

Our Contributors.

DEALING WITH DISTURBERS.

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Many a church is badly afflicted with some members who are chronic disturbers of the peace and progress of the body. They are likely to be very religious, yet destitute of godliness. They profess to have an ardent love for the church, especially when they are holding some office which is flattering to their vanity, and yet their love for their church is of too inferior a character to be regarded as being from God. It is certain that such a love for one's church as is born of God will constrain him or her to do what is promotive of the unity and spiritual health of the church. It is those, therefore, who are destitute of such a love, and who are actuated by an evil spirit, that are, in many instances, active in disturbing the harmony and advancement of their church. How should they be dealt with by the good members? While I was recently on a visit to relatives in a neighboring State I was told of a woman, a member of a church in the place, who is very ready to render certain services in behalf of the cause, provided that she can manage all of the other sisters in the church in accordance with her own views. But her character and temper are so unspiritual and even malicious, that others will not be dominated by her; and hence, when she recently attempted to assume the control of a particular movement, a number of the other women united in a supreme effort to cause the disturbing one to at once subside, and she was summarily defeated. That was the right kind of dealing. It required courage and firmness, and these women had plenty of both virtues. But I believe that it is the duty of the church as a body to deal with such disturbers in a still more effectual manner, and that is, exclude them from the church. Even one persistent and malignant disturber of the well-being of a church may do vastly more harm to it, and to the community as a result of his or her conduct, than a score of ungodly outsiders can do. And it is evident that Paul thought so too.

THE ELECTRICAL AGE.

The electrician is now everywhere to the fore and the age may well be called the electrician's age. All important current events are first made known to the world by electricity. Busy men of affairs in these days seldom read anything beyond the messages brought by wire. The wire is the controlling factor in all branches of the world's work, and nowhere more prominently and effectively than in war. The Japanese batteries at Yiao Lang were in electric communication with each other by telephone. By the aid of the wire the officer in command of an army with a front of fifty miles keeps in touch with the different parts of his army and knows exactly how the day is going, and what arrangements each succeeding hour demands. Mr. George Kennan tells us that Admiral Togo, by the aid of the wire, was able to blockade Port

Arthur, and yet keep his battleships in a safe and sheltered harbor among the Turtle Islands sixty miles away. His torpedo boats and other smaller vessels cruised about off the fortress, and by wireless telegraphy notified the Admiral of any movements among the Russian vessels. As it takes from four to six hours for vessels to get clear of the harbour out into the open sea, the Japanese Admiral had more than enough time to run down from Turtle Islands to meet his friends, the enemy, with ceremonies befitting the occasion.

THE PROLIFIC WORD.

Some time ago a woman and her husband came to the city of Mexico and took rooms in a large tenement house. Seeing the porter in charge of their apartments reading, she asked him what he was reading. He said: "I am reading something good; and if you like I will loan it to you." The lady borrowed the tract; and her husband, too, seeing the porter reading, asked the same question and also borrowed a tract. Each was reading secretly, hiding the little tract on the approach of the other. Finally the man got his courage up to the point where he could mention the matter to his wife, and they very soon understood each other. The result was that they went that morning, led by this humble porter, to the Protestant place of worship, and were introduced to the Protestant minister. And after a time these two people went back to their little town, where they established a regular Protestant service. That man and woman who had been awakened by Christian literature given by that humble porter were the means, under the direction of the Spirit of God, of establishing five Christian congregations in their district.—*John W. Butler, D. D.*

TOKIO-TOKYO.

The name of this great city is in two syllables: (1) To, meaning East, Eastern; and (2) Kyo, which means capital. The divergence in spelling of the last syllable is due to the fact that to some ears it sounds "Kee-o," hence in the earlier days men like Satow and others wrote it "Kiyo," or Tokiyo; to others, however, the sound is "K-yo" and it is written "Kyo." It is now generally agreed that the latter is correct, but the old error persists. Also it is easier to write Kio than Kyo, so the first is very popular, but the latter is more correct and will finally prevail.

EVERY DAY IS CELEBRATED AS SUNDAY.

Few people know that other days of the week than the first are being observed as Sunday by some nation or other. The Greeks observe Monday; the Persians, Tuesday; the Assyrians, Wednesday; the Egyptians, Thursday; the Turks, Friday; the Jews, Saturday; and the Christians, Sunday. Thus a perpetual Sabbath is being celebrated on earth.

What Others Say.

TWOULD BE HEAVEN.

If every one would be only half as good as he expects his neighbor to be, what a heaven this world would be.—*Gospel News.*

THREE CLASSES.

There are three classes of church-goers: those who pray, pay and persevere; those who sit, sleep and snore; and those who are cynical, censorious and critical.

MADE IT PLAIN.

A ponderous speaker addressing a Sunday-school had occasion to use the word "epitome." This, he explained to the children, was "an abbreviated synopsis."—*Chris. Register.*

INEXCUSABLE.

The lady who is known as a leader among benevolent workers in society, but who allows her seamstress to wait and suffer because her wages are not paid, has not yet fully accepted the Golden Rule.—*Chris. Register.*

GOOD FOR NOTHING.

Some men never assail, nor are they assailed; they are never hated. God have mercy on their poor souls, so good, so very good as to be good for nothing; for woe are we when all men speak well of us.—*Dr. J. K. Frink.*

ADJECTIVES.

All efforts to be eloquent by the use of adjectives and high-sounding phrases betray a lack of literary training and good taste. Directness and simplicity are the sure marks of literary culture.—*Christian-Evangelist.*

NOT WHAT THEY SEEM.

We have been taught by painful experience that when persons are excessively frank there is usually something passing through or controlling their minds which is not fully expressed in their speech.—*Chris. Advocate.*

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

The following stanza, the author of which is unknown to us, may be studied with profit by everybody:  
"There is so much bad in the best of us,  
And so much good in the worst of us,  
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