

A Regular Baptist Tract Society was formed during the late annual meeting of the "Missionary Convention West" of that body, at Ingersoll. There is to be a depository for each local association. Rev. John Bates, of Woodstock, is the Chairman of the Committee of Publication. The Executive Committee are Revs. Dr. Caldicott, G. A. Macnutt and H. Lloyd, with A. T. McCord Esq., Treasurer.

The *Baptist* thus defines the scope of this denominational movement;—

"It is very far from the design of the originators of this movement to restrict the supply of tracts, to such as are exclusively denominational. The impenitent sinner has to be directed to Christ, *the Door of Salvation*, therefore, awakening and practical tracts must alike be found in their budgets; but we would not have them bound by those "Union" fetters, whereby Baptists are constrained to shun "to declare the whole counsel of God" concerning the constitution and order of a New Testament church. Better to have union tracts exclusively, and union Sabbath Schools, than not to have any, but the delicacy or charity which would shrink from circulating the truth regarding baptism and the Lord's supper is not to be admired. We are Baptists because we believe that our views are sanctioned by the divine example of Jesus, confirmed by his express command, and illustrated by the practice of the primitive church, and we should be prepared to give good reasons for our belief whenever it is called in question. It would be very unwise in the distributor to go forth as a controversialist, but it would be consistent and highly desirable that when they find those who wish to know what Baptists believe, and why they believe it, they should be able to place a good treatise in the enquirer's hand. Our desire is not to proselytize but to have "the ancient landmarks" restored. We want to see the scandalous union of church and state dissolved. We long for the spread of correct views regarding a converted church membership. We are anxious for the day when all the professed followers of Jesus shall be loyal to the "One Lord," be actuated by the "one faith," and wear the badge of the "one baptism." Call this bigotry, sectarianism, what would you will.—We see no reason why we should feel ashamed to avow it, or should cease from urging upon the Baptist churches of Canada the duty of making simultaneous, systematic, persevering, prayerful efforts for its accomplishment."

Consecration of a R. C. Bishop.—The first consecration of a bishop that has taken place in Toronto, was held on Sunday, 10th ult., in St. Michael's Cathedral, when Vicar General Walsh was elevated to the prelatical rank. The services began at 9 a. m. and continued till 2 30 p. m., five hours and a half! The Archbishop of Quebec and eight other bishops were present. All possible pomp was given to the ceremonies, at the close of which a number of Catholic and Protestant citizens were entertained at dinner by Bishop Lynch at the Palace. A conference of the assembled prelates was afterwards held, for what purposes, and with what results, we must of course wait to hear.

The Wesleyan Missionary Society held its annual meeting in Whitby, on the 10th ult. and following days. This Society has charge of all the missionary work of the Connexion—English, Indian, French and German. The revenue for the past year was a little over \$70,000, and the expenditure about the same. The Society has an old debt of \$20,000.

The Church of Scotland, in Canada, has lost heavily by the failure of the Commercial Bank, \$144,000 of its Temporalities Fund having been invested in the stock of that institution. At a meeting of the Commission of the Synod, it was stated by Dr. Cook of Quebec that they had been receiving £1,900 annually from the bank, and proposed that the ministers not affected thereby and the laymen should divide the loss between them, each giving one half of the deficiency. It was finally concluded to appeal to the Church at large for special subscriptions to meet the next two half-yearly payments.