

probably John the Baptist stood in the river whilst the people were ranged along its banks and then, taking a branch of a tree or some instrument for the purpose, dipped (baptized) it in the Jordan and raised it up quickly and swung it towards the people, by that means throwing the water upon them indiscriminately. The "argument" of our contemporary is much of the same character. When examined with the New Testament in our hands how puerile! An argument against the historical accuracy of the gospel narrative would be far more reasonable. It appears that John did not baptize indiscriminately, but instituted some personal examination of the candidates previous to the administration. In the case of the publicans and the soldiers we have his sharp reproof and the instruction given them. Their baptism (immersion) would occupy but a comparatively small portion of time, compared with that occupied by his preparatory enquiries. It would not be difficult for a man to baptize in a river like the Jordan one hundred and fifty in an hour. If, therefore, the whole of the apostles were engaged in the work on the conversion of the 3,000 at Jerusalem, where there were abundance of large reservoirs used for bathing purposes, it might have been done in about two hours.

The following taken from a late issue of *Le Moniteur* is at least independent testimony of what baptism consisted in the first century:

"The ordinance of baptism in the first century was administered to converts only; and it was performed by plunging in water the whole body of the candidate whilst the administrator invoked upon him the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. It was also customary for the converts to be baptized and received into the church by those through the ministry of whom they had embraced the christian doctrine."

We find no authority in "the book" for any alteration to be made in the subsequent centuries. We are not alone in this view. The same opinion is we believe spreading amongst Methodists as well as Presbyterian ministers, and not a few of their people. The *Journal and Messenger* of Cincinnati recently gave the following instance of this:

"Rev. Edward Dunbar, a minister of the Free Methodist Church, and author of 'A Light in the Window,' 'I love to think of Heaven,' 'Out on the Ocean sailing,' and many other beautiful hymns, was recently received into the fellowship of the Baptist family. He is the very boy, says Rev. S. Tucker, for whom the light was set in the window. He has labored almost entirely as an evangelist, and still believes this to be his calling. Having for years preached Baptist doctrine, and administered baptism according to apostolic practice, he has for some time held that his home was with the Baptist Church. His experience, as related before the church, was most interesting, and upon it he was unanimously received as a member, and at once a license to preach the gospel was given him by the church."

Other Methodist ministers "preach Baptist doctrine, and administer Baptism according to apostolic practice," notwithstanding the ecclesiastical pressure brought to bear upon them of late years. We had an instance of this two or three weeks since in the Rev. Mr. Clark, a Methodist minister of New York, baptizing six persons at the Cannon Street Baptist Church of that city. Truth is mighty and must prevail.

**EPISCOPALIAN.**—The last number of the *Church Monitor* contains several letters which have passed between the Rev. G. W. Hill and Bishop Binney, respecting the late differences which have existed between them.

A notice in the *Church Chronicle* stated that the Bishop would hold Confirmations in Halifax, before Easter. After Mr. Hill, had given notice in St. Paul's, he wrote the Bishop for directions &c. The Bishop in reply said that the recent public condemnation of his preaching and practice by Mr. H. had made him feel that he could not with propriety officiate in St. Paul's Church, but would confirm any young persons provided a list of their names and ages were forwarded to him.

Mr. Hill, in reply, states that his condemnation was of remarks which appeared in the *Church Chronicle*, and not of his preaching and practice, after the explanation given; or of the Church formularies. On this the Bishop changes his decision, and agrees to officiate in St. Paul's, on the occasion of the Confirmation, and apologises for anything that appeared unfair, but tells him, Mr. H., that the difficulty of receiving his explanation, was very much increased by the issue of the *Church Monitor*, which he regards as "a libel on the Diocese."

Mr. Hill in his reply makes no allusion to the *Monitor*, but accepts the Bishop's letter and decision with thanks, and adopts the language of the Bishop, "I shall be truly thankful if such relations can be established between myself and the parish of St. Paul's, and as ought always to exist between the Bishop and every congregation in his Diocese."

**Letters Received.**  
 W. T. Waterman, \$2. Rev. W. H. Porter, 1 sub. Thanks for the information. W. E. Thomas, Rev. Jas. Parker, Rev. T. H. Porter, Jun., 1 sub. J. B. McNutt, Esq., \$5. Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, \$3.50. Desbrisay, Esq., \$2.50. Rev. M. P. Freeman, \$3.50. (\$5 all-right before.) Rev. Chas. Randall, \$3. M. Kinsman, \$2.50.—(\$4 Jan. 3, all right.) Rev. W. L. Parker, C. Plakney, Rev. H. Achilles, \$4 all right. G. W. Freeman, 1 sub, \$20. E. O'Brien, Esq., \$2. (Westmoreland.) T. H. Patton, \$5.50. C. H. Harrington, Esq., \$17. W. F. Cutten, Esq. Rev. Dr. Tupper, \$22.50. W. H. Chipman, \$17.

**General Intelligence.**

**Domestic.**  
**CUNARD STEAMERS** will sail from England for Halifax every week for the next month.

After going to press last week the *Africa* arrived with the Delegates from London, except Hon. Attorney General, and Hon. Joseph Howe, who remain in England.

**FLOUR**—Nearly 7,000 barrels were entered at Halifax, on Friday and Saturday last.

**FIRES IN HALIFAX.**—There were 41 fires in the city last year, and 9 false alarms. The losses amounted to \$25,515, about one half of which was secured by insurance.

**IMPERIAL EXPENDITURE IN HALIFAX.**—We observe by a late English paper that the sum of \$21,000 sterling, for the erection of a new Military Hospital in this city, is included in the Army estimates.

**THE NEW PROVINCIAL BUILDING** is drawing towards completion. The figure of Britannia on the summit of the south front is now uncovered, which, with gilt trident gives it a very handsome appearance. It is a great pity there is not more room to shew the fair proportions of the building.

Two soldiers smashed Mr. W. Monaghan's windows on Thursday evening. They were brought before the Police Court, on Friday, and sentenced to pay the cost of the glass, \$7, and to be handed over to the military authorities.

The Picton Gas Company have declared a dividend of six per cent. from the profits of the last three weeks. A large sum has also been spent in improvements.

The *Sun* says:—"It is rumored that Lord Carnarvon is likely to be appointed the first Governor-General of the new Dominion."

**ACCIDENTS.**—A man named Boutilier was seriously injured by the explosion of a blast at George's Island on Saturday last. A lump of frozen earth struck him, breaking some of his ribs, and felling him to the ground, where his head came in contact with a stone, splitting open his forehead. This is the second accident from a similar cause that has occurred in this locality within a week.—*Chron.*

**OUR HARBOR DEFENCES.**—We learn that a telegram was received from the Imperial Government on Monday, informing the military authorities not to proceed with the works at Fort Charlotte until the plans had been somewhat altered by the authorities at home.

**ARICHAU AND ST. PETERS, C. B.**—A telegram from Andrew Bellouin, to the *Colonist* says a meeting was held at St. Peters, on Tuesday 12th, at which Union resolutions were unanimously carried; and a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at West Arichau, on Friday last, where Union resolutions passed unanimously.

On Monday evening between 8 and 9 o'clock a fire broke out in the officers mess, in the Citadel, and burned fiercely for a considerable time completely destroying the interior of that part of the fort.

On Friday night a building at Waverley containing a gold crusher, was broken into, and a quantity of gold and quicksilver, probably upwards of one thousand dollars worth stolen.—Two Germans are in custody on suspicion of being the guilty parties.—*Chron.*

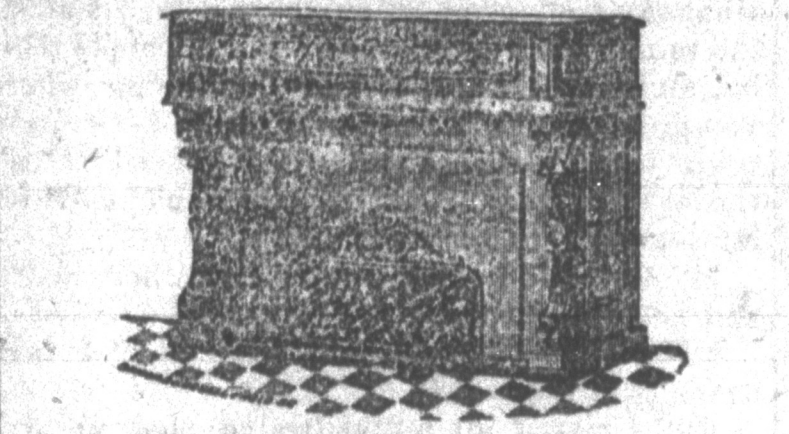
**PORT MEDWAY.**—Several liquor-dealers were arrested in Port Medway, last week, and tried for violation of the Liquor Law. They were judged guilty and each fined according to law; from which decision, we understand, they appealed to a higher court. A few evenings afterward the Clerk of the License was attacked while walking along one of the streets, in that place, by a person named Cove, who had concealed himself in an alley-way for that purpose. He was struck a violent blow on the back of the head with a hammer, but before Cove could follow up his wicked intentions, he was fortunately disarmed by the Clerk of License, and so badly injured that he was obliged to be carried to his home. An example ought to be made of such characters, and all taught how serious a matter it is to oppose an officer in the arduous and faithful discharge of his duties.—*Liverpool Transcript.*

The return of traffic receipts on our railways for the month of February, amounted to \$1061 6.87—showing an increase of \$2045.85 over the same month in 1866.

**Notice.**

**WANTED,** a first class Male Teacher, to teach a school in SECTION No. 11 ST. MARY'S BAY, DIGBY COUNTY, to commence the first of May next. For particulars, apply to

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**In the House of Assembly,** 10TH MAY, 1864.

**RESOLVED,** that no bill of a private nature, except those introduced for the purpose of promoting religious and benevolent objects, shall hereafter be introduced into this House, until the sum of Twenty Dollars is paid by the party interested in such Bill into the Receiver General's Office, and a certificate to that effect appended to such Bill; and that the Clerk do cause this Resolution to be published in at least four of the public newspapers, for one month previous to the opening of each Session. A true extract, HENRY C. D. TWINING, Clerk of the House of Assembly. Feb. 20.

**In the House of Assembly,** 10TH MAY, 1864.

**RESOLVED,** that no bill of a private and local nature, or petition therefor, be received by the House after the fourteenth day from the opening of each Session of the House of Assembly; and that the Clerk do, one month previously to the opening of the Legislature, cause this Resolution to be inserted in at least four of the public newspapers. A true extract, HENRY C. D. TWINING, Clerk of the House of Assembly. Feb. 20.

**Financial Secretary's Office,** HALIFAX, 18th Feb., 1867.

**THE** Initiation of Money Votes, having by Resolution of the House of Assembly, been transferred to the Executive Government, Notice is hereby given to all persons intending to apply for Grants of Money from the Legislature, at its next Session, to forward the applications or petitions to the Office of the Financial Secretary, on or before the 25th day of March, 1867. JAS. McDONALD, Financial Secretary. Feb. 20.

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