

centre of their work in this country, and the largest congregation here worships in a beautiful building on Cecil street, near Spadina avenue, its pastor being Mr. A. W. Conner, who has recently come from Johnstown, Pa. Several prominent citizens are members, not all of this particular congregation, for there are three others somewhat smaller, but of the denomination. Messrs. James Beaty, Q.C., Robert Boaty, the King street banker, and Edward Trout, of the *Monetary Times*, are active workers in the Louisa street church. Dr. James McCullough, Mr. W. B. Malcolm, and others are identified with the Cecil street congregation. Ex-Mayor Clendonan, of Toronto Junction, is a leading member of the church there. The late James Beaty, sr., was one of the pioneers of the church in Toronto.

The Disciples have their own colleges in the United States where students are fitted for the regular duties of preachers and missionaries. These colleges are located at Botlhany, W. Va.; Lexington, Ky.; Irvington, Ind.; Eureka, Ill.; Des Moines, Ia.; and Hiram, Ohio. The time is looked forward to when a theological seminary will be established in Toronto, and with this end in view the late Mr. D. A. Sinclair, of Blenheim, Ont., the young university student whose untimely death was noticed in the *Mail* last week, has left his estate, and no inconsiderable one, as the nucleus of a fund for such an object.

This denomination is well represented in the foreign mission fields, and its contributions to such schemes have reached large proportions. It is hoped that the special effort now being put forth throughout the States and Canada will result in \$100,000 being collected for mission work this year. In the Island of Jamaica the Women's Board of Missions is an acknowledged power for good.

Hero, in the religious life of this City of Churches, are a people who are doing a quiet but nevertheless effective work, the conditions of whose church fellowship, it is claimed, demand nothing more nor less than in the days of the Apostles—conditions that are in fact found in the New Testament.—*The Mail, March 19.*

Dr. Talmage's Creed.

"And he came down with them and stood in the plain."—Luke vi. 17.

Christ on the mountains is a frequent study. We have seen him on the Mount of Olives, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Moriah, Mount Calvary, Mount of Ascension, and it is glorious to study him on these great natural elevations. But, how is it that never before have we noticed him on the plain? Amid the rocks, high up on the mountain Christ had passed the night, but now, at early dawn, he is coming down with some especial friends, stopping from shelving to shelving, here and there a loosened stone rolling down the steep sides ahead of him, until he gets in a level place, so that he can be approached without climbing from all sides. He is on the level; my text says: "He came down with them and stood in the plain."

Now, that is what the world wants to day more than any thing else—a Christ on the level, easy to get at, no ascending, no descending, approachable from all sides—Christ on the plain. The question among all consecrated people to-day is what is the matter with the ministers? Many of them are engaged in picking holes in the Bible and apologizing for this and apologizing for that. In an age when the whole tendency is to pay too little reverence to the Bible, they are fighting against Bibliolatry, or too much reverence for the Bible. They are building a fence on the wrong side of the road; not on the side where the precipice is and off which multitudes are falling, but on the upper side of the road, so that people will not fall up-hill, of which there is no danger.

There is no more danger of Bibliolatry, or too much reverence for the Scriptures, than there is that astrology will take the place of astronomy, or alchemy the place of chemistry, or that canal boat the place of the limited express rail-train. What a theological farce it is; ministers fighting against too much reverence for the Scriptures; ministers making apology for the Scriptures; ministers pretending to be friends of the Bible, yet doing the book more damage than all the blatant infidels on all the earth. The trouble is our theologians are up in the mountain in a fight above the clouds about things which they do not understand. Come down on the plain and stand beside Christ, who never preached a technicality or a didacticism. What do you, O Wise-Headed Ecclesiastic, know about the Decrees of God? Who cares a fig about your sublapsarianism or your supralapsarianism?

What a spectacle we have in our denominations to-day; committees trying to patch up an old creed made two or three hundred years ago, so that it will fit on the nineteenth century. Why do not our millinery establishments take out of the garrets the coal scuttle bonnets which your great grandmothers wore, and try to fit them on the head of the modern maiden? You cannot fix up a three hundred year old creed so as to fit our time. Princeton will sew on a little piece, and Union Seminary will sew on a little piece, and Alleghany Seminary and Danville will sew on other pieces, and by the time the creed is done it will be as variegated as Joseph's coat of many colors. Think of having to change an old creed to make it clear that all infants dying go to heaven! I am so glad that the committees are going to let the babies in. Thank you. So many of them are already in that all the hills of heaven look like a Sunday-school anniversary. Now, what is the use of fixing up a creed which left any doubt on that subject? No man ever doubted that all infants dying go to heaven, unless he be a Herod or a Charles Guiteau. I was opposed to overhauling the old creed at all, but, now that it has been lifted up and its imperfections set up in the sight of the world, I say, overboard with it and make a new creed. There are to-day in our denomination five hundred men who could make a better one. I could make a better one myself. As we are now in process of changing the creed and no one knows what we are expected to believe, or will two or three years hence be expected to believe, I could not wait and so I have made a creed of my own, which I intend to observe the rest of my life. I wrote it down in my memorandum-book some six months ago, and it reads as follows: "My creed: The glorious Lord. To trust him, love him, and obey him is all that is required. To that creed I invite all mankind."—T. DeWitt Talmage.

[The above is a portion of a recent sermon by Dr. Talmage. Verily the old confession of faith is being wounded in the house of its friends. When Dr. Talmage was ordained a Presbyterian minister he was required solemnly to declare that he believed it all to be in harmony with the scriptures and that he would conform his teaching thereto. But he has learned better now and he boldly avows the fact. Moreover he clearly sees the evil of a long and complicated creed. But his creed, though not without its good points, is not equal to one we find in Matthew xvi. 16.—*Editor EVANGELIST*]

Unavailing regret, cherished sorrow, and remorse are, next to sin, the greatest hindrances to usefulness. Nay, to brood continually over a sin or sorrow until ambition is unwinged and noble purposes shorn of their strength is itself sin. The divine Father's will concerning his children is manifestly that they shall be useful and happy. Whatever interferes with his purpose is wrong—a sin. The morbidly sorrowful and remorseful man mars his usefulness. To be happy, therefore, is a duty.—*Cumberland Presbyterian.*

Married.

BEACROFT—HILL.—In Collingwood on the 22nd inst., by Sinclair, James Beacroft to Agnes Hill, all of Collingwood.

SUTHERLAND—INGRAHAM.—On March 16th, 1892, at the residence of the bride's mother, Aymer, by J. D. Stephens, Albert Sutherland of Watertown, Dakota to Ellen Inghis.

McKEE—LANE.—In Erin, March 28th, 1892, by George Munro, Samuel E. McKee of Erin, to Sarah M. Lane, third daughter of George Lane, Esq., Erin.

PRECOOR—SPENCER.—On March 22, 1892, at the residence of Mr. E. Morse, Blenheim, by D. H. Stewart, Andrew Precoor, of the village of Shedden, to Maggie Spencer, of the village of Bismarck, Ont.

Obituaries.

ELLIS.—Died on Feb. 24th, at Toronto, Alfred Dawson, only child of W. A. and F. Louise Ellis, aged five years six months and nineteen days.

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