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EDITORIAL

BROTHERLY LOVE

Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.—Rom. 12-10.

The great underlying principle in the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ is love. In fact that was the badge, so to speak, which our Lord pinned on His disciples before He left them, that men might know that they belonged to Him. He said, By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another.—John 13-35.

Then love is the great essential factor to the successful promotion of the Church of Christ: We cannot have a normal church without divine love. We can have religious societies, operating in the name of the church, and clubs and worldly fraternities, which by their members are considered successful, without it.

But the church of our Lord operates successfully only on the basis of divine love. Where this element is absent, no matter what else she boasts of, whether numbers, money, great talents or popularity, she is a failure in God's sight without that God given, heaven-born element called love.

God in His word has made love the great objective of His dealings with men in all ages. When they asked our Lord which was the great command of the law, he replied: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul and with all thy mind. The Apostle Paul also emphasized the same teaching: for example, see I Cor. 13; and also in his letter to Timothy he wrote, Now the end of the commandment is charity (love) out of a pure heart. And again to the Romans, Love is the fulfilling of the law.

What human love is to the home divine love is to the church. God founded both institutions for the present and eternal good of the human family, and they are both founded upon love. You cannot have a home, a normal home, without that human element, you can run a hotel, a restaurant, a boarding house, or a hospital, where man may have many of his material needs supplied: and operate them successfully without much love. But these things as needful as they are, are not homes. There are two words in the Greek language from which our New Testament is translated, which are translated love. One is Agape, which means divine love, upon which the church is founded, as we have already said. The other is Phileo, human affection, upon which

It takes both the human, and divine elements to make a home function normally. You could not operate a home successfully in this world on divine love alone, as important as that is, for the human element is necessary to a successful marriage and permanent home life. The want of this element may account for so many divorces, separations and broken homes. When the inspired apostle recommends brotherly love, as a very important factor in the Lord's work, the writer is of course speaking of divine love.

You will note some ways in which brotherly love finds expression; He says be kindly affectioned one to another, and in honour preferring one another. What beautiful co-operation we would have in our churches, especially among the brethren of the ministry, if brotherly love held sway. No more unkind criticism of a brother in his absence; no more listening sympathetically to some disgruntled church member finding fault with their pastor, for there is a class of church members who want to be at the head of things and are never satisfied unless the pastor caters to their notions and requests, and puts them to the front, as leaders in the churches. The pastor may have faults as most all do, but no brotherly preacher will visit a brother pastor's charge and take gifts which the resident pastor should receive, and listen to unfavorable comments and sympathize with the talkers and say, "Well that is too bad, I am sorry he is like that". It may be necessary to visit the brother pastor's charge sometimes, but if it is, and when we do, let us be sure to strengthen his hands by holding him up in the presence of his people. One pastor on retiring from the pastorate of a church many years ago, said to some of the folk who did not like the preaching on holiness by the new pastor, "If you don't like my successor you can attend another church, and I won't say you are not Christians." Well it sufficeth to say a remark like that was not calculated to help his successor. That was not giving honour to the other brother.

Brethren, the cause of holiness in general ought to be more important to us than our own little interests or feelings and the purpose of both preachers and laymen should be continually to try to strengthen one another, to the end that we might together be builders of the kingdom of God on earth, and in order to do this, it is necessary to "let brotherly love continue".

A little article clipped from The Preachers' Magazine would be in order here:

Q.—Should a pastor receive the tithes of a church member after he has moved to another place?

A.—The answer is too obvious to comment much upon. Any ethical preacher would refuse to receive the tithes of a member after he has moved to another field. He must know that the tithe belongs to his successor and it is hard to understand how he could be genuinely religious and receive anything like the tithe or any other monies from a former pastorate. I am sure that when a pastor moves he should move to take up his abode and work in another place, leaving the tithe and everything else behind.

Jews in AMERICA

There are 4,831,180 Jews in the United States, or 3.74 per cent of the total population, according to the American Jewish Year Book. This is an increase of 603,151 over ten years ago, but shows the smallest ten-year increase since 1877. Ten years ago 3.58 per cent of the population was Jewish.—United

APPRECIATION

We would like to express through the Highway our appreciation of the kindness of the folk here at Woodstock since we came in July.

A while after we came a large number of the church members and friends gathered at the parsonage for the evening. Before leaving they presented us with a nice studio couch and end table. We had previously been given curtains for the parsonage by the Willing Workers S. S. Class, and the Bible Class gave us a quilt. Other gifts of furniture, and two other nice quilts have been given by individuals. We again say "thank you" to one and all for the kindness shown.

Apart from the fact that the prayer meetings are not as well attended as they should be there seems to be a good interest in the work. The Sunday services are encouraging and there has been a gradual increase in attendance. There also seems to be a keen interest in mission work, and the Sunday School. We are trusting the Lord will send us a time of revival when souls will be saved and sanctified, and our number of active workers increased.

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WALKING IN THE LIGHT

A woman in Palestine sat under an olive tree sewing handmade lace upon a handkerchief. A lady paused to inquire the price of her work, and to have conversation, "Do you live here?"

"No, I live over the hill, and last night as I walked home a panther followed me, but because I carried a lantern and walked in the circle of light I was safe."

"You mean the panther would not attack you while you were in the light?"

"That is right, madam."

What a lesson for Christians is this!—"Christ Life," adapted from "The Conqueror."

THE SUCCESSFUL LIFE

Strong cables are used by engineers when they have a heavy load to lift or when extra strength is needed. These cables are made up of small wires twisted together. Without these small wires there could be no large cable.

So it is with a strong, successful life. Each little act goes into the making of character. We should be very careful to see that our lives are made of lasting and enduring qualities, and should discard those weak points that would tend to break down the more successful life.—Selected.

THE LAYMAN'S BEATITUDES

1. Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting nights.
2. Blessed is the man who does not remain away from church because it drizzles.
3. Blessed is the man who can stay over an hour in a church service.
4. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord's work with his pocket as well as with his heart.
5. Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.
6. Blessed is the man who leaves the back pews for the late comers.
7. Blessed is the man who does not have a summer "lay-off" from his religion.
8. Blessed is the man whose eyesight will stand as much reading of the Bible as of the Sunday newspaper.—King's Business.

"Sin destroys the power to do right, which is man's true freedom."