

lowing editorial note which we take from it, and which speaks for itself:

A subscriber of the *American Baptist Reflector* called on its editor for "as strong an article against alien immersion as you can produce." How "strong" an article he has produced can be judged from one point. He says: "Campbellites" and others go on the theory that baptism is not a church ordinance, but is in the keeping of the preachers. "They meet a man in the road, immerse him then and there, and go on their way." Persons so baptized cannot, he says, be received into a Baptist church without controverting its declaration of faith. This is a pretty strong censure of Philip for baptizing the eunuch; but then, in the days of the Apostles, the *American Baptist Reflector* and the *Baptist Battle Flag* had not fully developed the wonderful system of Hardshell Baptist principles.

It is very true that this is a pretty "strong censure on Philip for baptizing the eunuch;" but after all it may be a question as to which is the most consistent the Baptist papers for calling it alien immersion, or the *Independent* for making a mockery of the solemn ordinance by substituting sprinkling for going down into the water and being immersed?

"CHRISTIANITY A WORK."—A writer in the *Christian at Work* says:

Christianity is not a theory, but a work. Considering the character of its Author it could not be otherwise. Was Christ's life a dreamy, contemplative, apathetic one? Was it a life of seclusion spent in scrutinizing, and self-fermenting exercises? Was it an inner life merely? Was it a life of inglorious ease and luxury? Far from it. From the manger to the cross it was a life of labor, a devoted, self-sacrificing life. Even in his boyhood he was heard to say, "I must be about my Father's business;" and in his manhood he said: "I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." He expects us to follow his example. And the Bible says: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

Christian activity was taught not only by Christ, but by the apostles also. They inculcated it both by example and by precept. Surrounded as they were, by idolatry and superstition; beset on every hand with bigotry, with bitter prejudice against the new religion, and cruel hate of its Author, they saw clearly that nothing but united, persistent, and unceasing labor would ever overcome the obstacles which seem-

ed to be in the way of the preaching and spread of the gospel of Christ. The gospel can never be published through the earth, nor its pure and ever-active principles established in the human heart by singing pious songs and offering earnest prayers. The songs and prayers must be accompanied by labor, by solid work, by heroic devotion, by generous giving, and noble sacrifices of time and comfort. The apostles found this necessary; and so have all Christian workers in every age. The epistles abound with exhortations to diligence, activity, and personal effort to advance the Master's cause. These letters were read by all the churches, and received by the members as if personally addressed to each one. The great aim of the apostles seemed to be to make workers, to enlist agents in the service of Christ. They sought to impress upon every new convert the importance of being instant in season and out of season to win souls.

Missionary Column.

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STATE EVANGELIST.

At last, after numerous delays and disappointments, we are prepared to announce good news to the brotherhood of Oregon. No one, without the sweet "experience," can appreciate the reasons of such delay. At our last annual gathering it was expected no delay would occur as a suitable person was ready (as supposed) to enter the field. But, by the time a call could reach him, it was found he was otherwise engaged. Next came the correspondence, and we will briefly state why seven months have been consumed in the consummation of this work. Not every person has the qualifications for State Evangelist; of those not every one can come to Oregon; of those not every one can come when needed; and of those not every person was known to the Board, and even when found, he could not determine to accept the work till he could know more of the field. This is sufficient apology. If any one does not think so, let him address himself to the task and attend to the necessary correspondence and he will be satisfied before half the work is

done. Even this would have been delayed had not the Board wisely chosen to call to their aid Bro. D. R. Dungan, of Davenport, Iowa, whose correspondence coupled with his good judgment and hearty interest in the work has been of great advantage and for which the Board desire to publicly express their thanks. With these extended preliminaries we desire to introduce to the brethren of the State

H. B. SHERMAN,

present editor of the *Christian Worker*, of Meaford, Canada, formerly of Indiana, who has accepted the call of the Board to become State Evangelist. In doing so it is not with the intention of appending his biography that we add a few words of commendation. His works speak for him, and the favorable commendations which we have received from various sources justify us in saying that our State Evangelist will be found to combine the qualities of head and heart necessary to properly discharge the great responsibility which he accepts. He will be in Oregon September 1st or before to enter upon the work. As the busy season throughout the valley will have been past, and as he will expect to enter immediately after his arrival upon the work of holding meetings wherever brethren are ready, we trust the churches which desire his services will not be slow to write accordingly. Likewise do not forget that Paul plants, Apollos waters, but God giveth the increase. And except the Lord be with you in the work nothing will be accomplished. Then let us while praying the Lord of the harvest to send his laborers, also pray that we may be ready and willing to second the efforts of Bro. Sherman, by our hearty coöperation with him in every good work.

Bro. A. D. Goodwin, of Salinas, Kansas, son of our lamented Elijah Goodwin, a graduate of Butler University, and a preacher of ability, is expected here in June on a visit to the State. He comes with the view of locating in our State, and we trust a place will be found for him. He will desire to hold some meetings and become acquainted with our brethren. Any congregations desiring his services for a few days will please correspond with the Board. His arrival will be duly announced.

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BIBLE TALKS.

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As a tree is known by its fruits, so is God by what he says and does. We are lingering among the Old Testament Scriptures, because, as before said, these containing a record of his sayings and doings reveal God to man; for we wish to learn what He is, together with his attributes, with special reference to his veracity, that we may judge for ourselves whether we may confidently hope in his promises, and whether—if we live moral lives—we are in any real danger of his threatenings in case we are indifferent to his commandments enjoining and prohibiting—I say we want a clear understanding of these things that we may direct our steps accordingly; and if deciding in the affirmative, "that we may have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." The love of the world, lukewarmness, irreverence and indifference to the worship of God, and walking in his commandments, which characterize the church of the present time, I think grow out of its very meager knowledge of God, his greatness, his holiness, his abhorrence of sin, his omnipotence; resulting from ignorance of the Scriptures, especially of the Old Testament, where his wrath and vengeance stand out so fearfully. Neither are they read and taught in the family nor the pulpit as their merits demand. Had we the knowledge of God, (obtained from his word) of his goodness and mercy, also of his wrath and vengeance that David had from his experience and observation we would feel like exclaiming with him, "The Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above all gods." "Stand in awe and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still." "Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him; for he spake and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast." "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts his praise." Such awe and reverence for him who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with a span and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a