

God, Rightful Proprietor and Absolute Lord of All

BY J. DEVOUAN.

Creation involves ownership. This is self-evident. As rightful and sole proprietor God lays claim to all things in heaven and in earth...

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Even supposing the Bible had not uttered a sentence upon this subject, every person who cultivates habits of careful observation and close thought...

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stands. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Obviously this first commandment...

Now, let us try the second table. (1) "Honor thy father and thy mother," has no application to God...

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Christ's "I Will." It is the mighty will which realises itself. "I will; be thou clean." Here, however, we can but very imperfectly imitate our Master...

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person ever makes a strong grip on the Lord Jesus until he feels the need of one who will care him from his sins...

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appears to be a spot in all the world which has, simply, had as little to attract, nor any one which does attract...

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Young People's Societies.

Through the columns of the Messinger and Visitor, we have of late learned the opinions of experienced theologians and younger divines, in reference to the Young People's Christian Endeavor movement. And certainly a matter of such vital importance as the introduction or non-introduction of the Endeavor Societies into these Maritime Baptist churches is worthy the fullest discussion through our denominational organ. I have carefully read what has previously been published in this paper on the subject, and have watched with interest the progress of the Young People's movement. Especially have I enjoyed the letters of "C. G." (and by the way, as you have said, his manner of writing seems very familiar). As a young Baptist church member, I fully agree with Dr. C. G.'s views in the matter. I fail to see how it can be that the formation of an Endeavor Society in a church does not take away from the church her due prerogative. And the question comes with force again, why form the society at all when we have the church in which to work? The church, a divine institution, and the society, well, it is of divine origin. The very fact of there being a desire to form these societies proves the existence of a radical wrong in the churches themselves. The older members do not work with and encourage the younger Christians as they should. And when this evil is removed, and our churches are better organized, and all-old and young—are working together in the church, I believe the cry for these societies will cease. Certainly old and young ought to be able to work together in the church with the greatest unanimity of spirit. And if this is not the case in any church, I believe it to be the fault of the older Christians. Now, surely, it seems to me, the formation of a Y. P. S. C. E. in a church where this oneness of spirit does not exist, would but be making the breach wider and deeper. At least, how can it be otherwise? Then, soon, perhaps, the older members will form a society for aggressive work, and where will there be a limit to this multiplication of societies? (I ask for information.) And then where will be the church—the God-appointed institution for the evangelization of the world? I repeat the cry of the day, Organize! Organize! but organize the forces in the church directly.

I thank you, Mr. Editor, for the space you have kindly allowed me, and I assure you my only object in this writing has been to express my convictions on this subject, and thus to show how this endeavor movement is looked upon by one at least (and I believe by many, many more) of the Baptist young people of these Provinces. A. F. N.

Religious Intelligence.

Acadia University.
 ORDER OF ANNIVERSARY WEEK.
 Sabbath, May 31—Baccalaureate sermon in the Baptist church at 11 a. m., by Rev. D. A. Steele, M. A.
 Tuesday, June 2—Meeting of the Senate in the library at 10 a. m. At 3 p. m., public class-day exercises of Senior Class.
 Wednesday, June 3—Meeting of the Governors at 9 a. m. Meeting of the University Senate at 11 a. m. At 3 p. m., Anniversary exercises of Horton Academy. At 8 p. m., Anniversary exercises of Acadia Seminary.
 Thursday, June 4—Meeting of the Associated Alumni at 9 a. m. At 11 a. m., Public exercises of the University for Confering Degrees. At 2 p. m., Alumni dinner in Chipman Hall. At 4.30 p. m., Exhibition of class in Gymnasium. At 8 p. m., Concert in Assembly Hall by the Roumanian Quartette of Boston.
 Friday, June 5—Governors' meetings continued.

Acadia University.

Rates to Wolfville, Anniversary Week.
 The W. & A. R. will sell excursion tickets to Wolfville for one and one-third fare on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June, and good till the 6th.
 The W. & A. R. will sell a return ticket for one-third usual rate on presentation of certificate of attendance signed by secretary of Alumni.
 The I. C. R. is as follows: All members attending the above named meeting, and those attending the closing exercises of the college, on the dates named, and who pay a full first class fare to Windsor Junction or St. John on the going trip, and procure certificates from the agent at the going station, will be returned free from these stations on presentation of the same properly filled up and signed by the secretary, provided ten or more attend; if less than ten, they will be returned at one-third of the ordinary first class fare. Certificates will be exchanged for tickets up to and including Tuesday, 9th June.
 The Minas Basin boats will return free on presentation of certificate.
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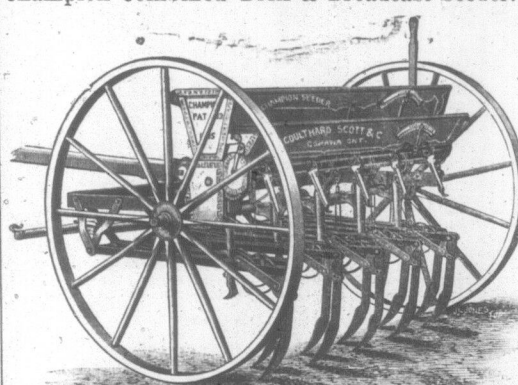
Rev. W. E. McIntyre is about removing from Upper Gageton to Chipman, Queens Co., to take pastoral charge of the church at that place.
 Rev. Aaron Cogswell has removed from Lake George, Yarmouth Co., to Clements West, Annapolis Co., and wishes all correspondence for him to be addressed to Deep Brook, Annapolis Co.
 Rev. Alex. McArthur, formerly pastor of the First church, Halifax, is now residing in Gagetown, seeking in our healthful sea breezes recuperation of partially exhausted strength.
 Bro. O. W. White, of Digby Co., N. S., who has been laboring in this province for the last four months with good success, has entered into an engagement with the 2nd St. Martins and Salt Springs Baptist churches, and is now laboring with them.

Association Notices.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association will meet, D. V., in the Baptist church, Lawrenceton, on the third Saturday in June, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. Will the clerks of all the churches please see that the letters to the association are filled out carefully and fully, and forwarded to the undersigned two weeks before the meeting of the association. Give the names of the delegates and answer every question, where possible. Answers to the questions in the left hand column of the third page are intended to take the place of the letter proper.
 L. E. BILL,
 Clerk of Association.
 Liverpool, N. S.

The N. S. Central Association will (D. V.) meet at Berwick on Thursday, June 25, at 2 p. m. As the associational year closes May 31, the chairmen of districts will please send their reports, and the clerks of churches their letters to the secretary of the association as soon as convenient thereafter. In order to obtain correct statistics of our churches and Sabbath schools, the association urgently requests the church clerks to fill up as correctly as possible all the blanks and answer all the questions in the associational letters, not forgetting the Sabbath schools. Every Baptist Sabbath school within the bounds of the association should be fully reported. If there be more than one school, the control of any church, give the name of the superintendents, and then add the like numbers together and proceed as with one large school, i. e., add together the whole number of scholars in all the schools, adults in all the schools, volumes in the libraries, etc. See also the copy of our largest Sabbath-schools neglect this important duty, and thereby render our statistics untruthful. If any clerk has already sent in his letter without doing as requested, will he kindly forward to me such statistics as have been omitted.
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