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What Corn and Potato Clubs Do For the Boys.

GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT.

Jefferson County Leads With Its Magnificent Gardening Land—How William Frey Grew Eighty-eight Bushels of Potatoes on One-fourth of an Acre.

Gradually the thinking school people are beginning to see and understand that if the parents will not go to the school the school must go to the home and make itself felt. Nothing has helped more in this movement than the boys' corn and potato clubs in this and many other states. The tremendous growth of the movement is due largely to a rational use of the children's enthusiasm and desire TO DO SOMETHING THEMSELVES. PLEASURE IN ACHIEVEMENT COMES FROM DOING IT YOURSELF, and pleasure in achievement is the largest factor in human life.

William and Walter Frey live about eight miles from Louisville in a splendid farming and gardening section of Jefferson county. When your reporter

A GOOD SHOCK.

visited them on Saturday, 2d of November, he found them busy storing "second crop" potatoes for the winter market.

William Frey, the elder brother, grew one-fourth of an acre of potatoes this season. He harvested eighty-eight bushels of splendid tubers on the plot. When he was asked about the crop and its cultivation, he said:

"Yes, that yield was some better than most of the neighbors around here. You see, eighty-eight bushels on my little piece is the same as 117 barrels to the acre. Of course I did some things the neighbors didn't do, because I did all of my work from the directions the government sent me. Everybody plows manure under when they break the ground in the spring, but I used my two big wagon loads of rotted manure for a top dressin' after my potatoes were in the ground.

"The folks that came over here said my potatoes were darker green than any of the others in the neighborhood, an' we all saw that the vines were mighty heavy an' fine. I went over the patch three times with a fourteen tooth

WILLIAM FREY AND HIS POTATOES.

cultivator, an' I was careful not to let it cut deeper than two inches. After that I gave it two workin's with a five tooth cultivator.

"Yes, my potatoes will get the first prize this year in this county. It'll make the quarter of an acre pay mighty well, because it's $50 in gold."

Walter Frey, the younger brother, has an acre of corn in the contest, but it had not been husked when your correspondent visited the farm early in November. The ground showed that careful work had been done during the summer, and the eighteen huge shocks that stood upon the acre gave promise of a large yield.

"I planted the Boone County White that the state furnished us boys," he said in answer to my questions, "but I only got about half a stand of corn, so I had to use some of our own Boone County for replanting the acre. Of course a bad stand is a mighty poor start in a corn contest. Next time I am goin' to test the seed so as to be sure about my stand.

"Yes, I used a lot of manure on that acre. Before I plowed it this spring I scattered four big loads of manure so I could turn it under.

"I was goin' to do more plowin' an' cultivatin' than anybody around here this year, but a big windstorm tangled it so I had to quit early. I did cultivate it four times an' didn't stir the ground more than two inches deep. The directions for corn makes that a mighty strong point."

IS CHALLENGED

A Complete Answer to the Query, "Who Ordained Him?"

The Whole Subject Clarified For the Public Benefit—Clergy and Laity Unscriptural Terms.

PASTOR RUSSELL

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 17.—As always, Pastor Russell got the crowds today. We report his discourse on Ministerial Ordination and Titles. Very evidently it is a reply to an attack recently made upon him by a Mr. W. T. Ellis, field editor of *The Continent*, and alias, the "Religious Rambler." Ellis claims that Pastor Russell's ordination as Pastor is fraudulent. The address shows that Pastor Russell fully understands the situation. He fully justified his position before his vast audience and showed up the "Rambler" editor in the unenviable light of either being ignorant of the subjects discussed, or attempting to deceive the public. His text was, "Not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead" (Gal. 1, 1). He said:—

The time has come for telling the people what the Bible teaches respecting ordination to teach and preach. The doctrine of Apostolic Succession started in the second century A. D. The bishops claimed that they had the same authority that Jesus gave to the twelve Apostles. Upon this claim they ordained the inferior clergy.

This principle is wholly unscriptural. According to the Bible, the Church of Christ is not composed of two parts, clergy and laity. Jesus declared, "All ye are brethren; One is your Master, Christ." St. Paul shows that in the early Church the ministers were the servants of the flock. They were of the people, chosen by them by the stretching forth of the hand.

Many of the reformers coveted the titles accorded the Catholic clergy. They did not care to tell the congregation that its word was supreme, and that its ministers were merely its servants. Others, realizing that these titles were unscriptural, declined to use them; preferring to be called pastor. My Bible Student associates, knowing my objection to the title "Reverend," address me as Pastor. I am the elected Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle congregation, and also of the London Tabernacle congregation, and I fail to see ground for criticism in this respect nor do I attack Christian brethren who accept other and unscriptural titles.

Must Pastors Be Ordained?

Ordination is necessary to the office of pastor. The question is, What constitutes an ordination to preach amongst the people of God?

This question has received various answers. The Roman, Anglican and Greek Churches, claiming Apostolic Succession, declare that authorization to preach must come through their apostle-bishops, and have not allowed Protestant ministers to enter their pulpits—until the Episcopalians, about a year ago granted this concession. Of course, if their proposition were correct, I am just as much unordained as all other Protestant ministers—and no more so.

Each denomination at its beginning was opposed by all others; yet each taught that the clergy were separate from the laity. Only since the organization of the Evangelical Alliance (1846) have the different sects of Christendom acknowledged each other's ordinations. Each denomination makes use of such ceremonies as it deems proper. If, therefore, the congregation of Christian believers in Brooklyn and London ordain or appoint me as their pastor, it is their own choice what ceremonies, if any, shall accompany that ordination. Who can dispute this? No Protestant denomination, surely; for their own ordinations are on this very basis.

The subject of ordination seems to have fallen into confusion during the Dark Ages. St. Paul particularly emphasizes the fact that he did not receive his commission as preacher and Apostle of Christ from his brother Apostles, but by Divine authorization. This is the Scriptural principle underlying Divine Ordination to the ministry of Christ.

No denomination claims that the ordination of its ministers either made or kept them perfect. All admit that there have been sad failures amongst their ordained ministers. Neither would they claim that ordination has given their ministers superior discernment of Divine Truths. On the contrary, it has injured the clergy by making many of them domineering and lordly, contrary to the spirit and teachings of Christ and the Apostles; and the laity by leading them to conclude that merely secular matters should engage their attention.

The True Ordination.

Finally the Pastor showed the true ordination to be the impartation of the Holy Spirit. Whoever receives this has God's authority to be His ambassador and mouthpiece. Such show the work of the Holy Spirit regenerating their minds and hearts, giving them insight into the Scriptures, and enabling them to be God's mouthpieces, ministers of His Truth.

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