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HERE has been recently published a book, under the title "Baptist Principles — Letters From a Father to His Son," by Dr. E. E. Folk. Surely this book and like ones, are much needed at the present time. It sometimes seems as if there are classes in our churches for everything under the sun—classes for mission study or for church history, or for Pauline epistles; but when we do hear of a class for the study of our distinctive principles as Baptists? And surely it is not because the need is met, for we find that a very large number of the young people in our churches, even those from Baptist homes, know very little of the Baptist principles, or, if they know, attach very little importance to them. These are the ones whom we hear so frequently saying: "Well, you know there really is not much difference, anyway, except with the Roman Catholics," or "I would not be bigoted enough to think we are the only ones that are right." These, too, are the ones who, if circumstances lead them to a change of residence where the Baptist cause is not so flourishing as in the old home, are found joining some other congregation because "the preaching is so good," or "the people are so friendly," or "my friends all go there," never realizing that the weakness of the cause is their call to show of what stuff they are made; never realizing that joining a Christian church is not a matter of preference or ad-

vantage, but a matter of conviction as to which denomination is representing most closely in its teachings the Bible teaching and commands. There is no good reason for our being Baptists or Presbyterians or Anglicans, except a firm belief that the body to which we belong is nearer the truth than any other. And if any of us find ourselves ignorant of the distinctive principles of our church, let us forsake all other study for a time, and "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" everything we can find on the subject, so that we can give a "reason" for the hope that is in us." We shall come back to the Mission problem with a clearer grasp—we shall not be "blown about by every wind of doctrine"—but we shall have some prospect of developing that strong type of Christian character which founded our Baptist churches in Ontario and Eastern Canada, and which had as some of its distinguishing characteristics wide knowledge of Bible truths, deep conviction of their importance, unswerving loyalty to their convictions, and earnest purpose to carry forward the truth as they believed it, at home and abroad.

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