

Baptist Denomination, is such as will enable them to guard their interests in future, is rendered so clearly apparent by the following correspondence, as to make explanatory observations perfectly unnecessary:—

TORONTO, Jan. 22nd, 1855.

MACLEAR & Co.—

Gentlemen,—In relation to the remarkable omission of the names of the Rev. Mr. Landon, of Woodstock, Rev. Mr. Gilmour, of Peterboro', Rev. Mr. Marsh, of Quebec, Rev. Dr. Davies, Professor in Magill College, Montreal, and of twelve others, so observable in the list of Baptist ministers of Canada, which you give in the *Canadian Almanac*, as compared with the same list as given by Scobie the previous year; it is now desirable to know, if, on pains being taken to furnish you an accurate list of the omitted names, together with the names of such other accredited ministers as desire to be enrolled with them under the leading head of "The Baptist Denomination," without the prefix of "*Regular*," whether you will publish that list in the denominational order in which it has always heretofore appeared.

Your answer will be duly communicated to those interested, by the subscriber.

Yours, respectfully,

ROBERT DICK.

16, KING STREET EAST, TORONTO.

23rd January, 1855.

Rev. R. Dick, Toronto:—

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of yesterday, we beg to state that we shall be most happy to publish your list of the "Baptist Denomination" in the *Canadian Almanac* for 1856. We regret exceedingly that exception may be taken to that published this year, and may add, that it would not have so happened had we known that there were two parties among the Baptists.

We remain,

Yours respectfully,

MACLEAR & Co.

In acknowledgement of the preceding note, a list of the names of twenty ministers, was on the 11th of February, lodged with the firm of Maclear & Co., for publication in the *Canadian Almanac* for 1856. All ministers in the Province, who prefer to be classed as constituent members of the Baptist Denomination, in distinction from the body known as "*Regular Baptists*," are invited to communicate that preference, by letter, addressed ROBERT DICK, Toronto, with as little delay as possible, in order that the list of the ministers of the Baptist Denomination, may be satisfactorily completed, and rendered reliable as a source of information.

ANSWERS to the foregoing Circular have been returned with much promptness; and did space and circumstances permit, those, not obviously confidential, would be here inserted, one, however, must be given, that those interested may know the nature of the communications, and the spirit in which they are written. The one selected is chosen because sent by an esteemed servant of God, who has probably been more severely tried and wounded, by the exclusiveness of Baptist communionists, than any other minister now in the Province. He writes.—

MY DEAR BROTHER,—

I have received and perused your Circular with much interest. Your statement of facts I believe to be entirely correct. All hope of the union and co-operation of the whole Baptist family in Canada, must

be regarded as Utopian. That part, therefore, not embraced by the self-styled "Regular Baptists," must submit either to such ignominious annihilation as their self-complacent brethren would subject them to, or else maintain such organizations, and perfect such plans, as shall appear to them best adapted to promote the honour of our loved and exalted Lord in the salvation of a ruined world. To the former of these alternatives we have already submitted too long: let us now, in the name of our God, try the other. The plan you propose has my entire approbation. I pray fervently that the whole proceedings may be so conducted as to secure the approbation of God. I hardly need say, that nothing but impossibility will prevent me from being present.

I hope and pray that all who are or shall be concerned in this movement, will be richly imbued with that spirit of humility, of meekness, and of Christian love, which shall be in keeping with the lowly, and loving, and unostentatious spirit of our great Master. We have been reviled, but we must not revile; we have been wounded, but we must not wound; we have been persecuted, but we must entreat; we have been envied, but we must love. Our object must be not to wound, but to heal; not to kill, but to cure; to evince a spirit as much opposed to that which we have encountered, as the latter is to the mind of Christ. I feel that we shall all need to be much on our guard here, lest in our efforts to vindicate ourselves we be actuated by a spirit of retaliation, instead of by the meekness and gentleness of Christ. May the Lord direct us all that we may promote the advancement of his glory, and the extension of his cause, in all we do, and say, and write!

Your affectionate brother,

In the kingdom and patience of Jesus,

March 12th, 1855.

What space remains will be devoted to a sentence from each, of a few, of the other answers received.

"March 19th.—Dear Brother:—I received your Consultation Circular, and fully concur in the plan of action. If I can be present at the proposed Meeting in Toronto, I shall."

"March 16th.—My Dear Brother:—In reply to your Circular, I have to say that I most cordially enter into it, and that I shall, if possible, meet with the friend in Toronto at the time appointed."

"March 13th.—Dear Sir:—I wish, by all means, to be known simply as a *Baptist*, and without any other handle to my name to distinguish me from other sincere followers of Christ. Should you have a Meeting in June, I would like to attend it. I cannot promise."

"March 16th.—Dear Brother:—To your Circular I respond with all my heart! Count me."

"March 16th.—My Dear Sir:—In relation to the movement in Western Canada, I do most heartily sympathise with it. If I can do anything to aid, I shall not be wanting to the extent of my ability."

All the communications addressed to the PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE, and obviously intended to be laid before the June Convocation, will be duly presented as soon as the Meeting is organized. Meantime, let every one intending to be present, notify the Committee at once of that intention, by letter, that due preparations may be made.