

verb. He shall have it, with your permission, Mr. Editor.

DISSERTATIO BREVIS DE LAPIDATIONE IN VITREIS DOMIBUS.

Proverbium est in his verbis: "Si in vitreis domibus vivitur, ne lapidatio adhibetur." Quid significat hoc proverbium? Primo quaerendum sit: "Vivere in domibus vitreis," quid est? Habitationes totae e vitro constructae nulla sunt; veram in parte sic constructae, sunt multae. Nam domibus omnibus, exceptionibus raris, fenestrae vitreae sunt; saepe multa et magnae. Vitrea igitur domus, est domus, cui in parietibus vitreae fenestrae sunt collocatae. Igitur quia vitrum facile frangitur, constitutum est ubique et semper ut nec pueri, nec adulti, ludere cum lapidibus, in eis jaciendis, in domibus vel prope domus, permittantur.

Secundo, quaeratur, specialis hujus proverbii significatio quid habet? Hoc, me judicantem, significat: Quandoquidem nos omnes mortales nostras infirmitates et derelicta habemus, decet nos igitur cautos esse et clementes in reprehendendo et castigando alii aliis pro delictis suis, potissimum quidem dum nos ipsi eadem delinquentibus delicta aequae ac iis quibus conviciamur, nequa nos ipsos exponamus et vulneremus. Etenim dura verba lapidibus simillima sunt; vel, ut scriptor noster habet, "fragmentorum saxeorum."

Heu! quam saepe haec lex sapiens et prudens violatur! Hic est hujus stultitiae exemplum recens. Duo aedificia vitrea sunt. Alterum in urbe, alterum dete rure positum. Gymnasia literaria nuncupata sunt. Hoc Academiense cognominatur; illud Dalhousiense: utrumque, sive ad litteram, sive cum metaphora loqueris, magnas, multas, et excelsas fenestras habens. Pueri multi in his aedificiis vivunt, et videntur emuli certaminis in lapidibus jaciendis. Cavete, pueri boni! Sapientis hujus proverbii mementote. Abstinet manus! quia, "Certe omnino pereclitantur, incaute lapides qui jaculantur, Vitreis in aedibus dum commorantur."

Unum amplius verbum in concludendo. Quando quidem omnes homines, sine exceptione, in vitreis domibus, (ut sensus proverbii habet,) vivunt, ergo interest omnium abstinere manus, et cautos esse, cum provocantur, vel sua sponte incitantur, ad lapides jaciendos.

TRANSLATION.

A brief dissertation on throwing stones in glass houses.

There exists an old saying in these words: "People who live in glass houses, should not throw stones." What is the meaning of this "saw?" In the first place we may enquire what is it to live in glass houses? There are no habitations built wholly of glass: but many thus constructed in part. For, with few exceptions, all houses have glass windows, and these are often large and many. A glass house, therefore, is a house in whose walls glass windows are placed. Therefore, since glass is easily broken, it is an understood thing always and in all places, that neither children nor grown up people can be allowed to play in the house or near the houses, by tossing stones about. But, secondly, what is the special bearing of the "proverb?" It is this, as I take it: Since we all have our infirmities and faults, it becomes us to be cautious and kind in admonishing and castigating each other for our mutual delinquencies; and most especially indeed when we ourselves are guilty of the same delinquencies, equally with those whom we reproach; lest we expose ourselves [to rebuke], and [thus] wound [and injure] ourselves. For hard words are like stones, or, as our friend has it, like "chunks of rocks."

Alas! how often is this wise and prudent admonition violated. Here is a recent example of this folly. There are [in this Province] two glass houses, one in the city, the other in the country. They are designated Colleges. The former is surnamed Dalhousie, the latter Acadia. Both the houses, whether you speak literally or figuratively, have [on all sides] many large and lofty glass windows. There are children living in these houses, and they seem to be very desirous to have a contest in throwing stones. Take care! my good little fellows! Remember this wise old saw, viz: "People who live in glass built blocks, should never play at pitching rocks; This dangerous work, such knocks and shocks."

One more word in closing. Since all men, without exception, live in glass houses, (in the sense of this proverb,) it is, therefore, the interest of all to keep hands off; and to be cautious in what they do when provoked, or when self-prompted to throw stones.

QUISPIAM.

In Memoriam.

MARTIN HUNTER

was born Feb. 28th, 1833, and died May 5th, 1875; and apparently just in the prime of life, but the mysterious hand of Providence took him away, when apparently most useful and most needed. He was baptized by Rev. Wm. Hobbs, May 28th, 1848, at Goose River. He received a letter of dismissal from the church, and joined the church of the same faith and order in Parrsboro, in which church he honorably held the office of clerk until death. In his secular occupation, in the office of Street Commissioner, as Secretary to the Trustees of Schools, or Church Collector, he was faithful, as whatsoever he did, he did it faithfully. The uncertainty of life was strikingly seen in his death. He left home in health for a short time, to attend to some business, was thrown from a horse, broke his leg, lingered a few days in pain and suffering, and was brought home a corpse. The wails of his little children when the coffin was carried into the house, were heart rending. The very large funeral, and the deep sympathy manifested at the time, gave evidence of the esteem in which he was held. He was victorious in death, and has gone to rest with the "called and chosen, and faithful." D. McK.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Messenger.

Organization of a New Church at Homeville, C. B.

A Council called by the Mira Bay Church, met at Homeville on the 20th ult. Rev. J. B. McDonald was chosen Moderator and bro. L. G. Spencer, Clerk. The credentials of the messengers were presented. Deacon Thomas Armstrong, and bro. Charles R. King, represented the Church at Sydney; Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., North Sydney; Deacon Arnold Martell, and bro. J. E. Hitchins, Glace Bay; Brethren R. D. Rice, and L. G. Spencer, Cow Bay.

The records relating to the call of the Council were called for, whereupon it appeared that forty-five of the members of Mira Bay Church, residing at Homeville and vicinity, had been regularly dismissed with the view of being constituted a separate Church. After a full, free, and careful discussion of the reasons for and against the proposed step, it was moved by Bro. J. E. Hitchins, seconded by Deacon J. Armstrong, and unanimously carried:

That, under existing circumstances, we recommend the formation of a Church at Homeville.

After prayer by bro. King, the Council adjourned to meet at eleven o'clock on the following morning.

On Sabbath morning, pursuant to adjournment, the Council met with open doors. A sermon was preached by the Moderator, from the words, "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." Matt. xx. 27. Subject: Self-abnegation in the prosecution of Christ's work. The preacher remarked, "We are in danger of an undue regard to self, in connection with the work of Christ, in three ways; in the way of self-indulgence; in the way of self-dependence; and in the way of self-seeking." These three thoughts formed the ground work of his discourse. The sermon throughout showed that it was the product of careful study, and was well calculated to impress upon the minds of the hearers the importance of humility, and of looking unto God for those Christian graces which are so requisite in order to be successful in advancing the cause of the Master.

At the close of the sermon the clerk read the list of names of those who had received their dismissal from the Mira Bay Church, and as many of them as were present stood up and declared their adhesion to the Faith and Practice of the Associated Churches of the Lower Provinces. The Moderator read the Covenant, into which they solemnly entered.

After prayer by bro. McDonald, it was moved by Deacon J. Armstrong, seconded by bro. King, and unanimously resolved: That this Council, on behalf of the churches represented, recognize the Church at Homeville as a regularly constituted Baptist Church.

The Council then dissolved. L. G. SPENCER, Clerk. Cow Bay, May 22, 1876.

Valedictory Addresses, and Reply from Rev. W. E. Hall.

Dear Brother,—

Since leaving my late field at Margaret's Bay, I have received two addresses from the people. One from Indian Harbor, and one from Hubbard's Cove. I cannot publish both for they would be too lengthy, and I do not want to publish one and not the other. Again, while thankful to God for kind friends such as I and my dear wife have been called to part from, still their expressions of opinion in regard to myself and my labors are higher than I could, with any becoming modesty, wish to make public. True, there are some exceptions to every rule, but, as a rule, I proved the people at Margaret's Bay to be honest-hearted, true to principle, and "ready to every good word and work." I was with that people a little over two years, and they were years of fair success. I baptized in that time 126 persons, mostly at Margaret's Bay. A number were received by letter. I saw our meeting-house opened and a beginning made for another, which we expect will be carried on this summer. This success, under God, can all be attributed to a willing, working people. That God's blessing may ever be upon them shall continue to be the prayer of Mrs. Hall and myself.

Yours, &c., Wm. E. HALL. Melvern Square, June 6, 1876.

CHELMSFORD, MASS.—Dear Brother,—

Four persons were baptized at Chelmsford Centre last Sabbath. We have welcomed twenty-six to our membership within a year, and others give evidence that they have passed from death unto life. One who was baptized last Sunday had been a member of a Congregational church forty five years. Recently, after a careful examination of the Bible she became convinced that sprinkling was unscriptural and wrong. Having reached this decision she saw a heavy cross before her. For a while she viewed it tremblingly, and then with Christian courage took it up, and now rejoices that God has led her to see the error of sprinkling and inclined her to obey the command "Believe and be baptized." Her course has disturbed some members of the Congregational church, and they are a little unhappy. How astonishing it is that some good people are so slow to receive New Testament teaching!

The mode of baptism is so clearly indicated in the Bible that "wayfaring men, though fools," ought not to "err therein." The truth is making steady progress in the village.

Thirty years ago there was no evangelical preaching here, and when a little company of "poor miserable Baptists" started a meeting they were looked upon with contempt by the Unitarians. But the little leaven has been working quietly but surely; and though many things have been done contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth, yet opposition has only helped forward the cause of truth. To-day the Baptist church stands foremost in the community. At least so think the Baptists.

Some are very bitter against us. We pray for them. The ordinance of baptism is especially ridiculed, nevertheless we prosper. A year ago some of the wise ones prophesied that the young converts would soon get "sick of it," but the contrary is true. Those who have joined the church have all done well, and nearly all are "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

Every Friday night we hold a meeting in a neighborhood about a mile and a half from the Centre. There were some people who would not come to meeting, therefore we decided to take the meeting to them. God has been with us and fruit has already appeared.

The Baptist churches of Lowell have been much blessed lately. Last month nearly two hundred were added to their numbers.

"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily."

Yours very truly, O. C. S. WALLACE. Chelmsford Mass., June 3rd, 1876.

EAST RAGGED ISLANDS.—While many in this Province and elsewhere, have had the blessed privilege to rejoice in the outpouring of God's Spirit among the churches, it has pleased our Heaven-

ly Father to bless the church and congregation at Sable River, Shelburne County.

In the latter part of March we commenced some special services, seeking for a revival of God's work. After labouring a few days it was evident that the Lord was about to water this thirsty vineyard. Backsliders returned to God, and sinners wept over their sins, and many were made to rejoice in pardoning mercy. We continued the meetings twelve or fifteen days. At the close I had the blessed privilege of burying by baptism into Christ fourteen happy converts, most of these young men and women to whom we look for the future prosperity of the church of Christ.

Yours truly, J. F. McKENNE.

June 1, 1876.

RIVER JOHN.—Editor Messenger.—It is with great pleasure that we hear through your columns, of God's dealings with our sister churches. We rejoice in the prosperity of Zion and our souls are drawn out in thankfulness to the Master in that while on others he is smiling he is not passing us by.

Last Sabbath three additional candidates were buried with Christ in baptism. God is doing great things for us whereof we are glad. God is working silently and deeply in our midst and getting himself the victory. Brethren pray for us. Yours in the Gospel, E. T. CARBONELL.

GREENFIELD.—Rev. A. J. Cogswell writes, June 8th, 1874.—The Lord is still pouring out his converting grace upon the people. Chelsea, also, has received a great reviving. It was my happy privilege to baptize two happy converts on the 28th of May. I also baptized one on the 24th, at Label. Others are looking Zionward. Twelve by baptism in Greenfield—one restored. Three by letter, three by baptism, in Middlefield. May the Lord still continue to bless his people and save sinners is my prayer.

GUYSBOROUGH.—Rev. A. W. Bars writes:—"I have baptized eight colored persons since I wrote you last in connection with Brother Graves' Mission in Manchester and one person in Guysboro town, yesterday, making a total of twenty-two baptized since I came here. Brethren pray for us."

DIGBY COUNTY.—At Hillgrove we are still receiving some tokens of mercy.

Ten more have been added to the church and baptized.

The meetings are interesting and well attended especially the young people's prayer-meeting.

Also at Smith's Cove where Bro. Goudey and I have labored during the past three weeks, God has blessed the people to some extent. It was my privilege to baptize thirteen believers and to welcome them to a home in the church. There are more enquiring the way to Zion.

Pray for us. Yours truly, J. D. SKINNER. June 7th, 1876.

ACADIA MINES.—There have been large additions to the population at the Acadia Iron Mines, Londonderry, within the last two or three years. The new company has pressed on their operations on a scale hitherto unknown, at least in this region—and the demand for laborers has brought the workmen. Several hundreds of miners from England, were brought over. These are mostly of the Wesleyan faith, and have greatly strengthened that body whose numbers were previously small.

Last autumn witnessed the completion of a place of worship, to be held jointly by Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptists. The opening of this house inaugurated a new era in the cause of religion. Since that time the people have enjoyed more frequently, the stated preaching of the word, Christians have been quickened, and careless ones have been awakened to a consideration of their eternal interests. A flourishing Union Sabbath School is in progress, and many are hoping for times of refreshing. One of the signs is the proposal to organize a Baptist church. Churches contiguous are already invited to send delegates to meet in council on the 28th inst. If any of the ministering brethren who read

these lines can give their presence it will be deemed a favor by a few brethren, who are struggling, not only to keep their ground, but, in the name of the Lord, to advance.

Last Sabbath the writer had the pleasing privilege of leading down into the baptismal waters two believers in the Lord Jesus, who thus, in the presence of a large and interested assembly, declared their faith in Christ. This was a novel scene. It is said that some 20 or 25 years ago a baptism was administered in this place. This region must have been then comparatively a wilderness. Virtually this may be regarded as the first believer's baptism witnessed here. We trust it will not be the last, but that many shall yet become obedient to the faith.

M. P. FREEMAN.

DARTMOUTH.—On Sunday last Rev. A. S. Hunt baptized five persons who had previously given good evidence of their faith in the Lord Jesus. At 10 o'clock in the morning they proceeded to the First Lake, and there, as of old, each one went down into the water and was baptized and straightway came up out of the water and went on their way rejoicing.

The church here are purposing to build a new House of Worship on the south side of Portland Street, with rooms for Sabbath School and social meetings in the Basement.

DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The opening of the St. Helen's Island Park, near Montreal, took place on Thursday last.

United Canadian Association at Toronto, are considering the best means of doing honor to the memory of Tecumseh, the Shawnee chief, who was killed at a battle at Moravian town in 1813. A committee is to meet at Moravian town on the first Monday in July, to search for the grave of Tecumseh. Should his remains be found they will be placed adjacent to those of Brock.

In the recent visit of the Emperor of Brazil to Montreal, he visited the "Lions," but declined to enter the Jesuit's Church, although he visited several of the other churches of the city.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—In St. John on Thursday last, an old man named Murphy was knocked down and run over by a team and was badly hurt.

A boat is just finished for Alex. Brayley to row in, which weighs 31 lbs. It is built of Spanish cedar.

Richard Carney a farmer of Black Point Restigouche in a fit of insanity committed suicide one day last week. He was found by one of his sons hanging in his barn.

On Saturday last a sailor named Edw. Kelly threw a knife at another sailor on the ship Jno. Bryce, as she was entering the St. John harbor. The sailor was severely wounded. Kelly was arrested.

On Sunday morning Capt. Penery, of brig. Edna M. Gregory, fired at James Bradley, his steward, the ball passing through the man's leg. The Captain says he acted in self defence.

The South Western Railway was commenced on Thursday last. The first sod was turned at St. George in the presence of the President, directors and members of the company, and a salute was fired from Port Douglas in honor of the event. Between thirty and forty miles have been sub-let, and the work commenced.

At Moncton a man named Mathias was crushed by a safe falling on him. He has since died of his injuries.

A man named Clancy had one of his fingers taken off and the others badly cut (left hand) with the circular saw in the car shop at Moncton on Thursday last.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.—The Island telegraph cable, which was broken some time ago, has been repaired.

Carvell Bros. are loading a large English steamer at Crapaud with oats for France. Nearly all the oats that have left the Island this spring have been sold in France.

A laborer named McLean had his leg badly broken in Suffolk gravel pit on Monday the 5th inst.

The Speedwell with a cargo of oats from St. Peter's Bay for England, got in the ice, lost her rudder, and went ashore at Grand Rave Cape.

Cardigan River was last week full of ice, also the Straits of Souris.

UNITED STATES.—The Centennial Exhibition continues the centre of attraction. The average cash receipts for the past twenty-five days were nearly eleven thousand dollars a day; the expenditure about eight thousand a day.

Troubles with the Indians in the West continue. It was reported last week that Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse, and other Indian bandits, have attacked Custer's troops, and many were killed on both sides.

A proposition looking to repeal the specie resumption act passed the House of Representatives on Wednesday last by 115 to 97.

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