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HAMILTON, AUG. 1, 1894.

Notice to Students.

We are desired to say that all young men intending to go to college or prepare for ministerial work, and all who have been considering the propriety of attending our proposed Bible School in Toronto, are requested to communicate at once with the Chairman of the Educational Committee, John Munro, care of 85 Wellington St. north, Hamilton, Ont.

And further, that brethren or sisters interested in the project and desiring information thereon, are cordially invited to direct their enquiries to the same person and the above address.

B. Y. P. U. A.

The above letters stand for "Baptist Young People's Union of America," and the occasion for referring to that association now is the fact that its fourth international convention was held in Toronto, July 19th-22nd. It was a large gathering of well nigh 6000 people, over half of whom came from the United States. The principal place of meeting was the new Massey Music Hall, which by the way is a magnificent hall and worth a trip to Toronto to see, especially if it should be filled with a respectable audience bent upon a good object.

The B. Y. P. U. A. Convention was not entirely composed of young people, unless the definition of one of the speakers be accepted, that all who were young in heart were eligible for membership. There gray hairs and bald heads were not a few, and no doubt the long heads of the Baptist denomination were represented too. We notice in these great movements of young people in these days that while the young produce the enthusiasm—the steam, so to speak—the older ones are the throttle of the engine, and stand by the brakes; and that appears to be the case with the B. Y. P. U. A.

The writer attended a number of the sessions of the convention and heard some of the finest speeches; and esteemed himself particularly fortunate to have heard what was pronounced by good judges the masterpiece of the occasion, the address of Dr. McArthur of New York on "The Elements of True Success."

It was a Baptist Convention. The heartiest applause was all given in response to a declaration of loyalty to Baptistism. We noticed a very perceptible lessening of the weight of applause when once a speaker made an attack upon man-made creeds which would gladden the heart of a Disciple. It occurred to us these young Baptists are not yet ready to give up the New Hampshire Confession of Faith, notwithstanding their motto, "Loyal to Christ in all things at all times." But when expressions were used which to an outsider would seem an assumption that Baptists have a corner on regenerated church membership and a monopoly of loyalty to the Lord Jesus, then did the hands of those young Baptists go together in a way that

made the air vibrate and blow around your head in a manner that was far from unpleasant on a hot day.

From our point of view the notable feature of the convention was the evidence it furnished, of what we have known for a good while, that the Baptist denomination is determined to remain Baptist. The Educational Plans for 1894-95 contemplate a course of reading and study in Baptist history; the plan is skilfully elaborated, and those who follow it throughout will learn what influences and ideas, what discussions and what conflicts have contributed to make the Baptist denomination what it is to day. The lines will be drawn as between Baptists and Pede-baptists, and also between Baptists and all other immersionists who do not rally round the Regular Baptist flag. We note that Dr. Jeremiah Jeter is to be resurrected to tell what he thinks of the Disciples of Christ, under the heading a "Pseudo-Reformation." This may, we presume, be taken as a pointer as to the feelings of the B. Y. P. U. A. towards the Disciples.

Ah! well, the Disciples will just go on on New Testament lines, refusing to be bound by man made creeds, and holding an open door as usual to such Baptists, old or young, as become sufficiently intelligent in the Scriptures to be unwilling to remain in bondage to the traditions of men.

We note that our Pede-baptist exchanges are not pleased with the out-and-out and outspoken denominationalism of the B. Y. P. U. A. It means trouble for the Pede-baptist no doubt; for the Baptists are a mighty people, and when they begin to press the issue in favor of believers' immersion and a regenerated church membership, then the Pede-baptists feel not as comfortable as they would like to in the company of their Baptist brethren, and when the Baptists lift up the bar of close communion against them, they wonder if notwithstanding all their professions of fraternity they are brethren after all.

Yes, that was a remarkable convention, and the student of the religious situation would do well to keep his eye upon the B. Y. P. U. A.

Notes.

TO AGENTS.—Will all agents please exert themselves to collect arrears and secure renewals and new subscribers? If any subscribers are not able to pay the whole of their account now, get them to pay what they can, and send that to us. Do not neglect this, please.

The Editor of the EVANGELIST, being now relieved of the office of Corresponding Secretary of the Co-operation, is at liberty to hold some protracted meetings, and invites correspondence with churches desiring the services of a preacher for such work in the near future.

Some Methodist brother has been sending rather unfavorable accounts of the Methodist Union in Canada to an Australian newspaper. He thinks the Union was "a sad thing for this country." After describing some of its bad effects he pathetically adds, "and yet for all this many are trying to consummate a union with the Presbyterian Church." If this brother is not nearer the facts with regard to Methodist union than he is with regard to union with the Presbyterians, the Australian Methodists had better pay no attention to him. There is a little platform oratory here about union between the Methodists and Presbyterians, chiefly by men who wish to "bring down the house," but that is all. Nobody seriously thinks of amalgamating the Arminianism and Calvinism of the country. We are a reasonably progressive people in Canada, but we have not gone quite so far as to think that our fathers were fools.—*Canada Presbyterian.*

The Editor of the *Canada Presbyterian* reminds us of the famous farmer who would not lengthen his whiffletree although the poor horse's legs were being badly chafed, giving as his reason that the whiffletree was long enough for his father and it would do for him. And, by the way, was it not Principal Grant who said not very long ago that he knew no reason why Presbyterians and Methodists might not unite? And as for amalgamating Calvinism and Arminianism, what do the rank and file care for either?

Church News.

COLLINGWOOD, July 23, '94.—We had one confession and baptism last night; also one not before reported.
C. S.

CINCINNATI, 165 Barr St., July 21, 1894.—Dear Bro. Munro: We received supplement picture some time ago. Were very much pleased with it indeed. Work goes on nicely here, five additions since we came. Have also started a mission with 107 in S. S. and good audiences at preaching services. Expect to accomplish much in this mission and contemplate starting two more soon. Intended to thank you for the "Pioneer Preachers" before, but have been very busy. Bro. Barnes was with us this week. Sister Barnes has gone home to visit.
Yours, W. T. CHARLTON.

CHICAGO.—The Disciples in Chicago have a "City Mission Board," which meets monthly. It has started several preaching stations, or churches. The two largest churches are those of which Prof. Black and J. W. Allen are the respective pastors. Some are older, one of which holds rather to the practical feature of plurality of elders than to the "one man system" visible to the congregations. It is therefore seldom ranked in the list. The visible plurality of two or three elders is rather a feature of the old Scotch Baptists, and if I am not mistaken predominates in Australia in "Disciple" Churches. The great Chicago University, although still called Baptist, is now so richly endowed and available to all students of any faith who conform to the rates of the University, that a broad and so-called "liberal" spirit has been developing, which some regard as dangerous to sound doctrine regarding the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Disciples perhaps share in similar sentiments, and have already got their "Dean" in anticipation of their "house" or school to be established. In view of which, a building to cost a hundred thousand dollars, is intended to be built this fall, and a church also to be organized. The Disciple School or "House" will share in all the advantages (and disadvantages) of the environment of such a vast and wealthy establishment. Learning of the head has superiority for good or evil over ignorance always, but the Great Teacher in His divine wisdom taught the supreme importance of the education of the heart first unto righteousness, and held up the child as the best illustration of the spirit in which to receive His gospel and all other truth. To let our students beware of vanity in mere knowledge, and not begin to imitate those who are prone to introduce the names of heathen philosophers and teachers as equal or superior to those who in our Bible prophesied of our Redeemer, and alone are acknowledged by Him.

Let us hope, however, that our own BETHANY and BIBLE and SIMILAR COLLEGES shall continue to be well sustained, and that ere long there shall be the visible union of all as "one body," who believe in the "one Lord," and are loyal observers of the "one

baptism." Then shall the names and clouds of "divisions" be dispersed. Then shall the world believe and the prayer of our Lord be answered in the conversion of the world. No longer shall the Romish Wafer displace the loaf and cup, nor the wetting by sprinkling, pouring, touching, ignore "the born again form" of that burial and resurrection of our Lord without which resurrection there could have been no gospel (1 Cor.), for "If Christ hath not been raised faith is vain, and all are yet in their sins, 1 Cor. xv. 12-20. If loyal Americans shed their blood to preserve their stars and stripes, why should Christians cowardly surrender the gospel banners to sprinkling and the Wafer? No good answer can be given—for surely it is a truth that we should fight the good fight of faith in the divine armour (Eph. v. 13-18), for—

The Wafer is a sin,
And sprinkling its twin.
But the happy day shall come when
all shall be one, and Jesus shall reign
on earth as in heaven. Amen.
T. H.

Building Note.

WAINFLEET.—We have completed the foundation for our new church house. The contract is let, and we are now looking forward to the completion. Our congregations are large for summer. Peace and harmony prevail. We are having an influence for good which must triumph in the salvation of souls and the advancement of the Master's cause in this vicinity.

We are wondering how many of our brethren will help us in our building fund. Will you? We are worthy of your confidence.
J. H. M.

Our Premium Picture.

"I was really delighted with the Premium Picture. I would not begrudge five dollars for it."

"The Premium Picture is a treasure."

We remind our friends that all new subscribers will receive a copy of "The Pioneer Preachers." Also all who pay up arrears and renew.

Co-operation Notes

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—Pres., Hugh Black, Rockwood; Vice-Pres., John Campbell, Erie Mills, St. Thomas; Rec. Sec., J. W. Kilgour, Guelph; Cor. Sec., T. L. Fowler, London; Treas., John McKinnon, Everton; J. H. H. Jury, Bowmanville; Thos. Whitehead, Walkerton; John Black, Rockwood; A. J. Thomson, Hillsburg; S. E. McKee, Erin; Geo. Munro, Hamilton.

All contributions to the funds of the Co-operation should be sent by Registered Letter or Post Office Order to T. L. Fowler, Cor. Sec., 386 Adelaide St., London, Ont.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

The following clause, if inserted in a duly executed will, may be used in making a bequest to the Co-operation:

"I give and bequeath to the Co-operation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario, the sum of dollars, for the use and purposes of the said Co-operation."

Space does not allow us to state many principles of law involved in making a good and valid will; but if you cannot secure the services of a competent solicitor, observe strictly the following legal formalities as to execution in Ontario:

The testator must select two persons to witness his will, both of whom must be present at the same time and see him sign it, and the witnesses must each sign as witnesses in the sight and presence of the testator.

The attestation clause which they sign might contain a statement that this was done.

The first Board meeting of the Co-operation for the current year was held on July 2nd in the school-room of the Church of Christ in Hamilton. Every member of the Board was present.

The question of general evangelistic work was considered. It was decided to ask the pastors of churches in the province to do this work for the Board.

If we would make this year a memorable one for great progress in the work, let us pray constantly and

earnestly for the mind of Christ, and begin discharging our obligations at once. Much is lost by allowing the greater part of the year to pass before any money is raised.

Will all those who at the Annual Meeting took pledge cards to distribute please report to the Cor. Sec. what success they have had in securing subscriptions?

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS are reminded that the first Lord's day in September is the time for the special collection for Home Missions in the Sunday Schools.

T. L. FOWLER,
Cor. Sec.

Heed the Exhortation.

"My word of exhortation is, that we shall all push forward our work of missions with all our might, doing our very utmost to enlist in the work every disciple of the Lord. Let us stimulate to far greater liberality those who are co-operating with us; and let us enlist others as fast as possible. As yet there is but an infinitesimal number of our brethren who are doing anything at all for the evangelization of the world beyond the bounds of their own congregations; and there is a very small minority of our churches engaged in any kind of co-operation for this divinely appointed work. Let us not rest day or night until every church, and every individual of every church, is doing something. When once they are enlisted in the work, it will be an easy task to induce them to give more liberally."

J. W. MCGARVEY.

This exhortation has the right ring. Let every preacher and every church heed it at once. Since the last convention 1,850 churches have made offerings to Foreign Missions. Shall we have 150 more by October, or 2,000 for the year? This would give us a gain for the year of 786 contributing churches. Is not such a victory worth laboring for? We must not fall short of the 2,000. Let every one that sees those lines feel himself, or herself, especially called upon to secure at least one additional contributing church. Act promptly.

A. McLEAN, Cor. Sec.
F. M. RAINS, Fin. Sec.

TOKIO, June 27, 1894.—DEAR BRO MUNRO: It just struck me the other day that perhaps the friends at home might be anxious about me when they heard the accounts of the big earthquake we had last Wednesday. When the shock came I was in the up-stairs room writing. As this room shakes quite a bit when one descends the stairs, you can slightly imagine how it shook then. At first I was too frightened to run down stairs, and expected every minute to hear the heavy roof come down on me. When I did think to escape by the stairs, the house was shaking to such an extent I was afraid to go near the wall by the stairs, as it is the weakest; however, I did venture, and luckily for me the shock was from right to left, or I should have been thrown headlong. Was out standing by a neighboring bamboo grove (the safest place in an earthquake), looking at the houses swaying backward and forwards before we could take a breath. In Tsukiji, the foreign concession, where all the houses are foreign, there is but one house, a cottage, that did not receive severe damage. Many were the hair-breadth escapes among the missionaries, but God's hand was over us all, protecting us. There is not a foreign house or garden in the city that has not received severe injury. A Japanese house, though far from being com-