

From Bro. D. D. Weddle.

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Pres. T. F. Campbell:

DEAR BRO.—May grace, mercy and peace abide with you and yours throughout all ages without end.

Time moves apace while eternity looms up in view, and while it is passing it don't fail to make its mark. As it goes it sweeps down all, both great and small, and if our Lord Jesus Christ had not prepared a place for his children and given us a lively hope beyond this world of sorrow and trouble, we should be, of all creatures, most miserable. But, thanks be to God, he has laid up a crown of righteousness for all the faithful who hold out to the end.

And now, my brother, I am at the river, I am ready to sing, "Oh! land of rest for thee I sigh; when will the moment come; when shall I lay my armour by and dwell with Christ at home?"

Do say something for me through the good old MESSENGER—some of those sweet sentences which fall from your tongue as the instrument of peace to minister to the spiritual necessity of your humble brother in Christ; and not only for him, but for all of those old veterans of the cross who are still living and moving along in the world of sin and sorrow. They are the instruments through or by which the Reformation has been carried on for half a century. They have labored and traveled night and day through cold and heat, wet and dry. This has not been done to gain the goods of this world, but to preach the Gospel of the Son of God so as to turn men from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God—in order that, by so doing, they might gain that prize or that inheritance that is uncorrupted, undefiled, and will never fade away, reserved in heaven for all who are kept by the power of God (the Gospel) through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last day. Yes, my dear brother, they went forth on their own resources, at their own expenses, trusting in God for their support, while they left their dear companions at home to labor and toil to support their family, and thereby help to preach the Gospel.

Recently we heard some one say to the churches, "Beware of the man who preaches without money or price." If he would not hide behind a screen (fictitious name) he would certainly, by this time, feel ashamed to advocate the cause of the hireling. The man who is doubtful of being rewarded by the Church of God for his labor when done, had better go to work for his support. The Lord will feed his harvest hands; he will give them souls for their hire.

Now, my dear brother, I see in the *Christian Standard* a list of the names of a great many of the old soldiers of the cross that are yet in the land of the living; and all appear to be of the same mind; all helping to push forward the glorious cause of their Master. Yes, when I hear the names of James M. Mathes, Jacob Wright, John O'Connell, L. H. Jimerson, J. Creath, W. D. Jordan, John Harris, Philip Mulkey and David Elledge, my mind is taken back to the days gone by when we all were earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. And here let me relate an incident which took place in Lawrence county, Indiana, in the early days of this Reformation. I then lived in Brown county, Indiana. I sent an appointment to preach at Leaseville, to commence at 4 P. M., on Friday. When I arrived at the place the door of the school house was shut against those people called Campbellites. Old Billy Holland said we should have the use of his new storehouse. Well we commenced, and labored Friday evening, and two discourses Saturday, and two on Lord's day. On Monday we went to the water and immersed

some eight or nine persons. At o'clock Bro. Jacob Wright, God bless him forever, came to help me. We kept on till Friday, when Bros. John A. Weddle and M. M. Trimble joined us, and we wound up on Tuesday, after 12 days labor, and had fifty-six additions; organized a congregation, and got a church house under way of construction. Bro. Weddle has gone to Texas, while Bro. M. M. Trimble has gone to his reward. Bro. Wright is still living in Washington county, Indiana, while I have crossed the continent and am here on the coast doing all I can in the cause of my Heavenly Master. Yes, my dear brother, you were the first brother that visited me and my companion when we first came to this coast, ten years ago. You never will know the comfort you gave us in that visit, Bro. Campbell, we were strangers, and you gave us a hearty welcome, and I feel that you were a brother in deed and in truth.

Now, brother, I have a little request to make. You have not forgotten, that through you, at our State Meeting, four or five years ago, in Polk county, the brethren made a contribution for me. There was a brother who took a very active part in counting the money. He gave me his address, but I lost it. I think his name was Newton. If you recollect him, give me his name and address through the MESSENGER.

Give my Christian love to Sister Campbell, and keep a good share for yourself, while I remain as ever your brother in Christ.

D. D. WEDDLE.

P. S.—Excuse the trembling in the movement of the pen; for the fingers that propel it are feeble through age.

Queen Victoria as Mrs. Wettin.

The *Whitehall review* says: "At dinner the other night, the conversation lapsed, as it sometimes will lapse with the best, into questions hardly distinguishable from confoundings. A celebrated historian was present, and I put a question to him which I know has puzzled a great many people at different times: 'What is the surname of the Royal Family?' 'Guelph,' of course.' That is the usual answer, and it was the historian's. I ventured to suggest, that although the Royal Family are Guelphs by descent, Her Majesty's marriage with Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg, must have the effect which the marriage of a lady has in all other cases, and that the surname of the present house must be the Prince Consort's. But what is the name of the Prince Consort's family? Simple, but staggering. No one knew. All guessed, and all were wrong. I happened to have looked up the subject a few months ago, so that I knew that the name was 'Wettin.' Of course no one had heard it before. Everybody smiled at the horrible idea of the Guelphs being reduced to Wettins! The point was referred to Theodore Martin. 'You are quite right,' said the graceful biographer of the Prince Consort. 'Wettin is the family name of the House of Saxony, to whom the dominion of Saxony came in the year 1420. The King of Saxony and the minor Princes of the House are, therefore all Wettins; or, German, Wettiner.'

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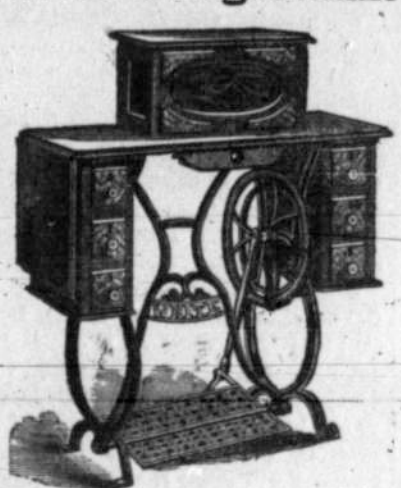
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