

sents the practice of the Baptist denomination, we must leave for G. M. to settle. Our brother of the *Canadian Baptist*, to whom we appealed on the subject, is silent, unwilling, seemingly, either to endorse or to condemn his position. May we yet hope for a reply? Would immersion in the name of the Trinity, by an unimmersed Methodist, or Independent minister, be accepted as valid baptism by the denomination generally?

Perhaps our discussion of this question has now gone on about as long as is likely to be serviceable to the cause of truth, and unless, therefore, our correspondent has any fresh light to throw upon it in his next communication, we shall feel it to be our duty to bring it to a conclusion in our June number.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHURCH WORK.

DEAR BRO.,—As the Secretaries of half a dozen State Conferences and Associations, have during the year courteously sent me their Reports, I have been looking through them a little, to see if I could glean some suggestions or facts that might be appropriate and useful to us.

Evangelizing.—A good deal of attention appears to have been paid, in Vermont, to this branch of christian effort. In two counties, two missionaries were engaged for the year, to labour. The plan of one was “to go into a town, (township), hold meetings every day, and bend all his energies to awaken a religious interest in the community, and bring men to Christ.” Then go away to some other place and leave them. The committee rather preferred an Evangelist to follow up his work, and revisit them often. A settled pastor devoted some time to the regions beyond him. His plan was “to start from home early in the afternoon, call upon every family I can in the neighbourhood, converse with each member, as far as practicable, on the subject of religion, and hold a meeting in the evening.” It would do every pastor good thus to go out beyond his own pastoral bounds. I suggested to our Missionary Society, some years ago, that every aided pastor should be required to devote a certain number of weeks every year to evangelistic work. I understood from a member of the general committee that it was adopted; but, except in my own case, I don't think it was. Our pastors find two difficulties, (1) inaptitude and want of energy; and (2) opposition from their deacons and members. The action of the Missionary Committee would overcome the first difficulty; the second would disappear in the process of the first missionary journey. In this connection, it is noted in the *Maine Report*: “The following plan has been suggested, and somewhat discussed the past year; that young men just entering the ministry be induced to devote one year at least to missionary service, before seeking a permanent settlement.” I would hold up both hands for that. And if this missionary service were done under the supervision of some of our missionary bishops with too wide fields, so much the better.

Christian Work.—In Massachusetts, “some of the churches are in the habit of having a regular annual report of their work,—just as if they considered themselves working societies.” One of these reports is given as a model. Under six heads—Statistics, S. S. work, Contributions,