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Sound in the Faith

While attending the Conventions of our brethren at Allegheny, Pa., we were continually impressed with the fact that the leaders among the Disciples in the United States are sound in the faith. And we believe they represent the great mass of the Disciples in that country. While they are earnest in their efforts to advance the cause, and are ready to adopt the best means at hand to further that end, they are not engaged in the work of improving the Gospel. They have clearly before their minds the great object to be accomplished, "to preach the Gospel to every creature." They stand for the pure, simple Gospel; they are resolutely opposed to everything else. But they are far from satisfied with what has been done hitherto. They are profoundly convinced that they are capable of much greater efforts than have yet been put forth. The difficulty seems to be to induce the great army to march together; there is too little concentration and organization. And no one has authority to make it otherwise, and we think it would be a pity if any one had. What then is to be done, or attempted? What is needed is instruction; independent churches like democracies need to be intelligent in order to prosper. They require to recognize the interests of the brotherhood, as well as the rights of the local church, and they should be ready to make all concessions which the Scriptures will permit for the common good. We think the time has come when the whole question of organization and methods of work should be thoroughly discussed for the benefit of the present generation. The present generation has thought very little about such matters. We are confident that an investigation carried on by the wise and venerable men among us would result in great good.

What's the Use?

What's the use of what? Why, of a small company of Disciples maintaining an independent and struggling existence, when they might disband and unite with a large sectarian church and have all the benefits of such fellow-

ship. Why should they struggle on so for years? We hear of such questions being soberly put to our brethren. And we also hear of occasional Disciples replying, "There is no use," and even dropping into pseudo-Baptist churches where they give their countenance to infant baptism and other unscriptural practices. Some people do so from lack of knowledge or consideration, some from lack of principle. It is doubtful if it is worth while reasoning with the latter. Persons who profess to be followers of Him who said, "Every one who is of the truth heareth My voice," and yet show so much indifference to the truth as to lend their influence to what they know to be contrary to the truth, are far from the kingdom of God and need to be soundly converted to God. Those who are weak in knowledge should be kindly instructed and tenderly exhorted to stand by the truth in the day of small things, even though that day should last all their lives. There is something akin to the sublime in the attitude of brethren we have known who have without bigotry and without narrowness and in all charity stood aloof from all church fellowship, because they were not able to enjoy that which they believed to be according to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ. Noble men are they, like Moses who preferred the reproach of Christ to the treasures of Egypt.

While there are occasional Disciples who turn their backs upon the Lord, being ashamed of Him and His words, we are thankful to know that very many are otherwise. We have evidence of this where a few Disciples bravely and hopefully undertake the responsibilities of carrying on a church. And it is no small undertaking in Ontario, where in almost every town the denominations are represented and entrenched. What can justify such an effort? Love of the truth. What can sustain people in such an enterprise? The words of the Master, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "If God be for us who can be against us?" And God is for us, when we are for Him, and we are for Him when we are for His truth.

The *Christian Standard* and *Apostolic Guide* have both new heads; good-looking heads they are too.

As the editor prepared the copy for last number away from home he had to put in an unusual number of selected articles. As they were all good articles, we feel sure our readers will bear with us.

Brother, what have you done so far in your Christian career for your fellow-men? Have you led one sinner to Christ? Not one? Ah! brother, how can you expect the Master to say "Well done," to you?

Bro. W. D. Campbell has removed to Detroit, Michigan. He is to be employed by the Plum St. church, to evangelize in that city. We are sorry that Bro. Campbell has left Ontario; we trust that he has not gone to stay. We believe there is work for him in this country, and we are sure the Disciples generally will regret his leaving; but he is just across the river, and we think that we Ontario folk may hope to have his occasional services still. We trust his labors may be greatly blessed in Detroit.

The importance and obligation of prayer is acknowledged by all evangelical Christians. But it does not follow that all such professors pray. How many of those who read this paragraph pray daily to the Father? If we do not pray without ceasing, how can we hope to be what the Lord wants

us to be? Is not prayer a means of grace divinely appointed? How dwelleth the love of God in us if we pray not at all?

Father, hear the prayer we offer,
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.

It has been intimated to us that we used too strong language in writing of Prof. Tribble's death in our last number. It appears that he was not, as we supposed, a man of strong constitution. And perhaps we exaggerated the effects upon his system of the unsatisfactory financial state of Bethany College. We meant no harm, but simply wrote as we felt at the time. We would say again to the friends of Bethany College, if they ever intend to put her on her feet, now is the time. The competition is growing keener every year, and every year friends and alumni of Bethany are through force of various circumstances becoming attached to other institutions.

The Allegheny Convention.

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Allegheny city has about 110,000 inhabitants. The most striking feature to a stranger is its system of parks, formed from 100 acres of land which were originally set apart for common pasturage. This plot of ground is now divided by streets into four parks all beautifully laid out, containing a fine conservatory and a number of monuments and fountains. Being in the heart of the city, it furnishes breathing space for a large portion of the city; many fine residences front upon it. The Carnegie Free Library, presented to the city by Andrew Carnegie, the great iron man of Pittsburg, is a magnificent building. Natural gas is largely used for heating purposes. While the Convention was in session the natural gas exploded in the cellar of a large carpet establishment, setting the place on fire. Great care has to be exercised to prevent such explosions.

Co-operation Notes.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

George Williams \$5 00
A Friend 1 00

Children's Day.

S. S., Kileyth \$2 06
" Wiarton 8 05
" Guelph 6 82

November Collection.

Church, Selkirk (per E. E. P.) \$5 00
Church, Glencairn 15 00

The returns from Children's Day continue to come in. Already a larger number of schools have contributed than last year. We are expecting to hear from others.

Possibly our friends weary of these appeals and reminders. We beg them to consider that we are seeking no personal ends in making them. We are anxious that the missions should be liberally supported, and that quarterly payments should be made to the missionaries. Friends of the work, will you not pay your pledges now, if possible? Do so please, and help the work and relieve the minds of the Board.

How many of the preachers and elders have pressed the subject of Home Missions upon the attention of the churches? Those who have done so, will please accept the thanks of the Board. Those who have not yet done so, are kindly urged to do so soon. The work is enlarging constantly; appeals for aid continually coming in; and this is our time to work. Let us be earnest and faithful.

Send all contributions to the undersigned, Erin, Ont.

Geo. Munro, Cor. Sec.

Church News.

BOWMANVILLE, Oct. 20.—One added at our services yesterday. E. B. D.

WEST TORONTO.—The writer spoke for this congregation Oct. 25. The church here held their anniversary services Nov. 8. Bro. Connor is expected to be the chief speaker. D. MUNRO.

WALKERTON.—One baptism here on the 2nd Oct. E. S.

EVERTON, Oct. 27.—One added here by letter last Lord's day. P. BAKER.

BLenheim, Oct. 25.—Since our last report Bro. E. J. Fenstermacher, of Kentucky, held a two weeks' meeting for us, during which time three more souls were added to the church of Christ here. The Lord is with us in our work here. Had a short but enjoyable visit from Bro. A. O. Gray, who preached for us morning and evening to two large audiences. Three confessed Christ in the evening, and, if all is well, will be buried with Christ by baptism to-morrow afternoon in Lake Erie. This makes forty-one additions since the second Lord's day in August. "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Gentile." D. STEWART.

ORANGEVILLE.—Bro. E. Sheppard expects to begin a series of meetings in Orangeville Nov. 15.

GUELPH.—Bro. Wm. Stovel has recently removed to Stratford from Guelph. He is working in the G. T. R. shops there.

ATTERCLIFF.—Bro. Alex. McMillan informs us that Bro. S. Keffler is holding an interesting meeting at Attercliffe, about 20 miles from Welland. There were nine or ten additions up to Oct. 10.

GRAND VALLEY.—Bro. E. Sheppard began a series of meetings at Grand Valley, Oct. 4, and continued until the 19th. He delivered in all twenty discourses, which were listened to with profound attention and made a good impression on the community. Many remarked, "That is the Truth." Bro. Sheppard ably and earnestly set forth the truth as it is in Jesus. The immediate results were ten baptisms and the stirring up of more zeal and love. We expect much good from these meetings. Bro. S. holds the fort in the affections of the brethren in Grand Valley; they regard him as a sincere Christian and an able minister of the Gospel. Long may he be spared. The opposition is not all gone yet. One young lady confessed her faith in Christ and desired to be baptized, but was prevented by one of her parents. MARVILLE, Oct. 20. S. WOOLNER.

STAYNER, Oct. 22.—Bro. Sinclair, of Collingwood, commenced a series of meetings here on Oct. 6, and closed on the 16th; meetings every night except two. On the 16th the ordinance of baptism was attended to. An excellent lady confessed the Saviour and was baptized in the evening. Bro. Sinclair spoke on the 84th verse of the 5th chapter of Mark. He dwelt upon the love of Christ (as he did in all his sermons), showed how faith brought the woman to Christ, and then spoke of the malady of the soul and how it is healed; showed that there must be a union with Christ; that faith did not save the sinner, that baptism did not, but they brought the sinner to Christ who did save. When the invitation was given the writer's youngest

son came forward, and the next day we again went to the water. Bro. Sinclair is not a rash speaker, but speaks as one who has given his subject considerable thought, and preaches the Gospel in its fulness. We trust that much good has been done.

JAS. ROBERTSON.

By The Way

RODNEY.—The brethren here are very anxious to secure the services of a faithful worker. But there are so many fields calling for laborers and so few workers that it seems hard to find a man. We learn that they are about to secure one. Having spoken for these brethren three Lord's days this summer I am persuaded that a grand work can be accomplished in this large field if labor is expended.

LOBO.—The Annual meeting of this church which takes place in October was a grand success this year. There were a great many present from the neighboring congregations. Bro. W. D. Campbell was the chief speaker, and everyone was pleased with and profited by his discourse. During the meetings five made the good confession. The church provided a feast of good things, and the visitors enjoyed it. Never were the people in this district more united and earnest in their work than at present.

The meetings would have continued longer had it been possible for Bro. Campbell to remain, but he was moving to Detroit where he is laboring with the Plum Street brethren. He will be missed very much from Ontario. Among the visitors were such names as McKillop, Campbell, Ash, Black, Brown, McVicar, Purcell, Ferguson, McPherson, Gerrard, McCowan, Hoskins, Dewar, etc. These came from the north and from the south, from the east and from the west. These meetings should stir up the visiting brethren to go home and do more for the Master in the future than in the past. May we all have more love for one another and more love for our Lord and Master which will be shown by more earnest and devoted service to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

LONDON.—The building here has been refitted and a furnace put in at a considerable cost, most of which has been raised by the personal work of Dr. Leonard. About \$500 has been raised in a city where there is scarcely a Disciple which shows the high esteem in which the Doctor is held by the people of London. This is what one person can do when he works with a will.

ST. THOMAS.—This church is greatly strengthened by the addition to its membership of five new families.

ATLIER AND DORCHESTER.—Bro. Fenstermacher spoke with acceptance for these congregations a week ago.

HAMILTON.—Bros. Weaver and Fenstermacher are in the midst of a series of meetings at this place. May the Lord bless their labors here as He did in Blenheim. D. MUNRO.

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David J. Burrell.