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Having a pretty extensive acquaintance with the people called Disciples and being quite familiar with the most of their teaching, which the author of the above sentence very discourteously calls "Campbellism," while allowing the Methodists and Episcopalians to speak for themselves, I will volunteer to correct the mistake which this writer has made in representing the Disciples as "professing to translate men, women, children and infants from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, by the regenerating power of baptism."

Let me say to them in the first place that the Disciples do not "profess to translate infants into the kingdom of God by the regenerating power of baptism," nor by any other power. They have always been uniform in believing and teaching that the kingdom of heaven is intended only for believing subjects,—persons not only capable of believing but sensible of their fallen and sinful condition and of the necessity of redemption through Jesus Christ.

In the second place it does not fairly represent the Disciples to say they "profess to translate men, women and children into the kingdom of light by the regenerating power of baptism." Although they regard baptism as closely related to regeneration yet they do not believe it possesses any "regenerating power," in the common acceptance of the terms. With them regeneration is a moral and spiritual process, a change of mind, heart and purpose, effected by the Holy Spirit operating through the truth. Baptism is an outward physical act, an act of faith by which the penitent believer is brought into covenant relation with Christ and translated into the kingdom of God; but it has no power to produce spiritual results. The "regenerating power," then, is the Holy Spirit; the regenerating means is the Word of God; regeneration itself is the process of changing ones views and purposes so as to be willing to be translated into the kingdom of God; the translating act is baptism. It should also be observed that a person is not properly qualified to enter the kingdom of God through the translating act of baptism until he has first passed through the process of "spiritual regeneration."

That this explanation may not appear to be the views of a single individual in comparative obscurity, I quote a few sentences from Mr. Campbell who has written elaborately on these subjects and whose views prevail largely among the Disciples, not because he taught them, but because we all have reached the same conclusion from a careful study of the Word of God. For the same reason I am glad to say there is approaching a greater unanimity of sentiment between Baptists and Disciples on all religious questions.

Says Mr. Campbell: "I regard the Spirit of God as the author of every spiritual and noble desire in the human heart; the author of every pious affection, of every holy aspiration of our souls." Again in his work on Baptism, page 239, he says, "I esteem it the peculiar excellence and glory of our religion that it is spiritual; that the soul of man is quickened, enlightened, sanctified and consoled by the indwelling presence of the Spirit of God." A preacher and teacher among the Disciples says, "The Spirit of God is the efficient agent in regeneration, and the means employed is the Word of God contained in the gospel." This corresponds exactly with the statement from the pen of a Baptist writer, "The Word of God is the instrument and the Spirit of God, the agent, in the regeneration of adults."

Concerning baptism Mr. Campbell says in the *Christian System*, page 58, "Baptism is designed to introduce the subjects of it into the participation of the blessings of the death and resurrection of Christ. But it has no abstract efficacy. Without previous faith in the blood of Christ, and deep and unfeigned repentance before God, neither immersion in water nor any other action can secure us the blessings of peace and pardon. It can merit nothing."

Instead of baptism being regarded a "regenerating power" it is only the means by which the subjects of it are made partakers of the blessings of the kingdom after being quickened and enlightened by the Holy Spirit through the gospel. While "asking for the old path to walk therein," let us "speak the truth in love."

W. W. HAYDEN.
For Williams, Dec. 17th, 1873.

For the Christian Messenger.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. RACHEL WILE.

beloved wife of Mr. Andrew Wile, of Lapland, departed this life Dec. 9th, 1873, aged 57 years. Our sister experienced religion in early life, and was baptized by Rev. Mr. Doyle, a Campbellite minister, who labored in Hants County. She subsequently felt it her duty to unite with the Baptists, and identified herself with the Bridgewater Church soon after its organization in the year 1848. It may be truly said of her that she was "an Israelite indeed." Her earnestness and faith in Jesus was manifested everywhere she went, and her exhortations and prayers enlivened and edified her fellow christians; whether in the house of prayer, or in social gatherings. She loved the Lord and his people, and never seemed so happy as when engaged in the exercises of religion. Her light shone conspicuously and much will she be missed by us. We tender our sympathy and prayers for the bereaved husband and six children, who remain to mourn her loss. They may comfort themselves by the assurance that she has only passed away from the sorrows and perplexities of earth, to enter upon the glories of the heavenly state. Her funeral was numerously attended by sincere and sorrowing friends, and the occasion was improved by a sermon from the pastor from Rev. xxij. 3. Our church has lost a faithful and earnest member, the husband a loving and intelligent companion, the children a pious and devoted mother, the community a kind and sympathizing friend; but we bid her adieu with this sweet conviction that she slumbers in prospect of a resurrection unto eternal life.

S. MARCH.
Bridgewater, Dec. 15th, 1873.

Religious Intelligence.

CHELSEA, LUNENBURG Co.—Rev. S. March writes: "I spent the fifth Sabbath of last month with the Baptist Church in Chelsea, and held a Conference meeting on the previous Saturday, when a young person came forward and offered herself for Baptism, and church membership. I had the privilege of baptizing her before the morning service and extending to her the right hand of fellowship. There are others who are awakened. A deeply interesting young people's prayer meeting is held weekly. This is as it should be. God listens to, and blesses those who call upon Him in truth."

YARMOUTH.—Rev. W. H. Warren closes an interesting letter by saying:—"I am much encouraged in my work at the 'Temple.' The congregations are large, and the prayer-meetings are generally sustained with interest and warmth. The Sunday School workers are doing nobly. We have just organized a Friday evening Bible Class."

ST. MARY'S, GUYSBORO Co.—Rev. H. Eagles writes under date, Dec. 19th, "I know you will be pleased to hear there is a glorious work of grace now progressing in St. Mary's. It commenced at Gorben two weeks ago, under the labors of our dear Brother McQuillin, and it has reached our neighbourhood, and quite a number of our young people have been blessed and the church greatly revived. Pray for us."

SOWING AND REAPING.—A telegram just received from Dr. Day gives us the gratifying intelligence that Rev. J. B. McQuillin baptized twenty converts on Sunday last, and twenty more are awaiting baptism. Also, that Rev. P. R. Foster baptized fourteen believers on Lord's Day.

Dominion & Foreign News.

HALIFAX, N. S., DEC. 24, 1873.

Hon. George Brown of the Toronto *Globe* has been appointed a member of the Senate. It is supposed he will be made President of the Council. Other changes are expected.

There is to be a Reform banquet at Ottawa on January 8th. It is calculated that five hundred persons will be present.

It is rumored that after a short session the House of Commons will be dissolved.

THE BENCH AND THE BAR.—At a largely attended meeting of the Montreal Bar, the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

"That the administration of justice in the Court of Queen's Bench has been for some time past inefficient, unsatisfactory and destructive to the confidence which should be reposed in the highest Court in the Province; and that in the interests of

justice an immediate inquiry, by Royal Commission, into such a lamentable state of affairs is imperatively required.

"That, in view of the foregoing resolution, the Bar of this section abstain from pleading before the Queen's Bench during the present term, and that the Chairman of the meeting do communicate this and the foregoing resolution to the said Honorable Court."

Certain other resolutions with respect to the Court of Review and the appointment of a Judge for the Circuit Court were referred to a committee.

A large number of ladies held a meeting at Ottawa on Thursday last, convened by Baroness Von Koerber, lately from Germany, to organize a Ladies Immigration Aid Society, the object being to aid immigration of domestic servants.

Mr. James Manson, of Mansonville, a day or two ago threshed oats, the produce of four acres, and realized 310 bushels, making the extraordinary average of nearly 73 bushels per acre.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Legislature is to meet for the despatch of business the first Thursday in February.

A post office for the special use of Mr. Carville and employees of the Railway Department has been established at Moncton Station.—*News.*

ANOTHER VICTIM.—The *Newcastle Advocate* records the sudden and accidental death of Mr. Angus W. McDonald, a subcontractor of Section 10, I. C. R. The unfortunate man while under the influence of liquor wandered from the house where he with his wife boarded, and fell over the bank of the River, a distance of some thirty feet, where he was found some time after, quite dead.

UNITED STATES.

Both Houses of Congress have voted a recess from Friday last until Jan. 5th.

The Bill appropriating five million dollars for strengthening the Navy, has been concurred in by both Houses of Congress.

After a long discussion, it was decided to fix the salary of members, in future, at \$6000 per session, with actual travelling expenses.

A remarkable storm of wind, rain and hail, visited Nashville, Tenn. on Thursday. The barometer fell a half an inch within a few minutes. For ten minutes the wind blew 26 miles an hour, followed suddenly by a dead calm. The rainfall in the same time was half an inch. The streets were flooded; hail stones were rough and of peculiar shape, weighing from two to three ounces.

The Hotel at Drayton was burned on Tuesday night and five lives lost.

Three men were killed by boiler explosions in a California coal mine on Tuesday night.

The "Virginian" was formally delivered to Captain Whiting of U. S. Flag Ship Worcester, on Tuesday, at Bahia Honda (a Cuban harbor.) It is said she will be taken directly to New York, instead of Washington.

Two heavy failures of dry good trade reported.

The funeral of Prof. Agassiz, at Cambridge, Mass. was largely attended on Friday. Rev. Dr. Peabody conducted the services.

It is now considered certain that the nomination of Williams as Chief Justice of the supreme Court will be either withdrawn or rejected.

A tornado passed over the town of Milton, California, on Tuesday last, destroying the entire place. Several buildings were blown away from their foundations, and a number of persons badly injured, but no lives lost.

A collision of two freight trains occurred on Friday night near Kennebunk, on the Portland, Saco and Portsmouth Railroad. The Conductor, Fireman and Brakeman on the Portland freight train were killed, and two or three reported wounded on the other train. Three engines and thirteen cars were wrecked.

The latest rumors concerning the "Virginian" affair are that the Spanish Government has demanded the return of the "Virginian" and the prisoners, and the District Attorney General has decided against the right of the "Virginian" to carry the American flag at the time of the capture; and another, that the British Government is about to demand of the Spanish Government the punishment of Barriel for his action in executing British subjects among the "Virginian" prisoners.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22, P. M.—Gold 10 1/2 Sterling Exchange 8 1/2 and 9 1/2 Money 7 per cent.

LATEST FROM EUROPE.

ENGLAND.—On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, a tremendous storm visited Great Britain which caused much damage to shipping on the coast. Especially in the north much destruction was occasioned. At Sheffield a large number of buildings and chimneys were blown down, and many persons killed. One chimney crushed a building and a boiler heated therein. The boiler exploded, killing and wounding several persons. Telegraph wires were protruded in all directions. The storm ex-

tended far into Scotland. Sheffield looked as if it had been bombarded. The loss of property was immense. Churches were unroofed, and many factories were compelled to suspend work. The lowest estimate placed casualties to persons in that city at 17 killed and 3 wounded. The effects of the hurricane were felt at Glasgow, Halifax, Drewsbury and Nottingham, in all of which cities lives were lost and great damage done. At Leeds property to the amount of \$10,000 was destroyed. Extensive damage was done at West Hartlepool and Durham. A steamer was ashore off Ardrossan, and the railway station and seven houses were blown down in the Welton near Harrogate, on the York and North Middle Railroad. The steamer "Celerity," from Riga to Stettin, was lost—21 persons drowned.

The Ex-Emperor Eugenie visited Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle on Tuesday. The official investigation into the Ville du Havre collision with the Loch Earn on the part of the British authorities will open at Greenock on the 30th Dec.

The ship *America*, from Barrow, England, for New York, or St. John, N. B., foundered off Newfoundland. The captain and three men were drowned. The rest of the crew, after being in boats six days, were picked up and landed at Dartmouth, England.

A ferry boat capsized on the Thames, on Sunday last, near Molesey, and three persons were drowned.

FRANCE.—Special despatches from Paris represent the Conservatives dismayed at the success of the Republicans.

In the Assembly, M. Dahard, of the Extreme Right, presented a petition for the restoration of Monarchy, with 120,000 signatures.

An agreement has been negotiated by M. Rouher, whereby certain art collections are to be restored by Government to the Ex-Empress Eugenie.

Chevalier Nigra refuses to return to Paris whilst Prince Napoleon remains there.

The Papal Nuncios at Paris, Cambrai and Valencia have been elevated to the College of Cardinals.

A despatch on Saturday states that the bill increasing the salary of President McMahon in the Assembly passed.

The report that M. Bartholdi of the French legation at St. Petersburg has been appointed Minister to Washington is confirmed.

SPAIN.—The force besieging Carthage have occupied San Antonio, a suburb. The attack is progressing vigorously.

Fifty arrests have been made in Barcelona of persons engaged in recent demonstrations in favor of declaring Barcelona an independent canton.

The bombardment of Carthage continued all day.

There was a terrible magazine explosion within the Insurgents lines on Thursday.

The Insurgents are able still to obtain provisions, but their ammunition is failing.

The Cure of Santa Cruz has escaped into France.

Penalta will probably be appointed Captain General of Porto Rico.

A despatch from Madrid announces that Spain demands the restoration of the "Virginian." There is great exultation in consequence of Secretary Fish admitting that she was not entitled to carry the flag of the United States. The demand was delivered on Friday.

EAST INDIES.—A despatch from Calcutta states that half of the food supplies in Bengal are exhausted. It is now thought that famine cannot be avoided, although, as yet no actual distress has been reported.

A body of Dutch troops under command of Gen. Van Zwitwen, which lately landed on the coast of Acheen, had an engagement with the Sultan's army and defeated it.

Accounts received here from Acheen state that the Dutch troops have occupied the entire country on the left side of the Acheen-River.

AFRICA.—Despatches from the Gold Coast announce that the King of Dahomey has joined the Ashantes. Fever continues among the British troops, and 100 invalids have been sent to St. Helena.

Latest advices from the Cape of Good Hope say that indications of a Kaffir outbreak in Natal is increasing. The chiefs are leagued together, and are threatening war against the whites. The Zulus are leading the insurgents. The Lieut. Governor is rapidly pushing the work of strengthening garrisons throughout the colonies.

JAPAN.—The steamer "Alaska" from China and Japan several days overdue, arrived at San Francisco on the 16th. The British steamer "Columbia" has been wrecked near Oshima. She was run ashore by a Japanese pilot.

CUBA.—Advices from Cuba state that the insurgents have doubled their besieging forces around Mozilia, and the place must soon fall.

It is reported that President Beck, of Santo Domingo, has been deposed and a new Provisional Government established.

The "Virginian" left Torugas at midnight, Thursday, in tow of United States steamer "Osipper."

The surviving passengers and crew of the "Virginian" were delivered at Santiago de Cuba, to Commander Bayne, of the United States steamer "Junata." They were sent on board that vessel, which soon after took her departure for New York.

Cuban articles state that a filibustering expedition was landed on the Southern coast; also that a Spanish column 500 strong fell into an ambush, and only 100 escaped.

Leading newspapers of Havana warmly denounce Grant's message, so far as it relates to Spanish and Cuban affairs.

News of the Week.

PROVINCIAL TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The next Convention of this Association is to open in the Lecture Room, Dalhousie College, Halifax, on Tuesday the 30th Dec., at 8 p. m., and promises to be more than usually interesting. Arrangements have, we understand, been made for lectures or addresses from two of the most able and popular speakers in Halifax, besides papers and practical discussions on various branches of school work, from Lady Teachers and others connected with the profession. The customary facilities granted by the railway authorities to the travelling public during the Christmas season, viz. Return tickets at *One Fare* on the Government Roads, and at *One Fare and a third* on the Windsor & Annapolis Railway, will be available for those who wish to attend the Convention. With the Intercolonial and other Railways now open, the Teachers of the Province have opportunities of attending the Conventions, they did not enjoy in the earlier years of the Association's history, and they will doubtless on this occasion avail themselves in large numbers of the privilege of mutual intercourse and counsel in regard to the common duties, interests, and aims of the profession.

BARRACK STREET CITY MISSION.—This Mission is under the management of the Y. M. C. Association, and is doing a good work in the centre of the city. The missionary, Mr. Owen gives his whole time to the work and holds services in the Mission Church on Sabbath-Day and through the week. The Committee acknowledge the following donations, and submit an account which shows a balance due the Mission and Treasurer, and they ask the aid of the Christian public for this really deserving charity.

Bal. Treasurer, July 31, 1873. \$84 01
Missionary's Salary, Oct. 31. 250 00
Gas. 2 70
Total. \$336 71

DONATIONS.

St. Matthew's Church. \$50 00
Fort Massey. 30 00
Brunswick St. 24 33
Grafton St. 20 00
P. L. 20 00
E. R. 20 00
J. S. M. 50 00
T. A. B. 25 00
A Lady. 20 00
I. B. A. 20 00
St. Andrew's Church. 8 50
Sunday Collection. 31 83

Total. \$319 71
Balance due Treasurer. 17 00
Due Missionary. 50 00
For Fuel. 17 00
Required immediately. \$84 00

THE FUNERAL OF THE HON. ALEXANDER KEITH, on Friday last, was a grand spectacle. The Masonic body in full regalia, Lieutenant Governor Archibald, the Judges, members of both Houses of the Local Legislature, Church Dignitaries, the Mayor and Aldermen, and City officials, members of the North British, and Highland Benevolent Societies, and a large number of other citizens formed the long procession. Two bands played solemn dirges as the cortege moved on through the streets to the cemetery.

GRAND JURY FOR 1874.—The following are the names of the Grand Jury drawn on Friday last:

John R. Murray, Merchant.
James Arthur, Tinsmith.
Herbert M. Crighton, Stationer.
James M. McKay, Lumber Merchant.
J. G. Seiveright, Yeoman.
Benjamin Gbdkin, Tailor.
James Sullivan, Grocer.
Thomas Dulhanty, Grocer.
John Wilkinson, Merchant.
John O'Malley, Grocer.
Thomas Symons, Tailor.
Arthur Anderson, Grocer.
William Casey, Livery Stables.
Philip E. Colford, Tobacconist.
Wm. A. Swaine, Tobacconist.
Charles H. M. Black, Merchant.
E. G. Fenerty, Caviage Maker.
Wm. N. Woodill, Druggist.
Wm. Langard, Farmer.
Wm. Whynal, Leather Dealer.
Robert Branley, Livery Stables.
Robert Branley, Cabinet Maker.
W. C. Campbell, Soap Chandler.
Augustus W. West, Merchant.

Mr. Marling, the agent for Canada Life Insurance Company in this city has sent us a very handsome office Calendar for 1874.

The officers and crew of the Lightship have been paid off and discharged.

CITY TAXES.—Over \$18 000 were paid to the City Treasurer, on Friday, by persons who preferred paying the net sum rather than, later, have 10 per cent added.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.—On Wednesday morning a lad of about 10 years of age, went to Woodill's Drug store, trying by a forged order to get some arsenic. On enquiry and subsequent efforts of the police it was found that a sister of the boy, about 15 years of age had written the order and sent him for it, with the intention of poisoning herself. The case, on examination, was found to have most melancholy circumstances connected with it.

AN IMMERSION.—As Mr. Fisher of the Annapolis Farmer was driving from Londonderry to Acadia Mines, his horse shied and rolled over the bank into the river. The water being deep and the current rapid, Mr. F. had to swim some distance down the stream, and at last succeeded in getting himself and the animal ashore.