

But enough for the purpose of proving Rev. Mr. Currie guilty of wholesale misrepresentation of Naander. *Crimine ab uno disce omnes.* We close. Rev. Mr. Currie, in closing up his articles says. "Wentworth has published in the Visitor. THE IMMERSIONIST STRONGHOLD." He does not attempt to grapple with any of the statements made therein. "Wentworth's retirement from the field has taken us by surprise" But we did not publish "The Immersionist Stronghold" in the Visitor. Its columns were better employed. And now we have grappled, how does Rev. Mr. Currie relish the grapple? As to our "retirement from the field" next time "don't shout 'till you get out of the woods." It is not likely we shall ever again occupy our valuable time in replying to such petty attempts as these of Rev. D. D. Currie. Our readers may be assured that any thing they may see in print hereafter under the signature of D. D. Currie, is, if controversial, exactly like that to which we have here replied. He will, no doubt, remount his limping Pegasus, and ride again into the field. But let him not expect Wentworth to recognize his presence in the arena of controversy. A goat sat upon the horn of an ox. Says the goat to the ox, "If my weight inconvenience you, pray say so, and I will be off in a minute." "Oh, never trouble your head about that," says the ox to the goat, "for it is all one to me whether you go or stay, and, to say the truth, I did not know you were there."

WENTWORTH.

[One of our Subscribers, in the western part of the province, has sent us the following letter with a request for its insertion in our columns. We comply with the request without however approving of several of the expressions Mr. Chiniquy employs. If he had acted fairly towards our Baptist brethren since he came out from the Roman Catholic Church we should have more respect for his position and his utterances. Still he has doubtless been made the subject of severe persecution, and as such should receive the sympathy of the friends of liberty and Christian truth.]

LETTER FROM REV. CHARLES CHINIQUY.

JOHN SCOTT, Esq.,

My Dear Sir.—I cannot sufficiently tell you the good you have done me with your kind letter of the 15th Dec. Your friendly voice is really a balm to my bleeding heart. And what adds to the value of your kind and encouraging words, is the assurance that you are expressing the mind of the whole people of your fair and so Christian land of Prince Edward Island. Yes, my dear brother in Christ, I do remember the promise I had made to you, and to many of your noble-hearted Christian ministers and elders, to pass a couple of months in your midst to lecture on the great and so important questions which separate Rome and her idolatrous worship from the gospel truths which Christ has brought from heaven to save the perishing children of Adam, I propose. (D. V.) to be in your hospitable city of Charlottetown, by the 20th of June next, and pass the summer at the service of the Christian ministers, if it is still their desire that I should have that privilege.

You will like to know that our merciful Heavenly Father has given us, last week, a new and most glorious victory over the great enemy of his Word, the Church of Rome. The Bishop has lost the suit which he had brought against me and my people ten years ago, to dispossess us of our church properties, and our college buildings and lands. I send you three copies of the principal arguments we have presented to the court in that celebrated suit, you will please to give one of them to the Rev. editors of the Presbyterian, and one to our worthy friend, Mr. Laird—perhaps they will like to make some extracts of that important document in their valuable prayers. There is a circumstance in that suit which will make the Roman Catholics remember it as one of the greatest calamities for them. I have forced the Roman Catholic Bishop to appear as a witness against his own Church. In spite of himself, he has been forced to translate from Latin, into good and plain English, the diabolical and bloody laws of his church against the Protestants. I had the laws of the council of Lateran, "against the heretics by whatsoever name they are called. The poor Bishop was forced to say "that a heretic has no right to his goods, to his honor, or to his life! that every heretic must be exterminated in the same way, and for the same reason that a wolf must be killed, to prevent him from devouring the sheep!"

In the presence of a Protestant Judge and Protestant lawyers, he was forced by me, to declare that "no Protestant Judge had any right to sit on any tribunal; that his sentences were null and void—that no heretical lawyers had any right to plead; that no heretical witnesses had any right to be heard or believed!"

No words can tell you the confusion of the Ambassador of the Pope, when forced by me, to take away, with his own hands, the mask of humanity and Christianity with which the Church of Rome conceals her hellish and bloody laws.

Was it not a good and a really Christian vengeance, which I had a right to take from that Church which has so cruelly dragged me, these last ten years, 27 times as a criminal before the civil courts, and which has put her bloody dagger on my breast at Quebec, and stoned me three times in Montreal?

Now, I hope that no Protestant will pretend that the Romish Church is a Christian Church, which has a right to the respect and consideration of the world; that the daughters and the sons of the Protestants can not be put into better hands, to be educated, than the hands of the priests and the nuns of Rome! The truth has forcibly, but surely come out from the very lips of the Bishop of Rome. He was forced to confess that his Church of to-day is the same which has covered Europe with the blood of your ancestors. For we have forced him to confess that those laws had never been repealed! and that his Church taught that they were emanating from God himself! And the disciples of the gospel in your whole country will also understand, better than ever, the terrible tribulations, difficulties and perils which surround us, day and night, when we have to fight a hand to hand battle with that ferocious, bloody and unprincipled Church of Rome!

You will more than ever understand how we want the constant aid of your fervent prayers, in order not to be discouraged in that long battle we are fighting here against that giant power of darkness. We are put by the will of God in the front of the battle. We have to bear the whole weight of the power and the malice of that hellish institution. Oh! do not forget, do not forsake us. Let every soldier of Christ know that it is his duty not to desert us in the hour of peril. Let every one of them do something to strengthen our arms and cheer up our hearts, in this, the most perilous hour of the battle, and the great captain of our salvation will lead us to a sure and lasting victory—and after we will have pulled down the walls of Babylon, we will go around the throne of the Lamb, through the power of whom we will be victorious, and we will sing the eternal alleluia. Amen.

Your devoted Brother, in Christ, C. CHINIQUY.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. MEDITABLE MARGESON.

Wife of Mr. Silas Margeson, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. John Reagh, of Margretille, Wilnot, professed faith in Christ, was baptized by Rev. I. E. Bill, and united with the Baptist Church of Nictaux, about 43 years ago.

The cares and toils of bringing up a large family, as she had fifteen children, seemed at times to engross too much of her attention. She was, however, always ready to converse on religious subjects, and took evident pleasure in entertaining pious people. Indeed, she was remarkable for general hospitality and kindness. The sacred Scriptures were precious to her; and the study of them tended to prepare her to meet the trials of life with cheerfulness. She was an industrious and faithful wife and mother, a kind friend, and a good neighbor.

Sister Margeson suffered much bodily indisposition for a number of years; but was especially ill during the past winter. Ardent attachment to her family induced her to desire longer continuance with them. She, however, expressed quiet submission to the divine will. Being asked the day before her departure, if she was willing to die, she replied, "Yes, Jesus has done all for me that can be done, and I am willing to trust my eternal life upon Him." At her request that beautiful hymn was sung: "O for an overcoming faith To cheer my dying hours!" &c.

After this she gradually sank, and, on the morning of the 14th inst., (April,) without a struggle or a groan, her immortal spirit took its flight to be, we trust, forever with the Lord. Thus our sister passed away at the age of 63 years, leaving a sorrowing husband, 5 daughters and 2 sons, with an aged and pious mother, and numerous other relatives, to mourn their loss. At her burial, in Tremont, Aylesford, a numerous and solemn assembly was addressed by the writer from Ps. xvii. 15. "Then shall I be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE.

LOWER GRANVILLE, ST. MARY'S BAY, YARMOUTH.—Dear Brother,—The hope expressed in my last note to you is being abundantly realized. God is displaying his converting grace most marvellously in our midst. Will not my friends in various parts of the Province join me in thanksgiving and praise to Jehovah, that Granville is being made once more the scene of a rich display of the Spirit's renewing power? On the Monday evening after returning from Yarmouth I commenced a special meeting at Karsdale, a prominent station of my Church. Rev. A. Cogswell joined me on Tuesday evening, and we have held meetings every day and evening since. The results are glorious. Yesterday I baptized 9 rejoicing converts. Many more are requesting prayers, and anxiously seeking salvation, and many of the youth already give evidence of conversion.

We expected to commence at Stoney Beach this week, but have felt compelled to continue efforts a little longer at Karsdale. There is the sound of abundance of rain! Let me ask my friends still to remember us in their earnest pleadings at the throne of grace, that the good work may extend among us, and among all our churches. Bro. Cogswell is rendering me valuable aid. He baptized since I wrote you 11 at South Range in his own field, and still prospects brighten.

My visit to Yarmouth was pleasant and useful. I saw the power of God displayed. Ten were received for baptism the Sabbath I spent there, but the administration of the ordinance was postponed on account of the fearful storm. Many more I trust have come forward ere this. The pastor is much encouraged. In addition to many other encouraging facts, he rejoices that three of the young brethren of his church are studying with the ministry in view. These are all, I believe, sustained financially by the Church, while pursuing their preparatory studies. They give promise of much usefulness.—Arrangements are being made for the erection of a commodious meeting house at Milton, the north end of the town. These efforts to establish churches both in the north and south portions of the town are going forward under the supervision of the pastor. His disinterested labors at expansion are truly unselfish and commendable. Bro. Day's ministry in Yarmouth is proving a vast blessing to the cause in that town and vicinity.

Yours truly, ISA. WALLACE.

GRANVILLE, April 17, 1871.

For the Christian Messenger.

NEW CHURCH AT ARCADIA.

An Ecclesiastical Council, called by a number of brethren and sisters dismissed from the South Yarmouth Baptist Church, for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church of the same faith and order, convened at the Baptist meeting house, Arcadia, on the 10th of April at 2 P. M., to consider the desirableness of organizing them into a Church.

The following delegates from sister Churches were present:

1st. Yarmouth.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., and Bro. W. H. Wyman.

2nd. Yarmouth.—Rev. John Rowe, Deacons, E. Strickland and W. Durkee.

Tusket.—Rev. P. R. Foster, Deacon Caleb Cook.—

The Council was organized by electing, Rev. Dr. Day, moderator; and Rev. P. R. Foster, Clerk.

The Council, after due deliberation, resolved unanimously to proceed, at once, with the organization, and constitute the Brethren and Sisters a Church of Christ, to be designated the Arcadia Baptist Church.

The order of the public exercises was arranged, by the Council, and carried out as follows:

Sermon—by Rev. P. R. Foster—text 1 John, 3. 2. "The Church's brightest glory veiled on the earth."

Rev. John Rowe read the Articles and Covenant, which were heartily adopted by the brethren and sisters.

Rev. Dr. Day gave the hand of fellowship with an earnest and affectionate address, impressing upon each, that they "were not their own but bought with a price."

The church then proceeded to choose its officers as follows:

Deacons Rufus Simonds and John Larkin, formerly Deacons of the South Yarmouth Church were elected to that office in the New Church. Bro. B. C. Robbins was chosen as third Deacon, and duly set apart to that office by the imposition of hands. Rev. J. Rowe offering the ordaining prayer. Clerk and treasurer Bro. G. Robbins.

The Arcadia Church was organized with 37 members. 16 persons who have obtained letters of dismission to unite with the new church were not present to be recognized at the time of organization but will be received shortly. Some are waiting to be baptised.

Harmony and Christian love seemed to pervade the whole exercises, which bespeak a future of prosperity for the new church. P. R. Foster, Clerk.

HALIFAX, Granville Street.—The ordinance of Baptism has been administered to believers in Christ Jesus on three Lord's days of the present month by the Rev. E. M. Saunders, the pastor of the church.—North Church.—Rev. J. C. Goucher has also baptized converts on two Sabbaths of the present month. The social meetings in both churches are occasions of much interest.

WOLFVILLE.—The Rev. S. W. DeBlois baptized twelve persons on Sunday last, who had made a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus. A multitude of people was in attendance on the solemn occasion. Our informant adds, "Meetings for prayer are to be held here every night this week. We had a special Conference last Saturday. Our Regular Conference will be next Saturday week, when we shall probably have an equal number of candidates."

LUNenburg COUNTY.—A friend writes: "I am much pleased with the 'Messenger': it isn't wasting time to read it; this can't be said of many other papers of Nova Scotia—No Baptist need be ashamed of the Guardian of our social, political and religious rights,—the 'Christian Messenger.'"

Dear Bro., you give us cheering news of the glorious work of the Mighty God whose name is being magnified East, West, North and South.

You have heard of the triumphs of the Cross in this region—North West, long a barren wilderness, is blossoming abundantly. The Bay, where Satan reigned exultingly for many a year, is becoming a fruitful garden of the Lord. Here, as everywhere, the "truth as it is in Jesus" is mighty and is prevailing against the truth as it is in men. In both of those places—out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, God is perfecting praise, while many of Satan's veterans who did his work nobly for many years, and had enjoyed (?) the pleasure of sin" are "choosing to suffer affliction with the people of God! Thus "the kingdoms of this world are becoming the Kingdom of our Lord".

"Blessed be the Lord who only doeth wondrous things!"

HILLSBURG, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.—We learn from one of the brethren of this place that there was a slight mistake in Bro. Wallace's statement a week or two since, respecting the numbers received into this church. The number of converts then received by baptism was 61, and by letter 5. Others are waiting for baptism. In consequence of severe illness, Rev. G. D. Cox has been unable to attend to his pastoral duties for three weeks; but it was hoped that he would be able to preach last Sabbath 23rd. Our brother adds: God is still working among us and many are looking Zionward.

DIGBY NECK.—Dear Brother,—I baptized three more believers, last Sabbath at Sandy Cove. A number are to be baptized at Centreville next Lords day.

The Rev. Mr. Brown, Wesleyan, of Digby, baptized four persons in the waters of our beautiful cove yesterday, and put some water on the heads of two others.—Query. Does the Rev. Mr. B. believe in the "one baptism?"

I am, as ever, Faithfully yours, J. C. MORSE.

Sandy Cove, April 21, 1871.

CARLETON, ST JOHN, N. B.—The Visitor informs us that eight rejoicing converts were baptized by the Rev. I. E. Bill, Pastor of the Carleton Baptist church, on Sabbath morning last, in nature's baptistry at the Point, in the presence of many witnesses. The season was one of marked solemnity. Mercy drops falling upon us. O for the rich showers of grace to purify and refresh. Brethren pray for us.

PEREACX, CORNWALL IS.—We learn that Rev. David Freeman baptized three believers in the Lord Jesus on Sunday the 16th inst.

AN ANCIENT REVIVAL OF RELIGION.—In A. D. 387 there was a revolt at Antioch, and the inhabitants were thrown into great distress in consequence. Their trials were blessed to them. The eloquent Chrysostom, who was preaching there, thus describes the change: "How often we have entreated the worldly to abandon the theatre, and yet they continued to run to these immoral places, and to these satanic meetings, in opposition to the services of the Church of God. On one side was to be heard the singing of psalms, and on the other, ravage cries; but now the orchestra is silent, and the circus is deserted. Impure songs are no longer heard in our streets. Our churches are full; every one prays to God; the whole city is become a church. It is a great thing to see the affairs of this life, public and private, take a secondary place, and to hear nothing spoken of at table, in the streets, and at other places of meeting, but the law and the word of the Lord."

THE NEWTON ENDOWMENT.—The endowment fund of \$200,000 for Newton Theological Seminary has been raised. The effort was commenced about a year and a half ago, and the time allowed for the completion of the subscription, in order to make it binding, was limited to the first of last January. At that time it was found that some \$30,000 was wanting, and the subscribers met and generously extended the time to the first of April, and gave to the movement a fresh impetus by adding to their subscriptions. A week before the expiration of the time they met, and finding \$12,000 still wanting they adjourned for a week. Wednesday, March 25th, they met again and found that about \$2000 was still wanting. That sum was subscribed on the spot and the endowment of \$200,000 was thus completed; the endowment of Newton is now \$350,000.

AN EPISCOPAL CLERGYMAN ON INFANT BAPTISM.—An English Churchman Rev. Dr. Francis Close, Dean of Carlisle, in an argument from the Scriptures in support of total abstinence from intoxicating drinks, makes an interesting point. Replying to the assertion that while the Scriptures condemn the excess and abuse of strong drink, they nowhere inculcate total abstinence. He says: "Upon this assumption that Scripture is totally silent on the subject, we will endeavor to account for that silence. If positive direct Scripture authority is required for every institution of a moral and religious nature, where is that authority for the baptism of infants?" Echo answers, Where?

A LAWYER WITH A HEART.—A touching scene occurred in the Court of Chancery on Monday last, when a case came on for hearing which was to have been argued by the late Mr. E. G. Herbert. The council who had undertaken to supply his place was completely overwhelmed with grief and was unable to go on. So general was the emotion displayed that it was found impossible to proceed with the case.

STATISTICS OF THE JESUITS.—It appears from a statement lately published in the unita Cattolica, that at the beginning of the year 1850 the Jesuit body throughout the world was only a little in excess of 4,000. Ten years afterwards they had increased to 7,000, and in the following decade of years nearly 2,000 more were added to their number; and at the time of the last returns the members of the "Society of Jesus" are given as 8,837. Out of these there are 2,551 lay coadjutors, 2,417 students, and 3,869 priests; more than 3,000 of the latter were out of the kingdom of Italy, scattered up and down the world, in Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Australia; some acting as missionaries and others engaged in the work of education, spiritual direction, and the preaching of retreats.

The Rev. C. E. Cheney, of Chicago, who has been suspended by his High Church Bishop for his conscientious convictions on Baptismal regeneration, has been sustained by his church, who have requested him to continue his services as rector.

Dominion & Foreign News.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT ST. JOHN.—On Thursday last a lad of 15 years of age—Robert Normandsell, was going on a shooting excursion with another boy of about the same age, named John Walsh. The former had a gun which his father had used on the previous day and had inadvertently left loaded—a circumstance unknown to the son. Finding some dirt as he supposed in the nipple he cleared it out with a pin, and putting on a percussion cap pulled the trigger to clean the passages, when the full charge of goose shot struck Walsh, in the side of the head, mangling him in a frightful manner. He did not speak afterwards but died after lingering a few hours. Normandsell exclaimed "My God I did not know it was loaded!"

An inquest was held over the remains when a verdict was given that deceased came to his death from the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of Robert Normandsell.