

facts are, according to the Year Books, which are the official sources of information, that of Regular Baptists there are three million, seventy-four thousand, five hundred and twenty-five members. Of Disciples there are only six hundred and twenty-seven thousand according to their own Year Book. But we will let this pass seeing Mr. Gaff only said there were 574,525 Baptists less than was correct and made an error in favor of Disciples of three hundred and seventy-three thousand. However, it seems to me it would be in the interests of union to give facts as they are.

Yours respectfully,
W. J. WADDELL,
Baptist Minister.
Hillsburg, Ont.

A Word of Comment.

So far as the above bears on my article, it almost might go unnoticed. The writer draws deductions not involved in it at all. I object to having my words "put into other words," as they are quite plain. If he will look again he will see that I was inviting "all Christians," not Baptists alone, to meet us on the word of God alone, and, ceasing to be denominational, be one in Christ. How this can be "put into other words" to mean that Disciples want Baptists to invite all immersed believers to the Table is a mystery to those who read English as it is written. Disciples plead for union on God's word, and that reached there will be one Lord and one Table. But either union or one Table is impossible, because Baptists do not regard Disciples as scripturally baptized believers and regenerated. Query: If Disciples are not Scripturally baptized, and not sufficiently regenerated to admit of union on what ground do Baptists admit them into their fellowship as we know they gladly do? Is it consistent to admit Disciples individually into fellowship and raise the bar of non-regeneration in the union question? As to Baptism, Disciples are content to accept what God says about it, and do not feel called upon to defend or explain what men may say of it. It is probable, however, that Mr. W. misunderstands Mr. Campbell, especially if he is given to seeing things in "other words." There is no excuse for misunderstanding any reputable writer among us if his writings are taken in their own interpretation. No Disciple believes baptism is scriptural apart from faith in Christ and a changed heart. I do not here discuss baptism, but I may say Disciples do not baptize in order to regeneration, but baptize into Christ those who are "born of the Spirit."

But I am accused of making a "glaring misrepresentation" in that I lowered Baptist number, and raised Disciple numbers. Query: How could I wish to misrepresent when I was writing in the interests of the union of both. What I said of Disciples I say on reliable evidence. What I said of Baptists I said believing it to be a safe statement, not having their last Year Book when I wrote. But I was not comparing the two people, but emphasizing the moral power two large bodies would have if united, while Mr. Waddell hunts his Year Books and throws the two people into the scale of these, weighs down to within one and cries out "Misrepresentation." Mr. W. quotes Disciple numbers from a book compiled fully two years ago, and which he ought to know, and has reason, to know, was compiled from very uncertain and unverified data, and yet he unjustifiably holds these up as our numbers, while at the same time he quotes Baptist numbers from their last verified statistics. The larger the two people are the stronger the argument for moral power. I am glad to know the Baptists are much larger in number than I put them, hoping Mr. W. will be glad to know Disciples are having a marvellous growth, especially in the States.

In conclusion I will say if such methods of discussing the union question as the above letter shows are to obtain, the day of union is far away. As to "misrepresentation," it were better to follow that "charity that thinketh no evil," than to impute motives of misrepresentation when there is no reason for any to exist.

J. R. GAFF.

NOTES.

We regret to be unable to find space this month for an interesting communication from Bro. A. H. Finch; also item of Church News from Bro. Brenenstahl, and an account of the discussion held in Marsville, between Bro. S. Woolner and Mr. Mortimer, a Latter Day Saint. We hope to have the April number out sharp on time.

So much has been already done to repair the loss caused by the disastrous fire at University College, Toronto, that it is almost out of order to express sympathy with the University authorities. The calamity has served to give emphasis to the fact that the University holds a high place in the estimation of the people of Ontario.

Children's Work.

MRS. JAMES LEDIARD, *Sup't.*, POPLAR HILL.

To whom communications for this department should be addressed.

DEAR CHILDREN,--I hope you will all read this letter carefully, and think about it too, because I am going to ask you a question—a very important one. You will all remember that it was decided at the last Annual meeting, that the money raised by the Children's Mission Bands this year should be held in reserve until the next Annual Meeting, when you will all have a voice in deciding what shall be done with it. The question is this: What shall we do with the money which we are raising this year? I will suggest some ways for using it which I had thought of, or had suggested to me. In the first place, I think that at the end of May we should have raised over one hundred dollars. If we do raise that amount, we could (1) undertake to provide for four children in one of our Foreign Mission fields, for I believe that the cost of providing for such children can be covered by the sum of twenty-five dollars each. Would it not be pleasant to think that for next year four children (if we get money enough,) can be clothed, fed and educated, and be able to learn the sweet story of a Saviour's love, through the work you are doing this year. (2) I have heard that the salary needed to pay Native Teachers in the Mission field is only fifty dollars a year, so we might pay for two. The advantage of employing Native Teachers is, that they know the language and customs of their country, and as soon as they can learn something of the True God, and His Son Jesus Christ, they can go on and teach it to their neighbours and friends. Or (3) we could give our money towards building a Mission house, which is such an important thing to have, before the poor little children, who have been left orphans, or have been deserted by their heathen parents, can be gathered in and cared for. Or (4) we could help to pay the salary of one of our Missionaries, who have left home and country and friends, and are spending their time and strength in trying to lead others to a knowledge of the Saviour.

Now, dear children, will you at your next meeting give this question your careful consideration, and let me know what you decide you would like in this matter. Hope you are each of you doing your best to make your meetings pleasant and profitable, and that I shall hear from you all soon.

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD,—I send you in the first quarterly report of The Warton Band of Cheerful Givers. We have thirty-four members now, and our average attendance is twenty-two. Our collections have amounted to \$3.07, which our President thought we had better not send till the next quarter.

We have had a re-election of Officers, and Ormie Brown is to be Secretary for the next quarter, and Mrs. James Crawford is our new President.

Yours truly,
ELLA M. TROUT,
Sec.

Warton, Jan. 1st, 1890.

DEAR MRS. LEDIARD,—This Band was first organized on September 1st, 1888. From that time till June 1st, 1889, the money raised was sent to Collingwood to assist in paying off the debt on the Church there. It was re-organized Nov. 9th, 1889, under the name of Cheerful Givers, and became an Auxiliary of the Provincial Band of Ontario by adopting the printed Constitution.

Our Band made a Quilt, which we sold at five cents per block. We are making another called a Monument Quilt, which we will sell at the same price. Our Band consists of twenty-five members, including the officers. We have no initiation fee, but our monthly payments are two cents each. We meet the first and third Saturdays of the month at 3 p.m. Our entertainment held on the 3rd of January, was a great success. Our programme consisted of Concert exercise, "Open Doors," with addresses from the Chairman and Mr. D. Munro. We had a liberal collection, amounting to \$10.56. Owing to the bad state of the roads there were but few out, in comparison to what might have been, had the weather been better.

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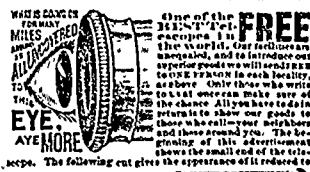
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W. C. W. B. H.

I want to say just a word of reminder to the Sisters who were appointed as a committee to confer with our Board concerning two important matters that are to be brought before our Annual Meeting, viz:—Union of work with the C. W. B. M. of the United States, and a Constitution for our Ontario C. W. B. M.

As our Annual Meeting is drawing near, I hope those Sisters are giving these matters their serious consideration. It will be necessary for the Committee and the members of the Board to meet the day before our business session commences, in order to complete all arrangements, and that there be no delay when we come together. It is also purposed to hold our business session one day before the brethren of the Co-operation begin theirs. We will then be free to attend their sessions, and learn from their wisdom and experience. And to all our sisters we would say, let your thoughts reach out to our future for another year, and come to the meeting with your earnest, prayerful considerations for future work, matured. Let our aim be to bring to the Lord an offering of the very best He has given us, whether of our mind, our energies, our time, our ability, or whatever God has given us, let us gladly carry the best of each to Him. But this cannot be done without a constant, earnest realization of our responsibilities. Much has been given us; let us give much, being constrained by the love of Christ.

S. M. B.

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Seneca.

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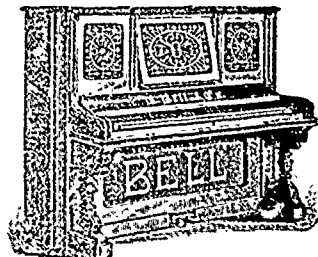
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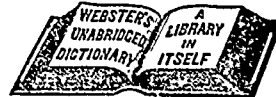


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