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The Toronto Building.

have already shown that they appred that union may be effected. ciate the provincial character of the work and its great importance by con-And it is well known that it is absocomfortable condition.

It would be observed that the church the work of the Lord in our land. proposes to allow the lecture-rooms to We have been asked to explain more ing for the ministry can receive biblical Wo shall endeavor briefly to do so. behalf of this building enterprise.

been made to the Lord's work. We paid one fourth, one-half, three-fourths,

and carnestly commend it to them. All contributions, subscriptions and enquiries may be addressed to W. J.

A Much Needed Work

It is a fact, and we think a deplor-

able fact, that in many parts of this country the people known as disciples of Christ are altogether or almost unknown. And oven in communities way very inadequate ideas are outertained of their position, principles and is that as they hold the immersion of believing to be the only scriptural baptism they are a branch of the Baptist family, and in fact we not infrequently hear the expression, Disciplo Baptists. If there is sufficient reason to justify our existence as a We desire to say a word or two by separate people, it follows that it is way of commending to our roaders the our duty to lot the public know where statement published in the July 1st we stand, what we hold and what we number, regarding the meeting-house practise. We think there is reason, now in course of erection on Cecil abundant reason, to justify our separ-Street, Toronto. The statement itself ate existence, and we consider that we is very interesting and satisfactory, shall not be blameless if we neglect to inasmuch as it gives the reader a clear set forth widely that which distinconception of the matter from the guishes us from all others professing beginning until now. Any of our to be Christians. At the present time, readers, should they be in the city, when there is so much said and written can easily satisfy themselves that the relative to Christian union, it is peculocation of the house is good, perhaps liarly opportune to proclaim the prina better could not be found in the ciples on which all along we have city, taking all the circumstances into maintained such union to be possible. account. The grounds of making an We cannot now claim it as a peculi appeal to the brethren in general to arity-and we rejoice that we cannotaid in the erection of a meeting-house that we believe in the possibility and in Toronto are so well set forth by the desirability of union among all who elders of the church that it is scarcely believe in th. Lord Jesus Christ. But necessary to do more than call atten- it is still true, we think, that no other tion to them. Our brothren in Ontario people have a plan to propose whereby

Much will, we doubt not, be accomplished along this line if the project of tributing to the support of the preacher. employing an able evangelist to hold special services in towns and cities be lutely essential, in order to large and successfully carried out, as we hope it permanent growth, that the church will be. Many will attend such sershould have a house of its own, and vices who rarely, if ever, come to our that as soon as possible. It is also regular meetings, and the seed will be very desirable that the church should sown in many minds to bring forth be self-supporting at an early date. fruit later, if not sooner. We prosume The conspicuous liberality of the that those who endorsed the scheme church hitherto gives the best kind of at the annual meeting by subscribing reason for believing that its members to the guarantee fund had some such are imbued with the missionary spirit, expectations before them. The suband that they will be forward in push- scriptions were given from a general, ing the work in city and country im- not from a local, standpoint, and with mediately their own finances are in a the view of inaugurating an enterprise which it was believed would farther

be used for the accommodation of a fully the nature of the guarantee fund Bible school, where young men study. than has yet been done in this paper. training. This would be an economical In the first place then it was thought arrangement for the Disciples in this desirable not to draw upon the general country. To erect a separate building Home Mission Fund for the support would be out of the question at present; of the evangelist; and in the second to rent rooms would be expensive and place, as it was hoped that the greater unsatisfactory. To have the privilege part, if not the whole, of the expense of occupying lecture rooms in the of a series of meetings would be raised church building without charge would at the point where the meetings were leave us free to devote our energies to held, it was suggested that the best raising a fund to support a competent way of dealing with the matter would teacher. Hero, therefore, we find a be to raise a guarantee fund, so that basis for making au carnest plea on whenever the entire expense of a series of meetings could not be met at the Largo sums are asked - \$1,000, place where it was conducted the sub-\$500, \$100. We believe that there scribers to the fund could be called are brethren who could afford to give upon to make up the deficiency in \$1,000 to this fund, and that such proportion to the sums they had subcould not expend their money more scribed. For instance a call of five profitably. While we think our broth- per cont. or ten per cent, might be it stands in beautiful contrast with the ren on the average as liberal with made for one series of meetings, and their means as others, yet we know no call be made for another. By the that not many large contributions have end of the year a person might have are hopeful that our wealthy brethren, or even the whole of the sum he subwhen their attention is called to a good scribed. It is scarcely likely that no onterprise requiring a large sum of call at all will be made. Accordingly,

Cecil Street church, and we cordially prepared to pay the whole sum if need : be, while it is not probable that they ! will be called upon for more than a part of it. It is highly proper that a CHRISTIAN Forrestor, 89 Church Street, Toronto. clear understanding of the matter | should be had by all, especially by z subscribers. We think the plan will g commend itself to all who look into it t carofully. It met with a very cordial t reception at the annual meeting, up. s wards of \$350 being subscribed in a 1 few minutes; some of the brethren t showed their confidence to the extent s where they are well known in a general of pledging themselves for \$50 each. t

We hope our brethren will give this t undertaking their cordial support, that s aims. A very common misconception it may be prosecuted to a successful t issue in a way that will be comfortable r to all connected with it, and that will t relieve the Board of Managers of all c unnecessary auxiety concerning it i All subscriptions should be sent in t promptly. It is hoped that one of our | i most competent preachers will be ongaged for this work shortly.

In Conclusion.

We promptly received from Mr. Waddell a reply to our criticisms upon his views and assortions published in the the July 1st number of The Evanget. | b isr. Owing to a pressure of other b matter we could not insert it in last ? issue. The former part of the article deals with points that have already occupied our space and the attention of the reader to a considerable extent. and as nothing new is advanced it will be no injustice to the writer to omit it. The absurd idea is again implied that Robert Richardson and Isaac Errett were not representative men among the Disciples. Our readers may wonder that we give so much space to a man who knows so little of the Disciples, and may think that nothing can be gained by discussing with such a person the difference between Baptists and Disciples. We may say that when Mr. W. began to write for our columns we thought he was aware that Isaac Errett was a representative man among us, and moreover we were anxious to have placed before our readers the position of the Baptist denomination. We fear that we shall not gain our point in this respect, and shall have to seek from a truly representative source accurate information relative to the! peculiarities of the Baptist people. Again we respectfully appeal to the Canadian Buptist and leading Baptist ministers of Cauada to tell us what it is that differentiates Baptists from all others professing to be Christians. We assure them that we are honestly desirous of learning the facts in the it case that we may adjust our thinking and our practice to them.

We shall give Mr. Waddell's article, (leaving out the former part for the reason already stated,) paragraph by] paragraph and make a few comments on each.

"If you had published my last letter; in full, and as it was written, I would P not have written this one, but since I have begun I will now answer your five questions in regular order:

1. Does he believe and teach as Josus taught (Mark xvi. 10) "That he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved?" Aus. Yes. And the same verse shows which of belief, or baptism, or both togother, saves. "He that beliereth not aliall be damned." It does not say that he that is not baptized shall be damned. And in this respect & Short Bible Readings and Meditations, prepared to fastatement of Mr. Campbell in his "Christianity Restored," pp. 196, 197: necessarily becomes the line of disprocessarily becomes the fine of the states of the first property money, will do liberal things. Such those who have already subscribed, ciled, adopted and saved; on the other in an outerprise is before them in the and those who may yet do so, will be they are in a state of condemnation. We

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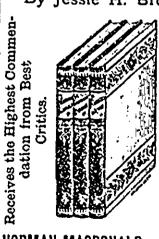
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