

titled "Conversations on the mode of Christian Baptism," which was put into an enquirer's hands by the minister on making a request for baptism. The result was, of course to perplex and weaken the convert's confidence in the Scriptures. Here is the argument employed to shew that the Apostle Paul was not immersed:

"1. The apostle had been sick for three days, and confined to the house. 2. Ananias went into the house of Judas, in which he abode. 3. Ananias having put his hands on Paul, and addressed him in the name of the Lord Jesus, 'immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.' 4. His baptism evidently took place immediately after his recovery, and in the very room or place where Ananias first saw him. 5. He did not leave the house in quest of water. 6. He could not have been immersed in the room: but was, beyond all reasonable doubt, baptized by sprinkling or pouring."

How very conclusive! It is not surprising that intelligent men who are expected to sprinkle infants and call it baptism should feel uncomfortable about it, and, on careful examination, become Baptists.

DEACON ALEX. ROBINSON.

When we last went to press we should have as soon thought of our own death being recorded in our present issue as that of the brother whose name is here given. Although not in vigorous health for some time past, yet he has been enjoying his retirement from hard labor and the cares of business and had been going about doing good as he had opportunity for two or three years past, reaping the reward of a life of great industry and close application to his occupation.

It causes us much sadness to record the death of our brother which took place at his late residence, on Monday morning the 23rd inst., about nine o'clock. Mr. R. was in the sixty-first year of his age.

On Thursday of last week he underwent a very difficult surgical operation from the effects of which he did not rally. He fully understood the fatal character of his malady if left to take its course, and also the immediate danger of resorting to the help of surgery. With much deliberation he prepared for either life or death. When he learned that the time of his departure was at hand, he expressed his readiness and willingness to depart and be with his Saviour. He continued in a joyful and rapturous state of mind till within a few hours of his death, having his thoughts occupied with the word of God and hymns of praise; and then he sunk into a state of unconsciousness.

Mr. R. was a useful member and an honored deacon of the Granville Street Church, when called away. He loved his church and laboured faithfully for its prosperity.

His union with the Granville Street Church dates back about forty-four years. At that time he came to it by letter of dismission and commendation from the Windsor church with which he had united not long before by baptism.

As soon as it was known that he was dangerously ill, his door was sought by many anxious enquirers from his numerous friends in the city. Outside of his own church, in which he was greatly beloved and highly respected, he had many friends who knew him and esteemed him as an honest, upright man, and a consistent devoted Christian. But the death which has fallen so heavily upon the church of which he was a deacon and member, has overwhelmed with great grief his bereaved widow and seven children, six of whom are under the parental roof. This great trouble is, however, greatly moderated by the sympathy of a host of friends, and the blessed assurance that both they and the bereaved family possess that the departed has gone to be with Christ which is far better. We tender to the afflicted family our heartfelt sympathy; and trust God may sustain them in their great loss.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.—Interesting to the participant, if not to the general public are those incidents of student life, examinations. Toward them point the energies of the terms. They are the gates which lead from one path of progress to another. The March examination of the Academy took place the other day and gave general satisfaction. A large number of College students and other friends were present, and watched the proceedings with much interest. Several creditable essays varied the exercises. At the close of the examination Rev. E. M.

Saunders addressed the students on the endowment question. Other gentlemen present also offered remarks, commending the progress which the Academy had made.—Acadia Athenaeum.

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WEEK.

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. April 16. Battle of Culloden.....1746. 17. Luther at the Diet of Worms.....1521. Death of Dr. Benjamin Franklin.....1790. 18. Death of John Fox, Martyrologist.....1587. Death of Judge Jeffreys, the infamous.....1689. 19. Death of Melancthon, Reformer.....1560. Death of Lord Byron, Poet.....1824. 20. Death of Bugenhagius, Reformer.....1558. Long Parliament dissolved.....1653. 21. Death of Aurelian, Scholastic Theologian.....1109. Death of Peter Abelard, Philosopher.....1142. 22. Royal Society incorporated.....1663.

ACADIA COLLEGE LIBRARY.—The latest thing out is the Catalogue of the Library. The need of something of the kind has been long felt. "Where's the Catalogue?" has been the anxious query of many a student as he has paused in a half-hour search through the shelves for some particular tome; and in melancholy accents has come back from the librarian the mournful echo, "where?" But now the memory of such woes will be gnawed away by the tooth of time. A few moments over the Catalogue will suffice to let any one know whether the book he seeks is in the library, and if so, just where to lay his hand on it. We find that the usable part of the library consists of 3,000 volumes, and it is said that arrangements will soon be made for the appropriation of \$200 or \$300 a year to increase the number.

"HUMAN DEPRAVITY AND SALVABILITY," by Rev. Geo. Johnson, Lower Horton.

This essay, of 19 pages, just published from the office of the Reporter, gives a clear exhibition of Scripture teaching on the salvation of children who die in infancy. It shews that their salvation is in perfect agreement with the doctrine of human depravity and the necessity for a new birth unto righteousness—that although all are born in sin and shapen in iniquity yet this fact forms no barrier to infants being received into the kingdom of heaven if called away before the commission of actual sin or capable of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus. The writer carefully guards against the idea that children may be instructed into the kingdom of God, or that any outward ceremonials can effect the required change in their nature. He says:—

"To believe, that infants may be so instructed, watched over and preserved from contaminating influences, as to grow up religious, without experiencing either justification by personal faith in Christ, or the regeneration of their natures by the power of the Holy Spirit; and to enjoy the love and favor of God here, and at last find their way to heaven, appears to be a doctrine in direct opposition to the teachings of the Bible, destructive to true religion, and the souls of men."

"To refer to no other parts of the Bible, those already adduced are sufficient to prove that the depravity of human nature is so deep and universal, and still exists in all, that it seems impossible for children to be saved from its consequences merely by their salvability, independent of the renewing influences of the Divine Spirit; or for adults to be religious and saved by it, without justification through faith in Christ, the regeneration of their natures and purity of heart, by the agency of the Holy Spirit."

One of the writers for the Dalhousie Gazette contributes an article on "The Franchise," and offers the opinion that a change is required in the direction of universal suffrage. He thinks property is a very unfair qualification for electors. Students and the sons of farmers he thinks are better able to form an intelligent opinion on political matters than many who have the required qualification. This is doubtless true, yet other principles are involved which must not be overlooked.

THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY for April comprises several capital articles, as follows:—

"1. Thomas Munzer, by Rev. Henry S. Burrage, Portland, Me. 2. Modern Evolution Theories, by Geo. W. Samson, D. D., New York. 3. Present aspects of

the Disestablishment movement in England, by Rev. R. G. Moses, Camden, N. J. 4. Dr. Dale on Baptism, by William Whittitt, D. D., Greenville, S. C. 5. The Chronology of the Gospels, by Henry C. Vedder, New York. 6. Ancient Attica and Athens, by A. J. Huntingdon, D. D., Washington, D. C. 7. The Medicant Orders, by Samuel L. Caldwell, D. D., Newton Centre, Mass.

This is a periodical should be which in the hands of our ministers and students generally.

Notices.

BAPTIST ANNIVERSARIES, 1877.

N. S. Western Association at Liverpool, commences on Saturday, June 16th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. Central Association at Upper Aylesford, commences on Saturday, June 23rd, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

N. S. Eastern Association at Portau-pique, commences on Saturday, July 14th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prince Edward Island Association at Cavendish, commences on Saturday, July 21st, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union at Portau-pique, on Friday, July 20th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

New Brunswick Western Association at Blissfield, commences on Tuesday, June 26th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

New Brunswick Eastern Association at Moncton, commences on Tuesday, July 10th, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

New Brunswick Home Missionary Society Annual Meeting will be held with the New Brunswick Eastern Association at Moncton.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to commence at Wolfville, on Saturday, the 25th of August, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

CORRECTION.—In the article "Decline of Infant Baptism" in last week's Messenger, 5th line should read "In 1876 the former numbered 1,332,055 and the latter 2,335,906" &c.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

- March 12.—Per Rev. W. A. Corey, 1st Springfield Church, New Brunswick..... 2 00
March 31.—Mrs. Mary Smith, Barton, Digby Co., N. S..... 2 00
April 2.—Per John Marsh, Esq., John Esty, Esq., Jackson town, N. B..... 2 00
April 12.—Per W. A. Porter, Esq., Upper Aylesford Church, Rev. J. L. Reid, Pastor..... 4 00
Per Mrs. M. R. Selden, Sec. Y. Treas. W. M. A. Societies N. S. for Qr. ending March 31st..... 297 59
April 20.—Thos. H. Hall, Esq., Temple Church, St. John, N.B. 10 00
THOS. P. DAVIES, Treas. F. M. Board.

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Yarmouth.—Donation toward the Box for Missionaries..... 5 50
Do. for the loan of Box of Indian Curiosities, Miss M. Starratt 50
Hammonds Plains.—Miss M. Hayes 4 70
M. R. SELDEN, Sec'y.
Halifax, April 24th, 1877.

HOME MISSIONS AND COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

Rev. J. H. Robbins, traveling agent for the Home Mission Board, has, on consultation with brethren, proposed that a meeting of the Baptist ministers in Annapolis County be held in Paradise, on Wednesday, May 9th, at 10, A. M. He has requested me to publish a notice of it in Christian Messenger. Bro. R. suggests three topics for consideration, viz., 1st. The Mission fields of Annapolis County—their present condition and needs. 2nd. The importance of Baptists supplying Baptist fields. 3rd. The best plan for supplying the destitute fields of the County. The desirableness and importance of holding such a meeting, and of a full attendance, are obvious. I would, therefore, respectfully request my ministering Brethren to attend at the time and place named above. C. TUPPER, Tremont, Aylesford, April 20, 1877.

The Rev. E. M. Saunders has made arrangements to meet with the brethren on this occasion, and consult them on the important matter of carrying forward the work of the HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ENDOWMENT, in Annapolis Co.

Mr. S. will give a Lecture on Wednesday evening, on the Rise and Progress of the Baptist denomination in these Provinces. The Lecture will bear upon the duty of the present in educational work.

A. Longley, Esq., M. P. P., and Hon. Dr. Parker, two of the Governors of Acadia College, expect to be present to give their counsel in the matter, and address the public meeting after the Lecture.

Letters Received.

- Calvin Chute, \$2. I. McNayr, \$2. Rev. W. J. Richan, \$2. J. D. Cook, \$2. A. E. Durland, Esq. J. D. Marsters, \$4.50. Mrs. W. Glenn, \$2. Jas. F. Covey, \$4.

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Marriages.

At Baptist Parsonage, Liverpool, April 1st, by the Rev. Geo. G. Gates, Mr. Peter Modest, to Miss Alice Foehner. In Brooklyn, at the residence of the bride's father, by the same, April 11th, Mr. R. M. Ryan, Master Mariner, to Miss Ellen S. Rhynard.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

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Deaths.

On Monday, the 23rd inst., Alexander Robinson, in the 61st year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, 14 Hurd's Lane, this day, Wednesday, at 3 o'clock, p. m. Relatives and friends will please attend without further notice. At Walingham Rectory, Beccles, Suffolk, England, on the 6th inst., Melanie, wife of Rev. R. Storrs, formerly of Cornwallis, N. S. Ellen A., wife of the late M. H. Brown, Missionary for the Church of England, and daughter of the late W. Dupe, Oxford, England, and only surviving sister G. W. Dupe. On the 17th inst., Jeremiah Sullivan, aged 75 years. At Windsor, on Tuesday morning, 17th April, Peter Miles, aged 73. On Wednesday, Rosina C., second daughter of Daniel and Catherine Hoskins, aged 13 years. At Truro, on the 16th inst., Elizabeth, beloved wife of William Dickson, aged 47 years. At Brookfield, on the 18th inst., Frankfort Davis, in the 49th year of his age. On Thursday, at the residence of Mr. C. Robson, Dartmouth, Margaret Hawthorn, aged 87 years. At the Poor's Asylum, on the 17th April, 1877, Catherine York, aged 60 years. At Biltown, on the 10th inst., suddenly, but with hope in Jesus, Anna, daughter of Deacon E. Parker, aged 23 years. At Port Williams, on the 13th inst., after a painful illness, John Stirk, aged 50 years. Mr. S. had not made a public profession of religion, but for many years he entertained a secret hope, and as he drew nearer his end rejoiced in the Saviour. On the 8th inst., Meenas Thorborne, of Jordan Bay. Three years ago I baptized him and his sister. These have been years of faithful witness to the honor of Jesus. None ever spake ill of Jesus, on his account; a blessed example to all his brothers and sisters in Christ of that church and everywhere. I had a two hours' visit with him one week before he fell asleep. We went back upon the past with thanksgiving. We looked into the future with joy and confident hope of the glory that Jesus has promised. Then in tears of joy and sadness we said farewell till we meet in heaven. The father, two sisters and two brothers have gone from us; the mother two brothers and two sisters are left. God bless them with the true grace for the trials of this life and the death that will soon bear us too into God's presence.—COM. BY REV. E. N. ARCHIBALD. At Liverpool, N. S., on the 13th inst., Robert M. Cobb, aged 32 years. A lingering disease at last terminating in death, a patient and joyful soul at last free.—"Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory." Suddenly, at Port Medway, on the 14th inst., William Meniac, aged 82 years. At Arichat, on Tuesday, 10th April, Ann Cecilia, relict of the late Simon Donovan, Esq., in the 69th year of her age. SEND 25c. to G. P. ROWELL & CO. New York, for Pamphlet of 100 pages, containing lists of 3000 newspapers, and estimates showing cost of advertising. March 8. 1yr.

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