

*Beware of Babels.*

Want of interest in *Christian* education, as the necessary accompaniment of secular instruction, is very remarkable among all except Roman catholics in America. Unless a determined and successful effort be soon inaugurated to remedy this evil, history will look back upon the latter part of the nineteenth century in Canada and the United States as the evil time when protestants of all denominations could combine together upon nothing but the unrighteous effort to eliminate religious instruction from Free School education, thus playing into the hands of Secularism on the one hand, and Romanism on the other. There are infidel and ungodly protestants as well as christian protestants, and for this reason they cannot work together as a united body without grievous loss to the faith. The world will not believe that the Father hath sent the Son, (i. e., in the Incarnation and the atonement,) unless christians unite as one Body, shunning Infidelity on the one hand and Superstition on the other, for both of these undermine true faith. Rate-payers of all denominations and none are taxed for free schools, and the unbelieving and careless amongst protestants, combining with mere anti-Romanists, gradually expel the religious part of public education. This they do with the absurd idea of effecting such a union amongst pro-

testants as shall successfully combat the unity of Roman catholics in secular as well as religious matters; but "Except the Lord build the house their below is but lost that built it." The Lord will not bless any union amongst men which shall not have Jesus Christ and the doctrine of the Incarnation and Atonement as its corner-stone. "What union hath Christ with Belial?" "Can two walk together except they be agreed.

A band of union amongst protestants of all sorts, on a principle mainly secular, is but a rope of sand, and will but end in vastly increased disunion, as at the tower of Babel. God scattered the Babel-builders abroad over the face of the earth, dividing them by the confusion of tongues, for their unity tended only to the service of the devil, and the loss of the soul. Better was wide separation and the loss of mutual influence, than unity of influence tending towards infidelity.

Now, in these latter days, when God is wonderfully moving the hearts of those who love Him, amongst all denominations of christians, to pray and work for unity, it will be well to beware of Satan's old Babel device to bring about a unity amongst mankind for evil. Such would be a combination amongst those who adjure the errors of Romanism to reject with them that portion of God's truth which Rome still retains, and thereby to cast away a portion of God's defences against infidelity. Such