



BAPTIST CONVENTION, ONTARIO.

Systematic Beneficence

What it is.

BY SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE, we mean : giving to the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ according to a certain rule or system. Our beneficence may include contributions to the gospel at home and abroad, education, the poor, and any other objects that are worthy, and require our pecuniary aid. So far as this Convention is concerned, the objects for which we solicit aid are limited, for the present, to three : Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Ministerial Education.

The system upon which a person gives may vary according to circumstances and his convictions of duty. The Lord asks according to what a man has ; not according to what he has not : but He requires that each one be a faithful steward of all His gifts to him : of time, strength, talents, wealth and opportunities. System in giving, however, implies at least three things : 1st, a certain proportion of a person's income ; 2nd, regularity ; and 3rd, where possible, frequency.