

Beloved Brethern in Christ:

The only excuse this scribe has to offer for thus presuming to write you is his deep inherent desire, such as you yourselves have, to see more progress in the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

This year has dawned upon a world weltering in war of unprecedented magnitude and scientifically directed ferocity. Seriously minded persons ask: From whence this lamentable condition has arisen, and whether there is any effective remedy?

As Christians, we are not ignorant as to the Cause; and we know very definitely that there is an Efficient Remedy. The contention, strife, hate, wars, so widely prevailing, are but the natural results of human thinking. Fortelling a similar time of carnage and destruction for his ancient people, God said: "*I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts.*" So that the real root of the world's evils is not in external circumstances, but in the minds of its individual inhabitants. As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is.

There is but one God-given Institution designed to correct man's thinking. It is the Church of Christ. And that it might ever be efficient for that purpose, Jesus prayed that its members might all be "*one*"; and the gigantic reason he advanced was "*that the world may believe*" that God sent him, and that it might be saved.

As Churches of Christ, we hold the only God-honouring position to which Believers can come, if they are to thus unite. In the slogan:

"Where the Bible speaks, we speak.

Where the Bible is silent, we are silent",

we have assumed a position in the Religious World that is impregnable. And, properly understood and rightly applied, these two principles never fail to bring Believers to the same Faith and Practice. Christian Unity is unavoidable among those who are content to let Christ teach what to believe and do in His Church. To accept this position and so help to bring the right answer to the Master's prayer is the highest privilege granted the children of men.

Occupying this position, possessing this knowledge, being aware of the world's need of it and knowing the Lord's desire, lays on us the gravest responsibility God ever placed upon humankind. Of all the religious bodies on the face of the earth, the church with which we are associated is the only instrument conforming to the Divine requirements for the salvation of the world. Such responsibility cannot but inspire to practical

service. "What can I do to honourably discharge this responsibility?" is the question every one of us ought to be asking.

The object of this letter is to solicit a serious consideration of this matter. The Cause of Christ is not progressing in Ontario as it ought to and would, were a more aggressive evangelism undertaken by the churches. And, while some congregations are doing good work, there is always a possibility of doing a little more. Bro. Craddock says there ought to be at least eight evangelists at work in Toronto. He makes no mistake. There is plenty of work for every one of them - and then some. Christian Science has thirteen professional "Practitioners" operating in the City. Churches of Christ have three evangelists.

To make this communication practical, it is suggested that some additions be made to existing methods of evangelising; and the following concrete proposals are submitted for the prayerful and businesslike consideration of every member and the experienced judgment of all Church Officers.

1. Firmly and widely establish the Cause in the largest city in the Province by marking off a selected area, putting a man or men to evangelise by house to house visitation and organising Study Classes and Preaching Meetings to suit the locality.
2. Put an approved Statement of the Position and Plea of Churches of Christ into every home in Ontario.
3. In the warmer season, hold meetings in the open, and arrange for companies of young Christians to visit and hold meetings in country districts and holiday resorts.

These are but a few of the things needing to be done. And they can be done. If we will to do them and deliberately make a beginning, with the help and blessing of God, the task will become easier as it is proceeded with. Results are not within our control, but sowing the "Seed of the Kingdom" is. And we shall all feel happier when we know we are entitled to Christ's commendation: *They have done what they could.*

Nor need the expense involved be allowed to deter us. The whole membership in Ontario fellowshipping in a real aggressive campaign would furnish support for several workers.

Preachers are available. But, as Paul asks: "*How shall they preach except they be sent?*"

The writer offers himself for Evangelistic work, to serve with any church or under direction of those supervising new work. Use of his plant and labour as Printer go with this offer.

Your candid opinion of these suggestions, questions, advice, comments or requests for services will be much appreciated by

*Yours in Christ's service,
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