

MORE ABOUT A SEPARATE CONVENTION AND MY CRITICS.

My former article on this subject seems to have had the effect of a bomb-shell; its missiles have reached remote points, and has thrown the upper atmosphere into terrible contortions. It and those inviting circulars have caused more than "Oats" and "another dog."

I must say that I think Bro. Knapp's logic is rather thin. I always thought that it took two to make a quarrel, but according to his reasoning two will make four itself; for if a convention in New Brunswick will require as many delegates as all the Maritime Provinces, then two will make four for sure.

With regard to some of Bro. Creed's statements, I do think that there are very important things to be taken into his acid censure of some persons whom he dare not name. This is what he says: "But for the interference of one or two influential brethren, the body would be much more united."

But everything for the sake of an objectionable plan. Mr. Bligh is very much mistaken about the increased ability of our churches to entertain. With the exception of one or two in this province, they are not as well situated in the matter of property as they were a few years ago.

Now, first, it is fair to deprive the female members of the church of the right to vote. It is right to discriminate the wealthy women of the church, or any of the women? Almost always the sisters are in a large majority in our churches. Here is an act sweeping away the right of the female members of the church to vote.

Baptist polity to determine all matters of denominational activity by a majority of the constituency, and any that will not submit to that rule, upon them must rest the odium of disunion.

Bro. Creed heads his article "The Disunion Movement." I see no disunion but Baptists; we don't propose to give up doing any of the work we are now doing; but we hope to be in a position to do some of it more efficiently.

I see by to-day's MESSENGER AND VISITOR that Mr. H. H. Bligh has written a letter to the trustees of the churches in this province, and probably he enjoys the thought that he has annihilated me entirely. Well, in answering others I have also answered him in reference to organic union.

P. S.—If any should think that I have expressed myself too plainly or too strongly, Mr. Bligh and my other critics are responsible for it, for the sneering and poke-fun manner in which they have treated my article. I would much rather discuss this matter in a courteous, friendly way.

INCORPORATION OF TRUSTEES. RESPECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TEMPORAL AFFAIRS OF BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE NEW BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATIONS BY INCORPORATED TRUSTEES. SEE ACT OF ASSEMBLY IN MESSENGER AND VISITOR OF APRIL 5.

As our New Brunswick brethren are still united with other Maritime Baptists in various fields of Christian work (I have no doubt such union will continue as long as our New Brunswick friends desire, and when such desire fails I have no doubt a peaceful separation in education and home and foreign missions and journalism and other work may be arranged, provided the full separation, and who knows but it might be best for all concerned.)

This question: for our Boards are now serving over three hundred masters; so is the Convention. They are each the servants of all the churches and not their masters, not even the Convention.

Mr. Bligh makes but a poor shuffler to consider this matter carefully and these remarks according to any merits they may have, and not because they come from a CHURCH CLERK. Halifax, April 17.

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right of trustees; but eventually undesirable results are almost certain to follow. Better to avoid the results by avoiding the course which leads to this.

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Pontius, and Prisco, and Martina and hundreds of the other early Christian martyrs were torn in pieces by the furious lions.

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May 10. B. Y. P. U. The unification of Baptist young people, crossed spiritual; their stimulation in service; their education in scriptural and their instruction in Baptist history and through existing denominational institutions.

The Indianapolis Convention. Our Maritime President, Mr. R. Rose, is negotiating with the Y. P. U. for reduced rates to Indianapolis, C. P. R. is making inquiries.

William J. Coulston, of Evans gives the following exposition prayer meeting topic for week ending May 7th: Topic: Sowing and Reaping.

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