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1925

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THE APOSTOLIC WAY
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Publishers' Statement

We publish this year book in response to a strong demand by the different congregations for a list of preachers who oppose the Sunday school, for the reason that these congregations were being imposed upon by Sunday school preachers coming into their midst, claiming to be sound, and while there, sowing seeds of discord.

A repetition of the complaints and conditions which prevailed some forty years ago when the division over instrumental music and societies brought such sadness to many hearts in the Church of Christ.

In order to meet the demand, we began listing the names of preachers who would write us that they were opposed to the dividing of an assembly into classes for the purpose of teaching the Bible and opposed to having women teach these classes. Beyond this, many of the preachers listed herein are unknown to us. There are many other preachers, opposed to these same things, who failed to write us, stating

their position, and that they wanted their names on this list. We hope that all such will write us before the next edition of the year book is printed.

THE APOSTOLIC WAY.

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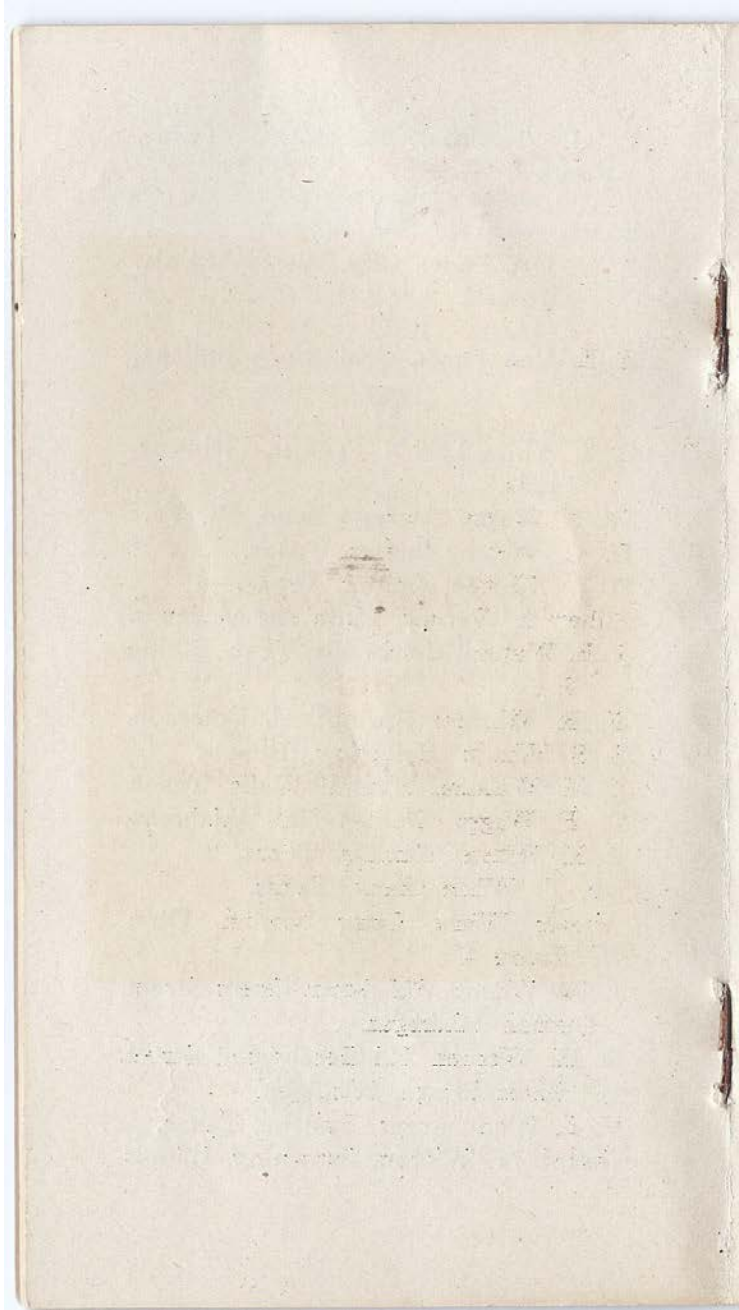
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The Preachers' Part
and
The Churches' Part

Some Principles Stated

The ruling, dominating or controlling members of any government, society, or association are not given to taking the lead, as a whole, in reform or restoration movements.

The majority prefer to follow the lines of least resistance, financially, socially and religiously, and especially is this true of those usually called the educated.

In reform and restoration movements, that attain to any considerable degree of success, there is usually one or more of the leaders that may be called educated, but the great majority of the leaders are what the opposition would call "unlearned men." This is especially noticeable when observing religious restoration and reformation movements.

Even in the establishing of the Church of Christ, the foregoing condition prevailed. "Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called." I Cor. 1:26.

Since the Church was established, the history of digressions and innova-

tions show us that the wise men, the more learned men, were responsible, while the same history shows us that the restoration and the discarding of innovations have been sponsored and pushed to the front by "unlearned men."

List of Preachers

We give in this list, names and addresses of men who are engaged in an effort to drive out innovations that come into the work and worship of the Church of Christ.

The work of restoring the apostolic way of conducting the work and worship is not the work of the preacher only, but also the work of the Church, (or congregation) as well. All have a work to perform.

The Preacher's Part

"Preach the Word." 2 Tim. 4:2. This statement gives the preacher all the work he can do. Tells him what to teach and what not to teach. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." I Thess. 5:21. A preacher may conscientiously believe a certain thing, practice or procedure to be

right, but if it is not commanded, or an example given. which deals directly with the proposition, he should be careful, lest he violate the scripture, "Hath thou faith? have it to thyself before God." Rom. 14:22. Things commanded, in "THE WORD," he makes no mistake in advocating, but inferences which he draws from it, may not be so confidently advocated, and he should be just as careful about what he condemns. The things condemned by "THE WORD," he should condemn, but things not mentioned that do not violate some specific command or example should be handled with care. A preacher may find a member, or members, acting indiscreetly and here, as in other matters, some private talking might be permissible, while preaching on the subject would be altogether out of place.

Faith and Opinion

A great deal of ineffective, not to say harmful preaching, is caused by the failure of the preacher to distinguish clearly, in his own mind, exactly where faith ends and opinion begins. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Preaching the word,

then, can mean nothing else than preaching the plain precepts and examples. An inference drawn from a passage, no matter how well it may agree with our personal views, can be no more than an opinion. It is right and proper to talk with other brethren, either in or out of an assembly, about these inferences or opinions, but they certainly are out of place in preaching.

The regulation of an individual rests with the individual who is to be reached by the Gospel and not what the preacher may substitute for the Gospel. Men have preached error, honestly believing they were right in their contention, but for which they had neither divine precept or example. It is not safe to take any chances on what we advocate or condemn.

Evangelizing.

The Evangelist, while so engaged, is not expected to "entangleth himself with the affairs of this life." 2 Tim. 2:4. As any kind of commercial occupation will interfere with the efficiency of his work, as a preacher, he must "endure afflictions," and every true preacher of the gospel will have tribulations, but he should not invite

them, by holding to useless eccentricities that could be avoided nor by neglect of his personal appearance, etc.

A neatly but plainly dressed man is always preferred to one "carelessly" or "finely" dressed. Christ was so unattractively dressed that no mention is made of it until after His death. His vesture was so valuable that the soldiers cast lots for it.

Substantial clothing may be properly worn, when worn, without flash or immodesty. Cheaper clothing may be properly worn when cleaning and pressing are not neglected. A little care at this point will add to the effectiveness of the preacher's work and cause the brethren to appreciate him and be more liberal in their support.

The preacher's utterances, public and private, should be such as become the "Gospel of Christ." Extravagant expressions, frivolous and meaningless utterances should be avoided.

A preacher that unduly stresses one point or truth to the neglect of others, may expect to be justly called "an extremist," "a man of bad judgment," etc. Brethren will cease to use him for meetings, at places where he is known,

but a preacher unjustly so labeled, will, in time, be appreciated and supported.

"Haranguing," "be-damning," and "abusing" the Church, or the world, is not preaching "THE WORD." A gospel preacher should realize that "THE WORD" does not need either "spiking," or "sugar-coating." The Lord Jesus Christ and His Apostles taught, reprov'd, rebuked and exhorted; what more or less can be done by the divinely approved gospel preacher?

The Church's Part.

The Church should not be too dependent upon, or expect too much of the preacher. "The Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (1 Tim. 3:15) is responsible for preaching "THE WORD." The preacher is only a part of the Church, the whole Church is responsible.

Brethren who permit a qualified preacher to be hampered in his work for lack of proper support, which they could have supplied, will surely be called to account, and if selfish reasons are responsible for this neglect, how can such brethren hope to escape the wrath of God? Every member is re-

sponsible for studying, privately teaching, and supporting the public teaching, of "THE WORD." Every male member is responsible for the public teaching and management of the Church's affairs. Neither the preacher nor the officers of the Church can satisfactorily do the work of any other individual member of the body of Christ.

The Church should realize that the personalities of preachers are as varied and of as many different kinds as there are different preachers and no Church should become prejudiced against, or tied to, any particular brand of personalities. "THE WORD" preached kindly, earnestly and positively should satisfy all.

A Church may properly desire its speakers to use reasonably good English, yet all should know there is no inflexible standard of speaking or writing English. The demand for "educated preachers" leads to the establishing of "factories" that turn out a very inferior product, and has done untold damage to the spirituality of members of the body of Christ.

The Church has a great work, encouraging more to preach, not as a

profession, a calling, a job, or a business, but a work, a service to God and man. The Church should find the boy or man who wants to preach, determined to preach, regardless of sacrifice and then encourage him. The Lord has provided the way to find and develop preachers. We should not make the mistake of calling every public speaker "A Preacher." To do so, may sometimes spoil a good church worker, or leader, and make a very sorry preacher.

A Special Need.

The need of the hour is Church leaders, intelligent, earnest, thoughtful, active men who know how to lead without appearing to do so; men whose spiritual understanding and knowledge of the truth enables them to realize that Christ never intended for any man or set of men to boss the Church or any part of it, save their own household.

The Church often neglects to properly care for its preachers. Paul was often in need because the brethren failed to give of their means. It is to

be supposed that there will always be some who will neglect.

The Church should feel a partnership in the work of the preacher. The preacher's family must have the material things upon which to live, the same as other folks. If these things are not provided, how can his family encourage the preacher to "Go teach?"

When a man works hard all day, mentally or physically, it is a great relief to go home and "fall to staves," but the evangelist must work hard all day and as long as he sits up at night. He must visit all the sick and old people in the community, where he goes to preach, have something nice to say about every meal he eats, and meet many useless demands that prevent the home relaxation so necessary to efficiency. He must keep up until he goes home for a few days, to rest. No, not to rest; the family is hungering for his company, his advice, his instructions, and they will feel disappointed, neglected, mistreated, if he does not engage with them in a discussion of the happenings, during his absence and before this duty has been completed, it is time for him to go again, thus, continually keeping his nerves in high

tension, many preachers become nervous, less efficient, and who is to blame?

It is not necessary that the preacher have the best chair in the house to sit in, or the best bed to sleep upon, nor is it advisable that at every place he chances to go, they try to fix for him the best meal of the season. Such practice has a tendency to spoil some preachers, but it is necessary if we would get the best that there is in the evangelist, that he have time, opportunity, for relaxation, for serious reflection, and not have to take the time for this, during the hours that he should be asleep. When it can conveniently be provided, the evangelist should have a room into which he could go, study and reflect. The preacher who does not take time for relaxation, will not be as efficient or accomplish as much, nor last as long as he would if he would take these needed rests. The strongest minds of the world, in and out of the Church, men who have accomplished most, are men who have found time to let their minds stop, rest, divert, from its every day engagement.

There is a work for the Church;

there is a work for the preacher. When the Apostles said "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong," (1 Cor. 16:13) he was talking to all of us. We should studiously endeavor not to become one-sided or unbalanced, relative to any question, but cautiously, carefully, earnestly honestly, and whole heartily take our stand with "THE WORD."

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