

RULES TO BE OBSERVED

By Applicants to the Regular Baptist Missionary Society of Canada for Aid.

I. Ministers applying to the Society for aid to enable them to supply destitute churches, must in their applications inform the Board:—

- 1st. Whether they are married or single.
- 2nd. State the number of their family dependent on them for support.
- 3rd. What salary they will require to sustain them, while giving themselves entirely to the work of the ministry.
- 4th. What proportion of the requisite amount can be raised on the field in which they intend to labour.
- 5th. What will be the lowest sum that will secure their services to the Society.

II. Individuals applying for aid, must forward with their applications, a resolution of the church or churches which they intend supplying, concurring in the application.

III. Churches applying, must state the number of their communicants, and the amount which they can raise amongst themselves, towards a missionary's salary.

IV. General remarks from applicants on the destitution of the field, will be serviceable to the Board.

V. Missionaries employed by the Society will be expected to report quarterly to the Board.

VI. All applications and reports must be addressed to the Corresponding Secretary, at least one week before a quarterly meeting of the Board.

By order of the Board,

JAMES PYPER,
Corresponding Secretary.

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✠ Elder Pyper has been absent for some time, for the benefit of his health. His numerous friends will rejoice to hear that he is getting better. He is expected in Toronto on the 5th instant. In a note received from him, he says: "I hope to return to Toronto invigorated, and better than ever prepared, physically and spiritually, to labour in the glorious interests of our Lord."

✠ The John Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, have extended a call to the Rev. J. Inglis, of Detroit, to become their pastor. It will be gratifying to the Baptists of Canada to learn, that he has accepted the call, and will soon enter upon the field of his new labours. He will hereafter be associated with us in the management of the *Observer*; but of this matter more anon.

✠ Subscribers who are still in arrear, will please remit the amount due before our next issue.

✠ We have commenced, in this number, to copy the important debate, lately held at Jackson, Miss., between two distinguished divines. The Rev. Mr. Waller, of Louisville, Kentucky, is the champion on the one side, and the Rev. Dr. Newton, of Clinton, Miss., is the opposing disputant. Both are men of considerable talent. Mr. Waller

is the editor of the most talented Baptist paper of the South-west,—as a divine, his philological learning, and powers as a debater, are very generally conceded. The Rev. Dr. Newton is not less known to fame. He is the most distinguished New School divine of the South; and allowed to be the ablest Pedobaptist controversialist in that section: his powers have been tested in that branch of the Presbyterian Church to which he belongs. The report is taken from the *Southern Star*, a secular Pedobaptist paper, published in Jackson, Miss.

✠ The Rev. A. Chute, having become the pastor of the First Dorchester Church, requests that all letters and papers be addressed to him at Nilestown, C.W.

From a visit made lately to one or two Associations, we are more than ever convinced of the great necessity that exists that an opportunity should be offered, in our own land, to young men of piety and talent to receive such a Biblical training, as would enable them acceptably and successfully to preach the Gospel in the back townships and settlements of the country. Our friends who are placed in important points, such as cities and towns, have little idea of the destitution that exists, of the calls that are made in remote places, and even in many townships, where the people are abundantly able to support the ministry of the Word.

The demands for ministers of our Denomination are yearly becoming greater, while the supplies are becoming less. We have lately met and conversed with very many who are engaged in the work of preaching, who bitterly feel, acknowledge, and regret their incapacity, from want of an early religious training of the mind, and in cases not a few, from the want of an ordinary English education, even such as may be obtained at the present day in our Common Schools.

It is said by many that the places of theological training in the United States, are sufficient for us at the present; our decided opinion is, after having given the subject a good deal of consideration, that they are not, for the following reasons:—

First. However highly we appreciate our brethren on the other side, and we do appreciate their zeal, their energy, and their sacrifices, we cannot disguise it, that both national and social prejudices exist, which prevent many from taking advantage of their places of education.

Secondly. The expenses of an ordinary Biblical training, such as would answer for the majority of places in Canada, would be greater there than here, and

Thirdly. The greater part of the Canadian talent sent, would be most likely kept there; in confirmation of the last remark, an eminent minister of the Gospel stated not long since, that of ten young men, who some years ago were sent from Scotland to the Baptist Theological Colleges in England to be educated, only one returned to his native country.

The only further remarks which we will now make will be as to our ability to establish a suitable Institution here. Some time ago we stated that a trial could be made for a comparatively small sum, and as we always like to do things in a business

like way, to proceed cautiously and within our means. The following are the figures, suppose it was tried for a period of four years:—

Professor's salary £250, per annum	- £1000
Rent of Lecture Room, and towards a Library	- 200
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Can the above amount be raised? The only answer we will give is, that the Rev. Mr. Olcott has raised in Western Canada the sum of (\$10,000) £2500, more than double the above amount, towards the endowment of the Rochester University, where probably some ten or twenty students from Canada may receive an education, and perhaps not two out of that number of those who have talent may ever return to labour in this country. We are of opinion, that there are few churches in the country who could not furnish an institution of our own with one or two students, and if we had forty or fifty students in training, each for two or three years, even without a classical education, it would in a short time make a great change for the better. Young men might study for six months in the year, and during the other six months be able to support themselves, either as teachers or colporteurs, and when young men of distinguished ability were found they might either attend our own University here, the fees of which are a mere trifle, or they might, if desirable, attend any of the institutions in the States, provided we could have any good hopes of their return.

What we want now is to supply the great demand that there is for preaching the Gospel in our back townships, and if we were only as hearty in this, as we often are in worldly enterprises, it could easily be accomplished.

We believe that there are more than half a dozen of individuals in our denomination who could amply undertake it, and never miss the amount, and we do not know how a portion of their wealth could be better used than in being instrumental in sending out, in four years, perhaps, one hundred missionaries to preach the Gospel for their natural lives, and thereby training up an army of soldiers of the Cross which it would be difficult to number.

We are now behind all other bodies in this respect. The Congregationalists who do not number one half of our people, have had an institution in existence for ten or twelve years, which has been eminently successful, and this year five of their students leave to supply new places, or places vacant. Ask any of their people how they would entertain the idea of giving \$10,000 to an Institution on the other side while nothing was done among themselves to supply their own wants? they would scarcely believe us to be in earnest in such an enquiry. We do think it strange that the Baptists of Canada should allow little feelings of envy or jealousy to prevent them from being united in such an important undertaking.

We believe the best course to be pursued, would be to appoint an agent—a good business man—to visit the churches, and get subscriptions. If any of our brethren can suggest a better plan, we shall be glad to hear from them; and what we do should be done quickly.