

The Critic's Corner.

Did the Lord use unleavened bread at the supper? If so, should we pattern after Him? F. H. LEMON.

It is certain that the Saviour used unleavened bread when He instituted the memorial supper. It was on the first day of "unleavened bread" that He "took bread and blessed it."—Matthew xxvi. 17—that is on the fourteenth day of the month Nisan, when no leaven could be found among the Jews. Exodus xii. 15-18.—"For whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel."

This fact established beyond doubt, the question arises: Shall we use the same kind of bread at the ordinance now? Knowing that it is contrary to the practice of many of our churches, I would kindly, yet emphatically say, in answer to brother Lemon's second question, Yes. In doing so we not only are satisfied that we are using the same symbol which Jesus blessed, but also maintaining the figurative allusion of Paul when he says, "Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened. For even Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."—I. Cor. v. 6-8.

Thus, not only is Christ's broken body emblemized in the bread, but when it is unleavened bread the apostle's exhortation to "put away malice and wickedness," as the Israelites put away the "old leaven," and to partake of the "unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," is forcibly impressed upon us—especially since the appearance and taste of this bread are not like the bread in common use.

When Christ called twelve apostles to testify about Himself concerning His ministry before His ascension, we are told that they chose Matthias. Now, if apostles were to cease after Christ's ascension, what was the use of choosing another apostle to fill the quorum, or twelve? W. W. DIXON.

This is only a quotation from a communication rather too long to publish in full, and as these words contain the main point presented by the writer, we will answer with references only to the rest.

Now, is it not plain that the apostles understood that anyone who should be chosen to that office must be one of those "which have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out amongst us, beginning with the baptism of John, unto the same day that He was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection?"

We do not claim that apostles were to cease "after Christ's ascension," for Paul was chosen after that great event. The question at issue is: Was that office to be perpetuated through all time?

We wonder that our querist does not see the inconclusiveness of his own reference to Acts i. 21, as applied to the continuation of the apostolic office; for the one hundred and twenty disciples present at that meeting seemed all to agree with Peter that the choice should be from privileged men, who could not exist after that generation had passed away!

Christ exercised His divine prerogative in choosing Paul without the qualifications mentioned by Peter, but substituted what appears to be an essential for the office, namely, that Paul was permitted to see Him, and thus be an eye-witness that He had risen from the dead. We are inclined, however, to believe that though the disciples chose Matthias to fill up the vacancy, that Christ himself chose Paul to keep up the sacred twelve.

Brother D. refers to Amos iii. 7, to show that if Christ intended the apostolic office to cease, that He would have revealed it. But, in vision, has He not intimated the restriction of this special office to the twelve?

John wrote the Book of Revelation about the year 97 A.D.; this was after all the apostles, excepting John himself, who were chosen by Christ, were dead; and yet we read in the 21st chapter and 14th verse: "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." Further comment is unnecessary. E. S.

Woman's Work.

Our Auxiliary Meetings.

A letter came to me lately with these words concerning auxiliary meetings:—"If you have any nice new little plans for interesting all, tell me all about them, please."

There are others who would like information on the same point, and no doubt there are sisters in the different auxiliaries who would cheerfully give us the benefit of the plans they have adopted to make their meetings interesting and useful. I would suggest that they write to us through the EVANGELIST, and send us in the work we love. A SISTER.

To the Auxiliaries

DEAR SISTERS,—Only a few short weeks till we meet again in convention. How truly the Psalmist has said, "As for man, his days are as grass." It does not seem possible that a whole year can so quickly pass away. It remains for us to see whether we have done all that we could for the glory of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom. It is not too soon for us to commence preparation for the June meeting, if we desire to come up to the house of the Lord well stored. The auxiliaries will remember to report early in May. Send a full account of the work done during the year. It is deemed advisable, in order to save time, to have but one report at the annual meeting. The secretaries will therefore please give their early attention to the matter of sending in the reports, that all may be embodied in the general report. It is hoped that not one auxiliary will fail to send in a full report before the middle of May.

The work is going on nicely. Minnesota is crying for immediate relief, as delay will hinder them much. They have raised over \$300 and they want to start building in May. They have secured a desirable lot. Their house is to cost about \$800. They ask \$300 or \$400 from Ontario at once. How much can you or will you give towards the house in Minnesota?

A recent letter from our treasurer is encouraging and we are hopeful. Come, sisters, to the meeting at Owen Sound.

As ever,

Mrs. E. McCLELLAN,
Cor. Sec.

Iran, April 3rd.

Our Annual Meeting.

I am glad to learn from our Treasurer that funds have been coming in more freely lately. We earnestly hope that we shall be able to redeem all our pledges before our Annual Meeting, and have a balance on hand with which to begin the work of another year. As the 6th of June is drawing so near I hope all our sisters are turning their thoughts toward the coming meeting with a purpose to be present if possible. And not only so, but to make their presence a blessing and help to all others present. If all come in this spirit, and with a zeal for the Master's work over-ruling every other motive we will have a blessed time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Every Auxiliary should be represented by at least two or more delegates, and we hope to see many others from churches where auxiliaries have not yet been formed. The sisters in Owen Sound will give their sisters from abroad—and their brethren also—a hearty welcome to their hearts and homes.

The town is beautiful for situation and is well worth coming to see. And then, these annual gatherings of so many whose "hearts and hopes and aims are one" give us such a sweet foretaste of the great home coming of the redeemed out of every nation and kindred and tongue, that it is a joy even to think of them.

Let us endeavor to make this coming meeting the best, and most successful one we have yet had because of all we shall do, and undertake in His name. We hope that all the members of the Board and the six sisters who were named as a committee to confer with them, will endeavour to arrive in time for a preliminary meeting on Wednesday evening. This will be necessary, as we are so scattered throughout the Province that a meeting during the year could not be had.

Any advice or suggestions concerning the interest of our coming meeting, or our future work, will be thankfully received, whether sent by letter or through THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, a column of which is generously offered for our use. Let us show our appreciation of the kindness by using it as a medium for the furtherance of our work. S. M. BROWN.

Children's Work.

Mrs. J. A. Lillard, Supt., Poplar Hill, Ont.; to whom communications for this department should be addressed.

DEAR CHILDREN,—I asked you in the March number of the EVANGELIST, to consider carefully what you would like to have done with the money raised this year, and suggested some of the things which might be done with it. I hope you have all done this and are ready to give me an answer. I have something else for you to do at your next meeting. I want the secretary of each band to have a report ready to read to you, and receive your approval, by the middle of May, or earlier if possible. The report should comprise the history of your band; when organized, and by whom; what money you have raised and by what means; what work or studies you have taken and what you hope to do in the future; and what help or encouragement, difficulties or hindrances you may have met with; in fact, all that concerns your band told as briefly as possible. As soon as your report is presented and approved I would like it mailed to me at once, together with the money you may then have in hand. The year closes at the end of May, and so it will be necessary for me to have all your reports in time to make my own before the Annual Meeting in June. Do not be discouraged if the amount of money is small, try to make it more next year, and remember the Saviour's promise that even a cup of cold water given for His sake shall receive a reward.

DEAR MRS. LILLARD,—We organized a Children's Mission Band here on the 22nd of March. There was a fair attendance. Mr. Bronenstahl gave a short address on Mission work, after which the officers were elected. Miss McCullough, President; Mrs. Bronenstahl, Vice-President; Ida Royce, Treasurer; James Black, Secretary. Our membership is twenty-six. The name of our band is "Workers for the Master." We meet the third Sunday in every month. Everton, April, 1st, 1890. JAMES BLACK.

We bid the new band a cordial welcome, and wish them abundant success in their labor of love.

DEAR SISTER LILLARD,—Our Cheerful Givers have raised about \$26,000 since organization last March. We send you \$10.00. We have sent Mrs. King \$10.00 for the Baptist Hospital. I am anxious to know what work you will assign our Ontario bands. It seems as though they should do some foreign work as our O. C. W. B. M. must use all its funds for home work.

I am glad to see the children's work increasing in its hold on the hearts of our people.

Oh, we should do so much for our Redeemer while we are doing so little! May we be enabled to so train our little ones, that they may do better than we.

Our Band tried the "Talents" and made about \$3.00 out of 75 cents. We have held two public meetings during the year, and an ice cream and strawberry social in connection with the Ladies Aid Society.

Our children give five cents each per month, and we have a sub-band of babies which we call our "Little Pearls," whose parents pay the five cents for them. We hope they may be able to say with Timothy, "From a Child." &c.

Wishing you God's blessing and direction. I am yours sincerely,
Mrs. CORNIE B. KNOWLES.
St. Thomas, Feb. 20th 1890.

All honour to the Cheerful Givers in St. Thomas; they are doing nobly. It looks to me as though there must be some executive ability at work among them which will be a blessing if it proves contagious.

A few words to officers and managers:—Be prayerful, be punctual, be persevering and don't be easily discouraged. J. E. L.

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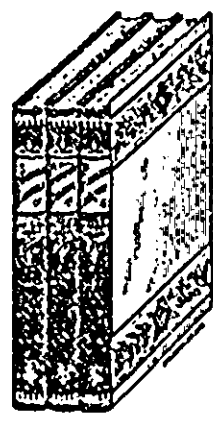
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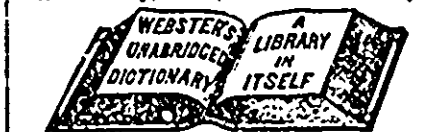
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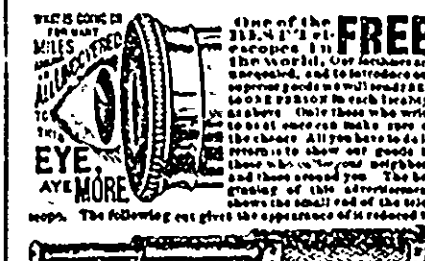
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