

Contributions.

"Come Unto Me."

E. SHEPPARD.

Yes, dear Saviour, we take thee at thy word, And come to thee for solace and for rest; Thou art our strength and righteousness, O Lord, And we would lean upon thy loving breast. On earth thou spakest words of truth and love, And took the burden off the troubled mind; Exalted now to the bright realms above, Thou art the same—art still so purely kind. We come to thee as suppliants at thy throne, As those who seek for help in time of need; We come to thee to make our cravings known, That on the manna true our souls may feed. Our souls are weary of this sinful world, With all its empty vanity and pride, Where Satan has his awful wiles unfurled, And the vile votaries of sin abide. Though some few friends remain both kind and true, The greater number now no longer stay; While we are lonely with the loving few, Who shortly with us, too, will pass away. But, oh! when that auspicious time shall come, We'll come to thee, dear Saviour, with delight, To meet our loved ones in our heavenly home, And dwell in bliss forever in thy sight. And then we'll hear the tender, loving voice When thou upon thy glorious throne shalt reign, "Come, blessed of my Father" and rejoice, For now the glorious kingdom you obtain. Walkerton.

Our Home Missions and the May Collections.

One of the signs of the times amongst Disciples is a rapidly growing interest in Foreign Missionary Work. We have passed the point where we have any doubts of the wisdom or righteousness of such an effort. We know that it is the chief end of the church to carry the word of life to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our Canadian offerings are increasing yearly and it is exceedingly refreshing to note the little real effort we need to put forth to make up amongst Canadian churches an offering of which we need not be ashamed and for which all true Christians will be thankful. But what of our mission work at home? Is the need for effort in Ontario, in Canada, not a pressing one? Is there not an important work to be done here as well as in China? Not just the same in character, perhaps, yet as truly an important one as any we have in any distant field. "This ought ye to have done and not left the other undone" is the thought in my mind. Not less foreign interest but more home interest is what I plead for. There is much room for a larger work by us right here at home—a work all Disciples could help by their prayers, their offerings and their efforts. 1. There is room and need for a more aggressive effort along the line of the preaching of the gospel for the salvation of sinners. 2. There is a pressing need that Disciples of Christ should manifest in every congregation—by preaching, by life, by example—the possibility of the church of Christ being maintained

on New Testament principles, and on these alone; and, 3 There is the work of advancing the union of all God's people on the one basis—loyalty to the word of God. Surely, brethren, here is enough not only to justify the existence of a people, but enough to call forth all the earnestness and self-sacrifice of which we are capable. Now what has this to do with the May collection? Simply this, brethren, that through our Home Mission work we have been able to do much and through this same channel we have much yet to do. Only by hearty co-operation can we hope to succeed. United prayers, united offerings, and united work is the secret of this success. So I say that this May offering is our present opportunity. It must be used as never before. Let our gifts be the largest in our history. We have a Board who is struggling through difficulties greater than usual, whose responsibilities are heavy, whose labors are untiring, whose best wisdom is always exercised in this work and whose gifts are amongst the most liberal. They both work and give. Let us make that burden of responsibility as light as we can for them. We ought; we shall be guilty if we do not. Now a word to our good Bro. Munro. I have few faults to find with him indeed. We never had his equal for the place he occupies, and we have had good men there, too. But I want him to take a leaf out of Bro. McLean's book. Keep this matter of giving constantly before us. Whoever expects to pick up a number of the Standard and not find Bro. McLean's weekly appeal? I know this grows out of Bro. Munro's modesty and kindly feeling, and possibly the fact that he is with a church that receives aid hinders just a little. Still we don't mind that. We need to be constantly stirred up. The world and sin and selfishness are constantly influencing us, so let the love of Christ and the needs of men be kept as constantly before us. Let preachers and elders bring this matter at once before their congregations and keep it there. Let us try to enlarge last year's offering because of the hard times. For the road to individual and national prosperity is by way of self-sacrifice for God and men. The annual meeting will soon be here. Let us fill up the treasury and start on next year's work with the zeal born of a stronger faith in God and a more loyal service on the part of men. I write this as the preacher of one of the churches receiving help from the Board. I make no apology for so doing. I feel just this way about it, brethren. We are doing the very best we can here financially and otherwise. We shall continue to do so. We have been helped cheerfully. We are thankful. We were able to ask for \$50 less last year, and while I fear we cannot make so great a "drop" this coming year, we shall do our best. I have written, not for Owen Sound so much, as for other places which have needs and to lessen the anxieties of the Board. JAMES LEDIARD.

God's Request.

W. H. HARRING.

"Son, give me thine heart." What a request! God, the Almighty One, the creator of all things, asking for my heart. He calls me His son. What a beautiful picture! Not a stern command, but a loving request. He who commands the sun to shine, controls the elements, entreats me to give Him my heart. And what is my heart? The prophet Jeremiah says: "The heart is deceitful above all things,

and desperately wicked" (sick, R.V.) chap. xvii. 9. God wants the worst thing we have in this world. What a strange request for God to make. The infinitely pure and holy one, all-powerful and all-wise, stooping down to poor sinful mortals, who with deceitful heart and corrupted nature has broken His law, rebelled against His government and performed wickedness, and saying to us in earnest, loving tone, Son, daughter, give me thine heart. Why does God want our hearts? In order to answer this correctly we must understand something about the figure used, i. e., the heart. Physiology is taught in most of our schools. This science teaches us much about ourselves, and we learn like one of old that we are wonderfully and fearfully made. The physiology of the heart points out to us its main divisions to be into right and left auricles and ventricles. The blood is continually in motion, passing from the auricles into the ventricles, from the ventricles into all the arteries of the body, and from the arteries into the veins, which return it again to the auricles. The pulmonary artery conveys the blood from the right ventricle of the heart into the branches of the air cells of the lungs, where it undergoes a change, after which it goes back to the left auricle of the heart, from which it goes to all parts of the body. The blood is the life. The heart is the greatest instrument in keeping that blood in a proper condition. When the heart ceases to perform its proper functions diseases follow and death is the result. This is the figure. Now for the lesson. God wants our hearts. Is it because they are pure and holy? Oh, no, for they are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. We are polluted by sin. There is a disease in our system. Corruption is sure to come unless some remedy can be found. God wants our hearts to purify them. He wants to remove the disease. He will give us clean hearts. Do you not see why God wants our hearts? Why the One pure and only good should want the worst thing we have in the world? How God must love us! How hard must be our hearts if we refuse such love. We have seen first, that God wants our hearts; second, asks for it; third, He wants to purify it and make it clean. Those who are at all familiar with the anatomy of the human heart (cardiology) will see many beautiful lessons in this request and purpose of God. We are all interested in the study of God's Word; that is, all Christians are. But is it not possible for us to give a cold, formal assent to the truth of that word without our hearts being in it at all? I do not think I would be far astray if I divided religion into intellectual and affectionate. I would say that the first kind are those who have no heart in their religion. The other day a man who had been baptized and joined the church said that if a certain other man came into the church he would go out, and the only reason given was an old grudge. Then there are those who are all affection. They never know very much, but they feel a great deal. If I had to choose between these two I think I would prefer the latter, for it seems to me that God would sooner have the loving heart, even if the mind was not so bright, than the keen intellect with a heart filled with an unforgiving spirit. Of course it is right to have both an understanding mind and a loving heart, but sometimes it is hard to get just right. Where are our affections? How do our mouths speak? How much do we love God? With what do we believe? What questions these are! How they do reach home! Do you say that your heart is sinful? God wants it. Jesus wants it, and by

and by he will present you with all the redeemed before His Father's throne without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. A new covenant, new heart, new creatures, new heaven and a new earth. West Gore, Hants County, N. S. "Baptists Stand With Outstretched Arms." EDITOR CANADIAN EVANGELIST: Dear Sir and Brother,—I have read with some degree of interest the communications between Bro. Spencer, of St. Thomas, and Bro. Sowerby and Deacons, of Aylmer, and the Review, under the head "Ontario Baptists," which you have published in your issue of March 1st. I am sure that the overtures in the EVANGELIST are misleading and do not fairly present the position of Reg. Baptists. I am quite sure that there is not a Reg. Baptist pastor or church in Ontario that would not with Bro. Spencer rejoice in seeing every section of Baptists (yes, every section of Christendom) united in the truth as it is in the Word. If the Disciples, or Campbellites, or Free Will Baptists, or Scotch Baptists, or Seventh Day Baptists, or True Immersion Baptists, or Advent Baptists (all of which have many principles in common) wish to be united with Reg. Baptists in the spirit, truth and principles taught in the Word, our ministers and churches are willing to receive and welcome all such to our membership and fellowship on being convinced of the fact. Baptists as a rule are so by conviction of the truth, and to ask a Baptist to accept any compromise of the same would be asking too much. Reg. Baptists are not in any way responsible for the existence of the present divisions of the brotherhood, and therefore contend that those who have departed from the teaching of the word and their followers are the parties to make concessions in order to perfect union, and Baptists stand with outstretched arms to all such, saying, "Return from your backsliding," and "Come with us and we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken glorious things concerning Israel." I am, yours fraternally, J. W. CLARKE. Ottawa, April 6th, 1894. The Christy Knives. "The Christy Knives are all that is claimed for them. Mrs. — got a set in Chicago, paid \$1 for them and thought them cheap." "The knives you sent us came to hand. We are well pleased with them." The above indicate how the Christy Knives impress our friends. Our offer of the EVANGELIST and Knives for \$1.50 is now withdrawn. It was a great chance for our folks. But there is still an opportunity for most to get a set by doing a little work for the EVANGELIST. Note the standing offer we make in the advertisement. Here is another way of putting it: The person sending us one new yearly subscription will get a set of the knives for half price, 50 cents. The person sending two new yearly subscribers, will receive a set of the knives for one-fourth price, 25 cents. The one sending three new yearly subscribers will receive a set of the knives free. Now, these are remarkably liberal offers, even in the way of newspaper premiums. We should like every reader to be an agent on these terms. Will you not help us and the cause we represent by adding at least one new name to our list? "We received the Christy knives, and would say that we are well pleased with them. We find them just as you represented."

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