





THE STRONG HAND.

My task is washed on the strand / My breath Divine / And on the helm there rests a hand / Of other than mine.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The columns of the Review have been open for the discussion of this subject of late. Some writers seem to think it right to call the "Current Reformation" "The Brotherhood" or "The Church of Christ," instead of "Church of Christ or Disciples."

CHRIST OR NOTHING.

Early in the history of the Church, strife and partyism appeared. "I am of Paul, I am of Cephas, and I am for Christ." History has been repeating itself.

nothing. The Review seems well pleased, and flatters itself that Missouri, or part thereof, or some other state, is sound, and is frank enough to say, a large list of subscribers had been obtained there.

MEDITATIONS.

No. 2.—A. SCOTT. Psalm 55: 6. "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest."

"No creature would be more unhappy than Don-tribe than I am, who had never known affliction." "What does he know, once asked a sage, who has not suffered?" The coffee and the grave draw us where we do not care to go.

MISSION WORK.

As to missionary societies, we have this to say, that we have never written a word against the Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Board of Missions, but, on the contrary, not long since, we remarked that if the churches or individuals desired to make use of these Boards as vehicles through which to transmit money, it was their Christian privilege to do so.

IDLERS' LAMENT.

How long, oh, Lord, shall we wait, before we work for thee? We've waited now for many years. Our past neglects increase our fears.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.

We have on hand, and intend to keep in stock, a large and well-assorted collection of books and Tracts written by our ablest and most experienced preachers, and we have no hesitancy in saying, that if you are desirous of procuring any of these, you will find them in our hands.

lated, the result must be beneficial. We will be pleased to receive orders for any work published by our brethren whether on the list of Books and Tracts for sale by us or not. As for Tracts, cogitations cannot do better than to distribute a number during the progress or before a meeting.

INDIANA LETTER.

Not wishing to be forgotten by my many friends in Canada, or have them think I had forgotten them, I will contribute a short letter toward the columns of the Worker.

We often, in hours of meditation, wander down memories' halls, and among the pleasant pictures we find there are the events of our year's work among the brethren at Staynes, Collingwood, Pricessville, Glencairn, Meaford—the West end, Toronto and Aurora. One by one, they have been going over to the land, "where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying."

ORDER OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The singing, reading, praying, necessary to prepare the mind and heart for the communion, being ended, let the table be uncovered, the which should always be sufficiently elevated to enable the worshippers to see the commemorative loaf and cup through which they are to approach the throne of grace.

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When the worship has thus been conducted "decently and in order" according to the precepts and examples of Scripture, those who cannot remain in the church to leave. Those who remain can have the preacher to address them if he be present, or engage in mutual teaching and exhortation as the time and occasion may suggest.

ONTARIO CO-OPERATION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

The first annual meeting of the above co-operation will be held in Aurora on the 10th, 11th, and 12th days of June, 1884.

PROGRAMME.

- Tuesday, June 10th, 10 a. m.—Opening devotional exercises; address by J. Ledford, and brief addresses by Elders Black, Anderson, Kilgour and others, appointment of committees, etc. 2 p. m.—How to secure young men for the ministry of the Word.—E. Sheppard. 3:30—The Evangelist and his work.—O. G. Herzog. 4:30—Report of Committees, etc. 7:15 p. m.—Social Service, led by A. Scott, with 15 min. address. 8 p. m.—Preaching the gospel.—H. B. Sherman. Wednesday, June 11th, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Exercises. 10 a. m.—The duty of the churches in spreading the gospel.—Thos. Fowler. 10:15—The Evangelist's Report, Treasurer's Report, etc. 2 p. m.—Christian Liberty.—Jas. Kilgour. 3:30—How to reach the young and retain them in the church.—C. Sinclair. 4:30—Election of Managers for the ensuing year, etc. 7:15—Social Service led by Bro. Murray, with 15 min. address. 8 p. m.—Preaching the Gospel.—E. Sheppard. Thursday, June 12th, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises, led by Geo. Barclay. 10 a. m.—Church Co-operation.—A. Scott. 11—The value of houses to houses visiting in preaching the gospel.—C. J. Lister. 2 p. m.—Woman's work in the church.—Alex. Anderson. 3:30—News from the churches, and requests for future work. 7:15—Social Service, led by Geo. Barclay, with 15 min. address. 8 p. m.—Preaching the Gospel.—O. G. Herzog. Discussion after each topic as time permits. All are cordially invited. —JAS. LEIDFORD.

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IN SPRING-TIME.

The winter passes and the spring returns. The season of warmth and bloom and beauty will soon be with us, and men will plant and work for temporal things, as is their wont. How few of us, alas! will first plan for the unseen and eternal.

When we fairly grasp the idea of it, there is something frightfully sad in this changeable life of the year. A few more springs and we shall be here no longer to witness the building of the loaf. We shall be asleep as our fathers are, and soon we shall pass out of the memory of all the living.

These are common-place sentiments, but the facts themselves are not common-places. They disturb and darken countless souls. They are among the few things that people would but cannot forget. Death reigns over the past and leads captive all the future, and with silent resignation men submit to the inevitable. "The whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now," says Paul, and he speaks the thought of all.

When we immerse ourselves for a time in this gloom, and then come out into the light of the gospel, how precious the promises of the Lord Jesus appear. Though the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Christ his son. What a debt of love we owe to him "who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification!"

Reader, amid her awakening of nature, are you looking forward to the great awakening when this mortal shall be clothed with immortality? Is yours the joy of a scriptural hope which leads you towards that everlasting age which all God's prophets have foretold?—that land where "everlasting spring abideth, And never withering flowers?" —A. K. S. J.

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