in our humble judgment, if we do not start a college, we never will be able to support one. This may be extreme, but it is honest; and we propose, "with charity towards all and malice towards none," to bold

to and maintain this opinion, and to advocate the claims and the importance of the college, unless, of course we shall find reasons for altering our views.

As a closing word, we would say that every friend of the college, who has not already done so, should send, if possible, a contribution to its treasury as a token of sympathy, as a help towards the expenses of the present session, and as an earnest of continued and hearty support in the year to come.

"Immersion the Act of Christian Baptism."

The above is the title of a book which is worthy of more than an ordinary book notice. The author is Dr. J. T. Christian, an eminent Baptist minister. For a description of the book and its contents we refer the reader to the advertisement on another page. We recommend, for general distribution, the edition in paper covers, price 35 cents.

We do not belong to that class of immersionists who believe that the baptismal question will right itself by leaving it alone. Nor do we approve of the tactics of those who may be fairly industrious in propagating their views in private, but are careful to say as little as possible about baptism in public. We believe in the old way, "publicly and from house to house." And we like to see all immersionists place a good hearty emphasis upon "publicly."

Peace with our Pædo-baptist friends and neighbors is desirable, but not when the price of it is silence in regard to the truth. We have a very decided admiration for the man who loved the truth so much that he was willing to fight for it. And it is well to remind ourselves occasionally that the Prince of Peace said, "I came not to send peace on earth but a sword." Dr. Christian's book is well calculated to make trouble in a Pædo-baptist community. It is such a complete treatment of the question, and is so thorough a vindication of the position that "Immersion is the Act of Christian Baptism," that it is difficult to see how any honest seeker after truth who would read it could have any doubt on the subject. The method of the book is exhibited in the table of contents which appears in the advertisement. It is clear, condensed, cumulative, conclusive. It does not leave pouring or sprinkling, to say nothing of the application of a damp hand to a child's forehead, a leg to stand upon. We most heartily second the opinion of President McDiarmid that this book should be