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Shall the Foreign Missionaries be Allowed to Suffer?

On page seven of this paper will be found matter pertaining to our foreign mission work, which we trust every reader will peruse carefully. It is evident that the Foreign Missionary Board feel deep anxiety with regard to the finances of the society, and no wonder, because the contributions are not nearly adequate to meet the actual needs of the missionaries. And why are they not? Because of the exceedingly dull times in the States. There is no falling off in interest, we believe, in the work, but the simple fact is that hundreds of the friends of the work are hard up. Now what is to be done? Recall missionaries? No, that will not do, that would not pay; we would want to send them back so soon as good times would return. Then must the missionaries suffer in foreign lands until money gets into general free circulation in America? We fancy we hear all the people say, "Never, never, never; that would be disgraceful, cruel, sinful." Well then what is to be done? All the friends of the foreign work must try a little harder to save for this special work in this great emergency. The preachers should lay the matter plainly before the churches, and endeavor to reach the heart and the pocket-book of every brother and sister.

We think the proposition to have rallies a good one wherever practicable. It would be most helpful to have a number of congregations meet together to consider the claims of the unevangelized heathen upon the Christians of today.

We presume the greater portion of our readers are in sympathy with the Foreign Missionary Society, of which A. McLean is Cor. Sec. It is possible, however, that some are not. We would like to say to them that we understand that the missionaries who went out to Japan under the auspices of W. K. Azbill are in straitened circumstances. It would be a shame if they should be forsaken or forgotten by those they had a right to look to for support.

Well Done, Ontario.

It is no news to our readers that the Plebiscite on Prohibition, January 1st, in this Province, resulted very satisfactorily to Prohibitionists. The returns now before us indicate that all the counties save two, Prescott and Russell, gave majorities for Prohibition, and all the cities save Windsor likewise. The total majority so far reported is 68,000, and it is thought that complete returns will run it up to 100,000. This is exceedingly gratifying, and furnishes cause for profound thankfulness. Ontario has spoken, and spoken emphatically. So has Manitoba, and so has Prince Edward Island. No doubt Nova Scotia and New Brunswick would

give a similar verdict, and probably Quebec, North-West Territories and British Columbia, too. Prohibition is now a very live question in Dominion politics, and one demanding the immediate attention of the Ontario Government and Legislature. The action of the Ontario Government will be very closely watched by friends and foes.

It will be remembered that the following statement was among the instructions to voters relative to the question of Prohibition:

"Electors in voting 'yes' on this question will be considered as expressing an opinion in favor of Prohibition to the extent to which the Legislature of this province or the Parliament of Canada has jurisdiction, as may be determined by the court of final resort."

Though the matter has not yet been passed upon by the court, it seems certain that the Provincial Legislature has control of the retail business. Senator Scott thinks so, and Dr. Bourinot, clerk of the House of Commons, is quite positive on the point. We therefore think that Prohibitionists are quite justified in bringing all needful pressure to bear upon the Local Government to induce it to propose that measure of Prohibition within its jurisdiction; no temporizing should be tolerated now.

We notice with a mingling of amusement and indignation that Mr. F. S. Spence with very suggestive haste proposes a local option campaign, saying that the vote of the Plebiscite shows where local option would carry. It is difficult for us to believe that Mr. Spence is sincere in so speaking, or that he really thinks Prohibitionists would entertain his proposition for a moment. It was provincial prohibition, at the least, that was asked for at the polls, not local option. We have had enough of local option and such like. It behooves Prohibitionists to keep their eyes open these days, lest peradventure the recent great victory turn out to be a barren one.

"The Wife of Fairbank"

The author of "The Wife of Fairbank" introduces one Elder Pickle, a Baptist preacher, who is duly set forth as a champion of believer's immersion as the only baptism of the New Testament. But, poor fellow, he was rather a weak champion, for in a remarkably short time and by remarkably weak arguments, he was converted to a belief in infant sprinkling, and joined the Presbyterian church. It is proverbially easy to overthrow an opponent of one's own creation. We judge that Elder Pickle would not be accepted as a representative Baptist. We are sure we Disciples would not leave the defense of scriptural baptism in his hands.

What a marvel that intelligent people will cling to infant baptism for which there is not a single text of scripture! What is infant baptism but what a Baptist friend called it the other day in our hearing, "A rag of popery." Protestantism—Protestantism—must always quail before Catholicism so long as it retains that practice. It is entirely foreign to true Protestant principles to retain as an ordinance of the church, that for which there is neither precept nor example in the New Testament. It would be a happy day for the cause of Christ if all Protestants would be baptized as Jesus was baptized.

Notwithstanding anything we may have said in the way of adverse criticism, we should be glad to hear of Mr. McNaughton's book having a large sale. Its discussion of the problem of church government is well calculated to throw

light on that somewhat difficult question. We are not able to give the price. We presume it may be had from the author, Rev. D. McNaughton, whose address we understand, is North Keppel, Ont.

Amending the Charge.

The editor of the *North-West Baptist* in his January 1st number, refers to our assertion that he grossly slandered the Disciples when he said that they teach that "the certainties of salvation hang upon ecclesiastical ceremonies and sacerdotal functions," and by way, apparently, of drawing from us some statement he might use to justify his allegation, he asks us this question:

"Will you say whether or not Disciples have taught and do teach that the forgiveness of sins is connected with the act of baptism?"

Let the reader observe how craftily the editor of the *N. W. Baptist* seeks to amend the charge. But we shall not allow him to escape in that way. We remind him, as well as our readers, that his charge was couched in these words, "Both Catholic and Disciple are agreed, however, that the certainties of salvation hang upon ecclesiastical ceremonies and sacerdotal functions." For our own part we indignantly denounce the assertion as false; moreover we honestly think that the editor of the *N. W. Baptist* in his heart knows it to be false, and if he would allow his better nature to speak, he would say that it was as unjustifiable as it was unkind, to link the Catholics and Disciples together as he did.

And now to bring this matter to a fair and square issue we challenge the *N. W. Baptist* to produce the evidence justifying the odious charge.

The *N. W. Baptist* bids us "remember that we asked you for an explanation of an editorial that appeared in your paper some time ago, laying charges against the Baptists of Winnipeg for specially hostile acts toward the Disciples when they were trying to start a cause here." In reply to that we would say that we did not happen to notice the request for that explanation or it would have been promptly given. We are now quite ready to publish the statement offered, signed by Disciples in Winnipeg.

The readers of the *EVANGELIST* will find in another column an announcement of "A Special Rally." This rally is in the interest of foreign missions. A group of preachers or friends of this cause can prepare addresses and go from church to church and deliver them. If this is done there will be a great awakening on this subject. People that have cared nothing because they knew nothing about this cause, will be informed and enlisted. People that are already interested will find their zeal deepened and quickened. As one result, they will give more than they have ever given to send the gospel to the ends of the earth. The time has come for the whole line to advance, we must publish the truth far and wide; else we will not be able to hold it fast ourselves. Then let the claims of this work be kept before the churches from week to week until the first Lord's day in March, the time for the annual offering for foreign mission, and we shall see good results. Let every church hold such a service as the foreign secretaries suggest.

Co-operation Notes

Contributions.

D. F. Kilgour.....	\$ 5 00
Mrs. D. F. Kilgour..	5 00
Chas. J. Royce.....	1 00
Levi Thomson.....	10 00
John Black.....	5 00
John Campbell.....	100 00
Mrs. Jos. Hatch.....	5 00
Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.	

Our Omnibus.

A note from Bro. Moffett says he is in Aylmer, and that the meeting opens up well.

We are gratified to learn from the *Transylvanian*, as well as from other sources, that Kentucky University in all its departments is flourishing.

We are happy to hear that Bro. John Teetzel, of Blenheim, who has been very ill for some time, is now improving in health. We hope to hear of his complete recovery soon.

The city of Hamilton gave a good account of itself on election day. Every ward in the city gave a majority for Prohibition, the total majority being upwards of 1500.

Our friends will see us Hamilton folks as Bro. J. A. Aikin sees us in another column. It is proper to remark that to the kindly vision of Bro. Aikin, the Editor appears several sizes too large.

The Christy knives are meeting with great favor among our friends. Remember for only three (3) new subscribers to the *EVANGELIST* you will get a set free. A number of our friends have already done so.

The *Apostolic Guide*, of Louisville, Ky., and the *Missionary Weekly*, of Richmond, Va., have amalgamated under the name of the *Christian Guide*. It is a good combination. W. J. Loos is editor-in-chief, and a number one editor he is. Long life and prosperity to the *Guide* and its cultured, Christian editor.

The *Transylvanian*, which is Kentucky University's college paper, has an "Alumni Department." In the December number of the same a very flattering paragraph is inserted concerning the Editor of this paper. We are sorry to say that before applying it to ourselves we are compelled to discount it very considerably. All the same, boys, we thank you for your kindly intent.

Another change for the better has come over the *Christian Standard*, of Cincinnati, O. The size of the page is lessened and the number of pages increased to 24. Its form is now very convenient. It is big value for \$2 a year. Our best wish for the *Standard* is that it may ever be true to its noble motto: "Devoted to the restoration of primitive Christianity—its doctrines, its ordinances and its fruits."

Here is the way one of our good friends looks on the matter: "Enclosed you will find \$1.00 to pay my subscription to the *EVANGELIST*. I did not know until lately that it was due six months ago. The next time that I neglect it just stop the paper and then it will be looked after. Praying that our Blessed Heavenly Father will bless you and guide you in your great undertaking of placing such good a light in the hands of your readers, I remain yours in the Lord."

One of the handsomest pamphlets that has reached our table this year has just been issued by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., setting forth the virtues of their Pink Pills for Pale People. The pamphlet is undoubtedly the most elaborate ever issued by a proprietary medicine house in Canada. The cover is printed in three colors, and on the front page gives well executed portraits of the Duke and Duchess of York—England's future King and Queen—the portraits being surrounded by a handsome border, forming a union of hearts. The back cover page is also printed in colors and shows a facsimile of a package of the famous Pink Pills.

The reading matter in the pamphlet will be interesting to those who may for any reason require a blood builder or nerve tonic. A copy of this handsome pamphlet will be mailed free to any of our readers who will send their address on a postal card to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Church News.

ST. THOMAS.—Bro. W. B. Thomson, of Detroit, has been supplying the pulpit here for some time.

TORONTO, CECIL ST.—We are informed that four persons were baptized here January 7th.

GRAND VALLEY, Jan. 6th, 1894.—Please record the following: During Bro. Moffett's meeting at Orangeville, one from this community made the good confession, was baptized and received into the church of Christ here, Dec. 10th, 1893. Also one young woman confessed Christ and put Him on by baptism the same night—one week ago last Thursday evening at our prayer meeting. We are working and praying for a great ingathering of souls during the year of 1894.

D. STEWART.

GUELPH, Jan. 8, 1894.—Three more confessions at our regular service Sunday evening. One thing I neglected to say in my last report was that our people are believers in the plan of the Evangelist and singer going together. We were highly delighted with Prof. Everman. I am of the opinion that it would well repay to send him with Bro. Moffett, more especially in our towns and cities.

GEO. FOWLER.

GRAND VALLEY, ONT., Jan. 8, 1894.—The hearts of the Disciples of Christ in this town were again made glad at our Sunday afternoon service, when one more confessed the Christ. Also on the following evening at our Y. P. S. C. E., another made the good confession, and both were buried with Him by baptism the same evening. God grant that many others may come.

D. STEWART.

MARSVILLE, Jan. 8th, 1894.—Good audiences last Lord's day. Previous to my coming they had no Sunday-school nor prayer meeting, but will begin our mid-week prayer service next Wednesday. We are about to organize a Christian Endeavor Society here. Brethren, pray for us.

D. STEWART.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MAN., Jan. 3, 1894.—Had a very pleasant but all too short a call from Bro. C. A. Fleming, of Owen Sound.

About the middle of October the brethren and sisters gladdened and surprised their preacher by summarily dismissing him for a couple of weeks and packing him off to the World's Fair, furnishing him at the same time with the needful for ticket and expenses. He appreciated and enjoyed it very much indeed, as in nearly ten years steady, faithful work it is the first holiday offered him. He feels to-day, in consequence, as if he had a new lease of his life.

On December 28th, the Sunday-school children had their annual merry-making. This year instead of a Christmas tree and presents to one another, they brought their gifts for the poor of the town, and the lobby of the church was filled with provisions, clothing, toys, etc. Some gave orders for provisions, groceries, wood, etc. It did them all good. The first part of the programme was given by the children, songs, choruses, quartets, trios and