

How the Churches Might Unite.

The CANADIAN EVANGELIST, which describes itself as a paper devoted to furtherance of the gospel of Christ and of the union of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ in accordance with His own prayer recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John, says the remarks of the Witness, with regard to the over-churching of the villages of the North-West, illustrates the sin of denominationalism, and adds: "We should like to ask the Witness to set forth a basis on which all the Protestant bodies in that region might unite. How would immersionists and affusionists manage?" In reply, we may say that we are assured that what the EVANGELIST calls immersionists and affusionists have in Switzerland long dwelt together in unity in the same churches, and we have known the same phenomenon elsewhere. The Witness long ago recommended what would be an enormous step towards church union, namely, the union of the two great Presbyterian churches—one now called Methodist and the other Presbyterian—in one body with a new name. Neither body would, by such a union, lose any good thing, and each would gain much from contact with the other. As a first step toward such a union, a league between them for mutual aid in such regions as above referred to would be a heavenly thing. There has been some talk about the union of the Congregationalists and Presbyterians. Congregational churches could only act individually. The wiping out of a small body like the Congregationalists would perhaps have the very opposite effect to that desired. If a united church is to be real, and not a forced thing, it must involve the spontaneous agreement of the whole membership. It is necessary to freedom within the larger body that there should be cities of refuge for any who think themselves aggrieved or oppressed, and there would be Congregational churches whether the present Congregational churches continued their separate existence or not. But the development of individual and congregational freedom that would be a necessary part of the union of the two great churches would practically leave Congregationalism very little more to ask for. What may be done by individuals and by churches is to cultivate the spirit of good-will and unity in themselves. Dwell in thought upon those qualities and characteristics of others which you esteem, and ignore unessential matters of form or government which you do not like. As the spirit of love for the brethren grows it will be remarkable even to oneself how many matters of difference will come to seem unessential. When this spirit, now being cultivated in individuals and by churches, as exemplified by the Christian Endeavor unions, such united work as that of Mr. Rainsford at Toronto, of Mr. Mills in Montreal, and of Mr. Moody everywhere, does its work, that work will probably be found to include unity in Christian work, and will find a body for itself.—Montreal Witness

Disciples Y. P. S. C. E., International Bridge.

We are glad to say that our membership is thirty-nine—forty-one, eighteen active and seven associate members. Two of their members have recently been advanced to the position of active members. We are glad as they come these two young men and have taken another step higher and have the best of associates as active members. February was our attendance fifty-five visitors, sixty-nine members.

itors—the honorary members included as visitors. Their special attendance will hereafter be checked. Nine active and one associate member attended all the meetings. Four active members have attended every meeting since the organization of the society and four have missed only one meeting. The missionary committee took charge of the meeting last Lord's day, and a very interesting, profitable and entertaining meeting was held. We took up Japan, and the secretary read a lengthy paper on the religions, manners and customs of these strange people. This was followed by a very excellent paper by the president of the society on the Introduction of Christianity, and Miss Bella Hall surprised your correspondent with her splendid presentation of the "Needs of the Work." Of course we had the singing of missionary hymns to keep up the spirit of the meeting, Miss Jackson singing a pretty solo. Mr. F. W. James, a visitor to the society from the E. L. of C. E., read a beautiful selection on the death of a needy one in Africa. Miss Maggie Hall described to us the earnest worship of the Japanese converts, and others helped in the service. I must not fail to notice the short but earnest paper on "Missionary Work in General," prepared and read by Miss Lucy Harris, the only colored active member in our society. This lady is offering herself as a missionary to Africa. The attendance was the largest we have ever had at any of our meetings, all of whom seemed to be very much interested in the service. We trust that a deeper sense of the great need of the work in Japan has been fastened upon the minds of those present. A map of Japan, giving population, number of islands, area, and the name of some of the principal mission points of the Disciples, was hung up in the room.

At the recent March offering for the missionary work. When we paid Mr. F. W. James our rent for the first four business meetings, he very kindly gave it back to us, to be devoted to our Foreign Mission Fund. Our very hearty thanks are due him for his kindness.

And now with the earnest mission band in Japan by "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love." Yours sincerely, A. H. COWHERD, Cor. Sec., Amagari.

Literary Notes.

TO PUBLISHERS.—All books, tracts, pamphlets,azines, etc., intended for notice or review in this department must be addressed to the Editor of THE CANADIAN EVANGELIST, 85 Wellington Street North, Hamilton, Ont.

STRIKE AT SHANE'S, George T. Art, Publisher, 19 Milk street, Boston; paper covers, 10 cents a copy. It is quite a delightful story, showing all the dumb animals on a farm went on strike and brought their cruel master to time.

THE HIGHER CRITICISM, by H. L. Hastings, editor of The Christian, about thirty pages, paper cover, 5 cents a copy, published at 47 Cornhill, Boston. This treatise is written from the conservative standpoint, and is a slashing attack upon the higher critics. Mr. Hastings carries the war into Africa with the confidence of a man who understands the ground and knows the weakness of the force he is pursuing. A reading of this little book will help to calm the minds of those disturbed by the higher criticism.

HINTS ON CHILD-TRAINING, by H. Clay Trumbull, editor of the Sunday School Times; John D. Wattles & Co., publishers, Philadelphia; 311 pages,

price \$1.00. This is a book which should be in every home that has a child in it, or expects to have one. Every father and mother should read it very carefully and then practice its precepts very diligently. Mr. Trumbull says: "Child-training probably begins at a child's birth." Mark that down, ye youthful parents, and do not forget it. But if you wish to know how to train your child from his birth, our advice to you is to invest \$1 in "Hints on Child-Training" before the child is born. It will save you, if you will heed it, from making a thousand mistakes and from doing your child unthought of and incalculable harm. It occurs to us to add that it would not hurt confirmed bachelors and spinsters to peruse this splendid book. They would find it very interesting, and it might cause them to lay aside the conviction they are reputed to entertain, that if they had children they would be paragons of perfection. They would discover that the training of children is a fine art which demands patience and love, and wisdom and the grace of God.

LITTELL & Co., Boston, for \$8.00 a year, offers a weekly magazine, LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, aggregating over 3,300 pages annually, forming four large octavo vols., filled with the choicest selections from the foreign periodical press, which could not be otherwise obtained except by an outlay of several times that sum. To the reader of cultivated taste it is little short of an absolute necessity.

We note particularly in the issue of March 10th, No. 2392, an article of great interest by Charles Edwards, entitled "Roman Society a Century Ago." A picture of the life of that date, it presents a striking contrast to that of the present time, showing the great changes that have occurred in the manners, the laws, and the customs of the people.

The same issue contains another valuable paper, "The Queen and Her Second Prime Minister," by Reginald B. Brett. "The Queen and Her First Prime Minister" appeared in the first issue of the current year, No. 2583. If this series should be continued it will form splendid material for the future historian of the Victorian era.

The Christy Knives.

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The days are ever diting. They come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party, but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring they carry them as silently away.—RALPH WALDO EMERSON

What the Engineer's Whistle Says.

An American railroad manager jotted down in dashes the engineer's whistle signals with their meaning: "One long blast (thus: —) is sounded when approaching stations, junctions or crossings; two long and two short blasts (— — — —) when crossing a waggon road; one short blast (—) is the call for brakes; two long blasts (— —) orders brakes off; two short blasts (— —) mean "all right, I understand;" three short blasts (— — —) means "I want to back the train when you are ready;" four short blasts (— — — —) is the call to switchman to go ahead; five short blasts (— — — — —) orders the brakeman to run back and display a danger signal for next train."

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3. Any one sending THREE new subscriptions to the EVANGELIST, and \$3.00, will receive a set of the Christy Knives free, all charges paid.

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