

Has one been burned at the stake, or imprisoned, or banished the country, for his religious opinions? Nothing of this. And if nothing of this appears, can there be an infringement of the liberty of conscience? Can there be shown a denial of the right of private judgment? Why, then, the charge of bigotry and intolerance sometimes preferred? Because, forsooth, Baptists will not stultify themselves, and deny their own judgment, and surrender their own conscience.

"As there is a real difficulty to some minds involved in the subject, incredible as it may seem to others, we will illustrate. A church is a company of Christians banded together according to Christ's law, for the purposes Himself contemplated. There are certain truths which it holds as essential to its integrity. Now if a brother in the church comes to hold and propagate different views, and the church for that reason separate from him, we ask if his liberty of conscience is thereby in the least infringed? By no means. The brother has the same liberty after the separation as before; entertains what opinions he chooses; by the act of excommunication his conscience is untouched. The church, by the exercise of the same right, the same liberty of conscience, has only declared in the act that it does not fellowship his views and cannot endorse them.

"Again, if in an Association of 'sister churches of the same faith and order,' one of the churches departs from the accepted faith and order and the associated churches separate themselves from it, we ask if the right of private judgment on the part of the members of the deviating church has been in the least curtailed? Has the sanctity of conscience been in any way invaded? By no means. The associated churches have exercised their right of judgment, and the deviating church has done the same.

"When our fathers contended so earnestly for liberty of conscience, it was not to retain connection with those who differed from them in doctrine, but to separate themselves from them. The right of separation, of protest, cannot conflict with the right of conscience. Otherwise was the Apostle wrong when he commanded the Thessalonians 'to withdraw themselves from every brother that walked disorderly.'

"Would it be arrogance to say that, as in olden time, so now, Baptists most consistently apprehended the nature of religious freedom? Strangely enough, they who were once whipped for advocating principles deemed subversive of order and good government, are now for adhering to the same principles denounced as rigid and narrow. This misapprehension may be as prejudicial to the principle under consideration as that of a former period when Obadiah Holmes was whipped for obeying the dictates of his own judgment concerning the revealed will of God.

"When weak and despised, Baptists could not be forced into unholy alliances; and now when numerous and influential they consistently separate themselves from those whom they regard to have deviated from the practice of the church of the New Testament. The earnest protest uttered against John Cotton Mather, who would flog men into confessing with their lips to be right what their inmost soul declared to be wrong, must also be uttered against those who, by gentler methods, would entice men, contrary to the decisions of conscience and the teachings of the Word, into union and communion."

RITUALISTIC IMMERSION.

The Church of England papers of New York, have recently given an account of the baptism of an infant, in the mode deemed by the more advanced Ritualists, the ancient mode of administering that rite. The *Protestant Churchman* entitles it, "Doing the thing handsomely." The administrator, a Protestant Episcopal clergyman, the Rev. Dr. Ewer, is the author of a recent publication, entitled "Protestantism a Failure." It is not remarkable therefore, that he should be dissatisfied with the ordinary mode of infant baptism, and seek to introduce some change, so as to improve upon what he appears to regard as the degenerate practices of that church. The *Churchman* gives the following lively description of the scene:

"If a thing must be done, there is nothing like doing it up neatly. With our rustic education we are not yet up to performing services by pantomime. But Father Ewer knows how, and he does it beautifully when he undertakes it. He believes in baptismal regeneration, and he has unbounded faith in tableaux; and an opportunity having lately occurred, he put the two things together splendidly the other day. He had a child of his own to baptize, and this is the way he did it—in Christ church, New York, mind you.

The chancel having been lighted with tall wax candles, Dr. Ewer, with his wife and family, walked in procession from the vestry up the aisle to the font, preceded by an acolyte carrying a lighted candle. At the font the rector put on a purple stole and began the reading of the regular baptismal service, the congregation rising. Having read about a third of the service, the rector paused, exchanged the colored stole for a white one, and proceeded with the service. Pausing soon afterward, he took the taper from the acolyte, placed it in the font, read still further and then took it out again. The service being now half through, the rector took the infant from its nurse, who had divested it of all clothing, and carrying it to the font, immersed it three times; repeating, as he made the mark of the cross upon the child's forehead, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." When the infant had ceased its cries, Father Thomas Brown, the

sponsor, placed the white stole upon him, as representing the purity of heaven, while the rector held near him the candle as a sign of the light of the Gospel. The procession next marched to the altar, where the services were concluded, the rector carrying the child in his arms. The party then retired in the same order to the vestry-room. The ceremonies lasted about half an hour.

Comment is unnecessary. How thankful should we be that we have the Holy Scriptures, "Our great Church Directory and Statute Book," to instruct us in all matters relating to the Church and its ordinances.

"Indignant Laymen" in the *Church Chronicle* are protesting against clergymen in two Halifax churches omitting passages in their church ritual for the "solemnization of Matrimony." Their indignation waxed warm at the mutilation. One of these reprovers of "the clergy mutilant" as he designates them, by way of shewing that the use of the whole service is not a very severe tax on modesty, says:

"Now, Sir, I am a married man, and I rejoice to think that not one word of that touchingly beautiful service was omitted when she, to whom I plighted my troth, stood beside me at God's altar. And more, I feel very certain that if the officiating clergymen had dared to omit any portion of the service, my orthodox partner would have been slow to forgive him."

And further remarks: "If these same clergy will take no pains to uphold the holy nature of the rite by their manly straight-forward discipline, and care not if they read half the matrimonial service, or at least but three fourths of it, then, whether they be bishops, priests, or deacons, I say the sooner they enter the ranks of some other Church the better, and not continue to accept the position and emoluments of clergy of the Church of England, while they openly violate her laws, and spoil her liturgy."

There is doubtless some propriety in "Layman's" remark. Where a ritual is provided and authorized, it should be adhered to, until revised.

We understand that Professor Fred. C. Hart is writing a work on Brazil, as the result of his researches there in connection with the late Agassiz expedition.

We learn from the *Visitor* that the Baptist Church of St. Andrews has extended a unanimous call to I. E. Bill, Junr., to become their pastor. A Council was called to consider his ordination on Friday last, the 6th inst.

The "Visitor" is authorized by the "Union" and "Express Lines" of Steamboats, to say, that all persons coming on to the Convention, will be allowed to pass to and from for a single fare.

A great revival is in progress among the Quakers in Richmond, Ind. Almost all in the society who were not converted before have now entered into full fellowship, and large numbers of the most prominent citizens and of the most fashionable ladies have joined the society.

NOTICE.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE CONVENTION.

The Subscriber proposes making a LARGE PHOTOGRAPHIC GROUP OF THE MINISTERS and LAYMEN COMPOSING THE BAPTIST CONVENTION, to be held at Halifax on the 21st Inst., and for that purpose it will be necessary to have a photograph of each member, taken separately. To that end, he will be obliged if each will favor him with a sitting, at his earliest convenience. The group will be about 25-35 inches in size, and will include a photographic view of Acadia College. No charge for sittings.

Those wishing card photographs will be supplied, at two thirds the regular price, viz: \$2 per doz: or \$1.25 per half dozen. Copies made of Photographs, Ambrotypes &c, at the same rate.

W. D. O'DONNELL, Photographer, 167 Barrington St. opposite the parade.

Notices, &c.

Received for Foreign Mission.

1869.	From Eastern Association.....	\$351.06*
12.	Thy Kingdom Come.....	4.00
	Interest on Debentures to July 1, 1869.....	60.00
28.	Working Society of Wolfville Sabbath School.....	39.00
	Bequest of the late Caleb Shaffner, 20.00	
	From Central Association.....	280.00
	N. B.—The entry in C. M., Feb. 24th, "Friend in Clements, \$5 00," should have been, <i>A lady in Digby, \$5.00, per Rev G. D. Cox</i>	
	* Of this sum \$50 are from Truro Church, to support native preacher \$40 from a Sister in Truro Church for do. \$12.20 from Margaret Church and \$8.40 from Manou to aid "Thy Kingdom Come" to support native preacher.	
	CHARLES TUPPER, Sec'y.	
	Aylesford, July 31, 1869.	

Acadia College.
A Meeting of the Governors and Scholarship-holders will be held in the Vestry of Granville Street Church, Halifax, on Saturday the 21st inst., at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.
S. W. DeBlois, Secretary.

Aug. 7, 1869.
Candidates for Matriculation are requested to present themselves for examination, in the Library of the College, on Monday the 30th inst., at nine o'clock, A. M. The examination will be continued and completed on the following day.
J. M. CRAMP, President.

Aug. 6, 1869.
ERRATUM.—In the Eastern Association Circular Letter, C. M., July 28th, 1st page, for "Pastors should be organized" read, Pastors should be organized.

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, at Hebron, Yarmouth County, on Saturday, the 25th day of September, at 10 o'clock, A. M.
The Associational Sermon by Rev. A. H. Munro; alternate, Rev. J. C. Morse. The Circular Letter by Rev. I. Wallace.

FREE TICKETS to return on the Railways will be given to Delegates attending any of the Religious Anniversaries.

Mr. Fishwick has consented to bring Delegates to the Convention from the places at which his steamer the *M. A. Starr* calls, and take them back again for one fare and a half.

Baptist Convention.

List of Delegates Continued.

- Baker, A. T., at A. A. Voysey's, John St., Young's Division.
- Baker, Thomas, at A. A. Voysey's, John St., Young's Division.
- Boggs, Rev. W. B., at Miss Vass's 5 Morris St.
- Caldwell, Albert, at J. F. Crowe's, 21 Bauer St.
- Chute, Rev. Obed, at J. F. Crowe's, 21 Bauer St.
- Chipman, Rev. Alfred and wife, at Peter McPhee's, Park St.
- Dimock, Rev. D. W. C., at Mrs. Dakin's, 34 George St.
- Eaton, D. R., at T. H. Rand's, Dartmouth.
- Foshay, Rev. E. F., at Mrs. Dakin's, 34 George St.
- Poster, Rev. P. R., at Wm. Wambolt's, 20 Bayer St.
- Faulkner, Wm., at H. N. Paint's, 11 Poplar Grove.
- Graves, John P., at Wm. Wambolt's, 20 Bayer St.
- George, Rev. W., at T. W. DeWolf's, 142 Lockman St.
- Higgins, Prof. D. F., at B. H. Eaton's, 1 Blower St.
- Kempton, Rev. S. B. and wife, at H. L. Everett's, 28 Albro Street.
- Martin, E., at James Jackson's, 123 1/2 Spring Garden Road.
- Munroe, Rev. A. H., at E. G. W. Greenwood's, Queen St.
- Neily, Jacob, at Isaac Hubley's, 589 Upper Water St.
- Packer, Rev. W. L., at Isaac Hubley's, 589 Upper Water St.
- Parker, Rev. Obed, at J. W. Rubland's, 17 Hollis St.
- Porter, Rev. W. H. Porter and Mrs. Porter, Sonr., at W. L. Evans', Dartmouth.
- Porter, Rev. T. H., at T. H. Rand's, Dartmouth.
- Read, Rev. J. L., at David Thompson's, 55 Göttingen St.
- Shields, Rev. A., at Geo. Wiswell's, 5 Bayer St.
- Tricker, Rev. J. F., at Rev. J. E. Goucher's, 28 Albro St.
- Woodworth, L. C., at George Woodworth's, 190 Lockman Street.
- Witter, J. S., at Wm. Ackhurst's, Victoria Road.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND will hold its Twenty-fourth Annual Session with the Granville Street Church, Halifax, commencing at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, the 21st day of August, 1869.

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All parties indebted are requested to make immediate payment to either of the undersigned.
GUTHBERT C. VAUX.
HORATIO R. VAUX.
Halifax, N. S., 30th June, 1869.
Aug. 14. 3ms.



INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.
COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,
Ottawa, 3rd Aug., 1868.

The Commissioners appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway, give public notice that they are now prepared to receive

TENDERS

for four further Sections of the line.
Contract No. 8 will be in the Province of Quebec, and extend from the easterly end of Contract No. 5, at Rimouski, to a point near the Metis River, about 20 1/2 miles in length.

Contract No. 9 will be in the Province of New Brunswick, and extend from the easterly end of Contract No. 6, towards the Town of Bathurst, about 20 1/2 miles in length.

Contract No. 10 will be in the Province of New Brunswick, and extend from the centre of the Chaplin Island road, near the Court house at Neweastle, towards Bathurst, about twenty miles in length.

Contract No. 11 will be in the Province of Nova Scotia, and extend from the easterly end of Contract No. 7, at Folly Lake, to a junction with the existing railway at Truro, about 24 1/2 miles in length.

Contracts No. 8, 9 and 10 to be completely finished before the 1st day of July, 1871; that portion of Contract No. 11, east of Folly River to a point opposite the Londonderry Iron works, by the 1st January, 1871; and the remaining portion of said contract by the 1st of July, 1871.

Plans and profiles, with Specification and terms of contract, will be exhibited at the offices of the Commissioners in Ottawa, Rimouski, Dalhousie, St. John, Halifax, Toronto, Quebec, on and after the 15th September next; and sealed Tenders addressed to the

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY, will be received at this office in Ottawa, up to 7 o'clock p. m., on the 18th October, 1869.

Sureties for the completion of the contract will be required to sign the Tenders.

A. WALSH,
E. B. CHANDLER,
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THE Steamer *EMPERESS*, will leave Windsor for St. John, during the month of August, as follows:—

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Saturday, 7th.....	11.00 a. m.
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