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**Duncan A. Sinclair.**

"Friend after friend departs,  
Who hath not lost a friend?"

How busy death has been during this winter! Into how many homes he has entered and ruthlessly taken away the loved, the honored and the promising. How few circles of kindred and affection have remained undisturbed by the cold and clammy hand of the hateful, last enemy!

The death of the young man whose name stands at the head of this article is felt as a personal loss by many more than by those of the home circle, and those who are his kindred according to the flesh. A large number of kindred in Christ esteemed him very highly in love for his work's sake, and for the noble patience he exhibited in battling with a dire disease that he might be restored to health and strength, and so be able to realize his consecrated ambition as a preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ. And yet it may be truly said of him that the chief aim of his life was not to be a preacher, but to advance the cause of Christ. His interest in the Lord's work did not languish, even though his physical strength did. We do not recollect hearing anything finer from a young man than what Duncan said in a short speech at our Annual Meeting in Owen Sound in 1890. The young men present who were preparing for the ministry of the Word were being called upon to make a few remarks. When Duncan's turn came, he rose and expressed himself somewhat to the effect: "It has been for some time my desire to be a preacher. I am not now sure that I shall be permitted to become one. However, if I cannot work in that way for the Master, I shall endeavor to do all I can in another way, by giving of my means to support those who have the strength, as well as the desire, to serve the Lord as preachers of the Word." As he thus expressed himself, and that with evident cheerfulness, it was apparent that the audience was deeply stirred and greatly impressed with so noble a resignation, and so Christian a resolution. And right faithfully did he carry out his resolution. The revival of the church in Blenheim has been accomplished with his cordial approval and generous support. Home and Foreign Missions found in him an intelligent, a steadfast, and a liberal friend. He had a clear conception of the position of the Disciples of Christ, and believed that that position could be made acceptable to the people, by earnest proclamation of the truth, and by faithful presentation of it in the lives of those who professed it. He did not, as young people are apt to do, despise the day of small things. He was willing to be among the minority holding the truth and more than willing to help the minority become the majority by furthering the

good cause in every lawful way. Herein he set a good example to the young Disciples in our land.

There is something exceedingly pathetic in the death of a promising young man, especially when his ambition was lofty and his purposes holy; our minds dwell on what seems to us the loss, and we find ourselves wondering why such things are allowed to be. But it is inspiring on the other hand to think of such a young man eager to live, yet ready to die, anxious for strength that he might use it in the Master's service, yet repining not as his strength failed, but rather devoting the full measure of it remaining from day to day to the interests of the cause he loved so well. So it rejoices us to believe it was with Duncan A. Sinclair. His example will be a blessing to our young men, those who are preachers and those who are not. And we may well pray that his patience in suffering, his liberality in giving, his confidence in truth, his faithfulness in service may not soon be forgotten, but live in our memories as an inspiration to nobler and more Christ-like living.

**Bro. Meigs' Tour.**

It is not surprising, and yet it is highly gratifying, to learn that Bro. F. E. Meigs' visit to Ontario has given a great impetus to the zeal of the brethren in regard to Foreign Missions. From nearly every point he visited, glowing accounts come of his lecture. Intelligent people who have read much about mission work in China, and listened to their own preachers describing it after a fashion, talk now as though they knew nothing about it until they heard Bro. Meigs drawing his vivid picture of China and the Chinese, the social, moral and religious condition of the people. What a vast aggregation of depraved humanity there is in that immense country! How deep is the moral darkness! And what sublime faith is that of the missionaries of the Cross who undertake to live among such people, and patiently present Christ to them, never doubtful of the final result, but ever confident that the gospel of Jesus Christ is mighty to the pulling down of the strong-holds of sin and ignorance even in China! Let us not belittle the faith of our faithful missionaries. It is quite easy here at home to make oneself believe that he has faith and zeal enough to be a missionary, but how greatly different it is to be in a foreign land and there maintain the mission part, Bro. Meigs very clearly showed. We are thankful to be able to say that we have never intentionally spoken lightly of the foreign missionaries and their work, of their faith or of their zeal, but we are free to confess that since seeing Bro. Meigs and listening to him in public and in private, our respect and admiration for, and our confidence in, the missionaries are increased manifold.

Two remarks of Bro. Meigs' were specially striking, first, that the greatest trial of his faith was in gaining his own consent to remain in such a country, amid such a people; second, that to live in such a country and observe the condition of the people is to make a Christian feel that had the commission never been given the obligation to preach the Gospel would be no less than it is.

Very naturally the Disciples of Christ are very much interested in whatever pertains to the subject of Christian Union, and it is not surprising that so many of our correspondents that have written about Bro. Meigs, have noted what he said in regard to the feeling of the missionaries on union. One might almost say that

If the Foreign Mission work had accomplished no more than to throw so strong a light on the evils of sectarianism it had almost justified itself.

It is very much to be regretted that Bro. Meigs' visit to this country could not have been prolonged. It was a very laborious tour to him; from Blenheim to Hamilton he was scarcely allowed to relax an hour. But he has the assurance that he was very welcome and highly appreciated, and what will please him most, that many Christians are thankful that they saw and heard him, and earnestly declare that they have been blessed thereby.

Here is an item from the *Christian Guardian*, which is more than suggestive:—

Rev. Dr. James Martineau, the most distinguished teacher of Unitarian doctrine in England, has withdrawn from that denomination. We do not understand that he renounces his belief, but he does declare that he sees no use for a Unitarian denomination.

This reminds us of a story told of an American who once visited a Unitarian church in London. There were but three persons present, including the preacher. The American, being afterwards asked what he found at the Unitarian church, replied, "Three persons and no God."

Archibald G. Brown of London, England, one of Mr. Spurgeon's distinguished students, was recently interviewed by a representative of the *Christian Commonwealth*. Here is a part of the interview:—

"Do you make baptism by immersion a condition of membership at your church?"

"Rather! I had sooner be pastor of a strict communion church than pastor of one of the non-popular union churches. I believe they are at the bottom of the whole, down-grade. I know I'm awfully old-fashioned. But the moment we make light of anything that the Lord commands we are playing into the hands of the devil. Of course we have to meet cases of exceptional ill-health, but," added Mr. Brown with a sly look, "we are content with nothing less than a certificate from our own medical man, who is a thorough Christian and in full sympathy with Believer's Baptism."

These words are worthy of being printed in letters of gold, "The moment we make light of anything that the Lord commands, we are playing into the hands of the devil."

The following paragraph taken from the *Daily Mail* of March 8th, as well as the Obituary notice to be found on another page, will have a melancholy interest for the older Disciples throughout Ontario:—

The funeral of the late Mr. James Beaty, sr., took place from his residence, 17 Fuller street, yesterday afternoon to the Necropolis, and was attended by many of Toronto's oldest citizens, amongst whom were: Mr. A. McFarren, ex-Mayor Read, Q.C., Mr. R. H. Bowes, Mr. C. H. Lindsay, Mr. T. Thompson, Mr. A. Walton, Mr. J. M. Migh, Mr. H. Miller, Mr. N. Love, Mr. E. P. Roden, Mr. J. Burns, Mr. D. Brooke, Mr. G. Brooke. The pall-bearers were: Messrs. E. M. Morphy, E. Coatsworth, M. McCraney, W. Glenn, T. Murray, W. S. Broughton, R. Reynolds, J. Menzies, J. McDonnell, and Dr. Ferguson. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harold Mullaney, John Beaty, Samuel Beaty, Chas. Beaty, Robt. Beaty, Jas. Beaty, J. Standish, A. J. R. Snow, J. Cowan. A simple service was conducted at the house by Mr. Barclay, of the Church of the Disciples, of which the deceased had been a member for many years.

The *Sunday School Times* continues to say wise things on important subjects. Here is one of them:—

To be afraid of the closest scrutiny of the Bible text is to confess one's

self an infidel or a sceptic. The man who feels sure that the Bible text is all pure gold has no fears of any test to which the precious metal may be subjected; and if, forsooth, this testing process should result in clearing away from the surface of the gold any corrosion that has for a season dimmed its brightness, he is the more glad for that. It is only the man who doubts whether, after all, the Bible is pure gold, who shrinks from its fullest testing. Just now, while timid men's hearts are failing them lest the destructive critics of the Old Testament should prove that the sacred text has in it the errors they have insisted would naturally be found there, it is refreshing to note the confident tone of a reverent archaeologist like Professor Sayce, as he reports one after another of the recent disclosures in the field of Old Testament history, saying: The fact is another illustration of the way in which the discoveries of Oriental archaeology are restoring the credit of Old Testament history, and showing that the difficulties we have found in it are the creation of our own ignorance."

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**GOSPEL MEETINGS.**—The short course of Bible Lectures in the Disciples church were well attended and proved of much interest to Bible students. Mr. Lodiard's remarks on "Important Divisions of the Bible" and his "Ten rules for study" will not be easily forgotten. The whole course of lectures abounded with telling points and practical suggestions. He is now assisting Mr. Tovell in a series of Gospel Meetings. Services every night, except Saturday, at 8 p. m.—Warton *Encore*.

We regret exceedingly to say that T. L. Fowler, president of the college, has resigned to take effect at the end of the present term, at which time he will return to his former home in Canada. Mr. Fowler came here well recommended and the people have found him all he was recommended to be, and are well pleased with him. His retirement will be a severe blow to the college, and many a day will pass before they can fill his place. Mr. Fowler has made many friends since he came here, and all regret to have him leave.—*Fairfield News*.

On the first page will be seen an article on "Baptizo," clipped from the *Canadian Baptist*. Mr. Davin, whatever may be said of his political views, is evidently well-informed in regard to the meaning of that much debated word. We have pleasure in still further circulating his very clear and conclusive letter. There are not a few indications that the days of sprinkling for baptism are numbered. Those who know the truth on the subject should use every lawful means of advancing it.

**THAT QUESTION.**—"What question?" Why the question asked by Bro. Lodiard on page 5 of Jan. 15th *EVANGELIST*. "Well, what about it?" Why don't you answer it? "Because 'our wise men' were invited to answer." Well, now, we invite the wise and the unwise to reply. Come along, brethren and sisters, give us your mind on this matter. The way is open now for all.

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"Why attach 'Rev.' to Bro. Lodiard's as in last issue?" The printer made the attachment, brother, and the proofreader, contrary to his almost invariable custom, did not notice the error. The Editor, in his invariable manner is, wrote, "Bro." James Lodiard.

We are glad that the *Christian Standard* continue "sound" on the "Rev." question, as the subjoined clipping testifies:—

We find in *The Illustrated World's Fair* a portrait which we recognize in spite of the astonishing underscription, "The Rev. B. J. Radford, D.D." It warms the cockles of the heart to think of the fun our "bothersome Ben" will have with that entitlement. We have obtained permission of the magazine to use the portrait, and we will do him the friendly office of extricating his name from its environment.

The church in Guelph is to be heartily congratulated upon the appearance of the interior of its house of worship as described in another column. It is a pleasure to record this sign of progress upon the part of the Disciples in the Royal City. We wish them much happiness and increasing prosperity in the more favorable circumstances in which they now meet. Bro. George Fowler is highly spoken of by the church; we trust his labors in Guelph may be very fruitful. The church in Guelph deserves to succeed, and we doubt not but it will. Bro. James Kilgour has stood the winter very well and is as happy as any over the improvements made.

The writer spent the Lord's day, Feb. 28th, with the little band of Disciples in Orangeville. The occasion was the opening of a more convenient hall, recently rented and fitted up. The little church is now about as comfortably located as it could be in a hall, being in the central part of the town, and up but one flight of stairs, which is neither very steep nor very long. Bro. Henry King, formerly of Priceville, and Bro. J. A. Aikin conduct the Lord's day meetings alternately. Bro. E. Sheppard held special services some time ago which were very acceptable to the brethren. It is thought that a longer effort under favorable circumstances in the near future would be productive of good. The Disciples need and deserve the hearty support of their brethren in Ontario.

**Acknowledgment.**

MY DEAR BROTHERS, SISTERS AND FRIENDS,—I would like to tell you how highly we appreciate your words of sympathy and love when our hearts are so lonely. 'Tis sweet to have those words from those who knew and loved our beloved. We find that in sorrow as in the church of the living God there is no dividing line of color or country—kind words have come from friends at home and from friends across the line. One thing impressed me very much; it was when some of Africa's sons and daughters came to take a last farewell. Just now I cannot write you personally. Pray for us. May our Father's richest blessing rest upon you all. Your sister.

BELLA SINCLAIR.

Blenheim, Mar. 11, '92.

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