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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.

Even if some Protestants do think it is not proper to attempt to turn away Roman Catholics from the Church of Rome, the Pope still thinks that Protestants need to be converted to Romanism. He has recently sent his blessing to some priests who are putting forth a special effort in that direction in Cleveland, Ohio.

Are our Sabbatarian friends of Toronto aware that there was a military church parade in that city on Nov. 3rd, that immense crowds were on the streets to view it, that the bands were playing, and playing "profane" tunes at that? We have been waiting for some Toronto paper to protest. But as we have as yet seen no protest, we make it here ourselves. We should think there would be enough oatmeal and Shorter Catechism in Toronto to resent that kind of a proceeding. But even the "Kilties" were there. The nearest we have seen to an allusion to the parade is this from the *Canada Presbyterian*:

"The Sabbath is the bulwark of Protestantism. No man should pose as a Protestant and at the same time hold and practise loose views in regard to the Lord's day."

But that is quite indirect. Surely our contemporary will give us something more pointed.

Among the wise sayings in the Book of Proverbs is one that we find in chapter xviii. 13: "He that giveth answer before he heareth, it is folly and shame unto him." And there is a great deal of that kind of folly and shame in the world. There are many judgments formed before the whole case has been presented. And many people condemned when only one side has been heard.

Dr. Dewart, late editor of the *Christian Guardian*, has been discussing the question of religion in the public schools. He is reported as saying that he favors a judicious system of religious instruction, but would rather see religious instruction abandoned than a system of denominational schools prevail.

But, we would say, who is to arrange the "judicious system"? Let the churches do their duty, and there will be little need to advocate religious instruction in the public schools.

It is said that the Pope is about to make a second appeal to the English people regarding their return to the Church of Rome. Some of the English people are now pretty far on the way to Rome, and the Pope's second invitation may please them and hasten their pace somewhat. But the English people will look upon the second letter as they did upon the first, as an insult to their intelligence. The English people have not quite forgotten the meaning of the Reformation.

The *Montreal Witness* thinks that ethical teaching is neglected in the Sunday-schools. If that be so, it is a very grievous fault. The Sunday-school is supposed to be a Bible-school. If the Bible be properly taught, the ethical will not be neglected. The Bible, Old Testament and New, lays heavy emphasis upon "whatsoever things are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely and of good report."

This paragraph from the *Hamilton Times* is not a bit too strong:

Some Toronto Christian Scientists are in trouble. A certain Mrs. Beer tried to cure a boy of measles by the prayer cure and mind treatment, and the little fellow died. Not only was the cure a failure, but the Christian

Scientist's faith was not great enough to even diagnose the case, which was one of bronchitis. Now the doctor by the police, but her faith seems at least to have been equal to the task of keeping her out of their clutches so far. This faith and prayer cure Christian Science business may do for hypochondria, but it is not fit to wrestle with real ailments of the human organism. It is in itself a disease, and those afflicted so badly as to apply it to a helpless child ought to be furnished with comfortable quarters in our lunatic asylums.

Some one has well said that "Christian Science" is neither "Christian" nor "Science." It is un-Christian humbug.

Our Bible Offer.

We are still able to continue the Bible offer. Our friends have therefore another opportunity of doing themselves a great favor. Remember we have extended the offer to old subscribers on a very easy condition, viz., that they will TRY to get one new subscriber to the DISCIPLE.

An old subscriber sends \$3 for our combination, and directs that the Bible be sent to her, and the *Templar* and DISCIPLE to a friend. A new subscriber wishes the Bible and DISCIPLE for himself, and sends the *Templar* to a friend. These may give some of our readers a hint.

We wish to say to our friends that we have the best kind of assurance that the Bibles will be as represented. Indeed, the publisher of the *Templar* received a letter from Mr. Bagster the other day saying that "The *Templar* Bible" will be even better than promised. This means a great deal, coming from a man of Mr. Bagster's reputation and standing.

Note well that this is no ordinary premium Bible. It is extra-ordinary. Our friends should make sure of one while there is yet opportunity.

We have been asked whether those now paid-up subscribers to the DISCIPLE can get the Bible, by paying for the Bible and the *Templar*. No: we cannot afford to do that. We require the whole combination to be taken.

Those now paid-up on the DISCIPLE list who take advantage of the offer will have their time extended on the DISCIPLE for one year. And we can assure them that they can well afford to do that. They will then make money out of the transaction.

We have not said much about increasing the subscription list of the DISCIPLE in connection with this offer. But we ask our friends to note that here is a way in which they may do themselves a good turn while helping the paper.

Once more we ask our old friends to let their acquaintances, whether they are Disciples or not, know of this wonderful offer. People will save money by paying our combination prices, even if they place no value upon the *Templar* or the DISCIPLE.

Omnibus.

A very interesting letter from Miss Mary M. Rioch, dated, Tokio, Oct. 15th, comes into our hands just after all our space is taken up. We regret to have to hold it over.

In looking over our lists, we find quite a large number of subscribers in arrears. It would oblige us very much if they would remit the amounts due us very soon.

Here is what an old friend in the United States says about the DISCIPLE: "We like the paper in its new form, and if it were stopped we would miss it very much. It is like getting a letter from a dear friend."

It was a great pleasure to the many, who have hitherto only known her by her pen, to meet Mrs. Anna D. Bradley. Mrs. Bradley is a very charming and delightful woman in person and conversation, and those who met her at Dallas will in future enjoy the product of her pen with a new interest.—*Christian Guide*.

We have to apologize to our readers for allowing Mrs. Bradley's article in last number to go in with the heading, "Sermons in Trees." The reader would discover that it should have been named, "Sermons in Rivers."