the New Testament are to be considered as having any weight. See for example the different accounts of our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan, the Eunuch's Baptism by Philip, in "a certain water," down into which they both went before the Baptism and up out of which they both came after the Baptism was over. We might also refer to Rom. vi. 3-5, where Paul speaks of being "Buried with Christ by Baptism," etc., as affording "conclusive proof" of immersion-and, especially if we allow such men of God as John Wesley, the celebrated founder of Wesleyan Methodism, to express an opinion on the subject Wesley says, in his commentary on this passage on the 6th of Romans, " Alluding to the ancient practice of baptizing by immersion."

We fully believe that the correct meaning of the word BAPTIZEIN (to baptize) is to immerse; and so wherever this word is used in the New Testament it is "conclusive proof" of immersion.

Let me give several quotatations, mostly from different Pædobaptist authors-all very eminently learned | much harm. men-in substantiation of the Immersionists' belief of the meaning of this word.

Alex. De Stourdza, Russian State-Councillor of the Greek Church :- "The distinctive characteristic of the institution of Baptism is immersion, BAPTISMA, which cannot be omitted without destroying the mysterious sense of the sacrament, and contradicting, at the same It is just what I expected. Acadia's time, the etymological signification of curriculum, it appears, is that of the New of the word, which serves to designate University; considerably extended.

departed from the example of Jesus Christ, she has obliterated the whole and the University, or, in what respect sublimity of the exterior sign, in short, she commits an abuse of words and of ideas, in practising baptism by aspersion, this very term being in itself a derisive contradiction. The verb BAPTIZO, immergo, has in fact but one sole accepto plunge. Baptism and immersion are therefore identical, and to say: baptism by aspersion is as if one should say absurdity of the same nature."

Arnoldi, (Catholic) on Matt. iii. 6 BAPTIZEIN, to immerse, to submerge, . it was as being an entire submersion under water."

Sacrament of Baptism :- "As touching there is no doubt it is the element of some liquid thing."

"First, the name baptism is Greek. In students in these Colleges shall be ad-Latin it can be rendered immersion, when we immerse anything into water that it may be all covered with water."

tize itself signifies immerse, and it is have completed in any one of these Col observed by the ancient church."

George Campbell, (President of Marischal College, Aberdeen), on Matt. iii. 11:-"The word BAPTIZEIN, both in sacred authors and in classical, signifies was rendered by Tertullian, the oldest of the Latin fathers, 'tingere,' the term used for dyeing cloth, which was by immersion."

J. A. Turretin, (Prof. of Theology at indeed, baptism was performed in that of the whole body into water."

as easily be given, did space admit.

Let such quotations as the above but have their due weight and there can be no reasonable doubt that the word BAP-TIZEIN means to immerse, and then we find "conclusive proof," of immersion in every place in the New Testament where Baptism is mentioned.

Turning again to the letter of Mr. Smith we read :- "There is no proof in his text book on Baptism that it was ever administered by immersion. At least he can only say "they went down into" and "came up out of the water," never go under it—are never immersed."

own admission, viz. :- "They went down into and came up out of the water"even "the farmers' oxen," of which he denominational enthusiasm. Any stu-

speaks, come nearer the New Testament model and teaching on this subject than he; for they too "Go down into and up out of the water."

Gladly will we accept the invitation of our brother, to take a walk with him through the teachings of the New Testament on the subject of Christian Baptism. And we should hope too that as soon as he becomes convinced that immersion is taught by the book, he will not hesitate to go down into the water and be baptized as the Eunuch was; and I doubt not that after we come up out of the water he too will go on his way

It is truly considerate in our brother that he is not disposed to retaliate with a vengeance concerning pitiable spectacles!" Magnanimous! Yet I believe the Baptists and the Baptist idea of Christian Baptism would not be utterly annihilated even should Mr. Smith feel disposed at any time to do so." I would invite him if he should ever be afflicted with that suggestion again to free his mind. It can't do

J. F. KEMPTON. Parrsboro', N. S., May 4th, 1877.

For the Christian Messenger. Acadia College-University of Halifax.

Dear Editor,-Thanks to "Candor" for his "No. 2." Bearing this in mind, the question as "The Church of the West has then to "what connection there really is between the so-called affiliated Colleges their relation to it differs from that of Acadia," is easily answered. Perhaps I ought to postpone the reply, however, until after the new endowment gets a little better underway lest I may shock some of the "friends" of Acadia. Here tation. It signifies literally and always is what one of your cool, clear-headed correspondents wrote some time since, evidently, after a careful and dispassionate examination of the Act:- "The immersion by aspersion or any other University of Halifax plainly is not the result of coalition, either forced or voluntary, nor of any process of affiliation. It is a distinct body composed of such graduates of certain Colleges which are named as may choose to enroll their Townson, (Church of England) on the | names on its register before a fixed date, and of such Fellows as the Goverthe outward and visible sign of baptism | nor in Council may appoint, subject to nominations by the Convocation. No water, as is evident from the native sig- provision is made for the representation nificance of the word baptism, which of any College. No College is expected signifies an immersion or dipping into to affiliate with it. Certain Colleges are declared to be in connexion with it, to Luther, on the Sacrament of Baptism: | this extent, or for this purpose, that all mitted as candidates for degrees, except in Medicine and Surgery, in the University of Halifax, if they shall satisfy Calvin on Baptism :- "The word bap- the Senate of that University that they certain that the rite of immersion was leges, while it is in connexion with said University, such course of study as the Senate shall have determined." I can hardly hope to improve upon this outline. Acadia College, unquestionably, is "in connexion with" the University of 'to dip,' to plunge,' 'to immerse,' and | Halifax, and "Candor" has shewn, conclusively, that students who have passed over the regular curriculum at Acadia will have completed, at the same time, the course of study determined by the Senate of the New University,—and Geneva), on Romans vi. 3, 4:- "And, much additional. A statement very similar might be made with respect to age and in those countries, by immersion | Kings, Mount Allison, and Dalhousie. All these Colleges do the work required by This must suffice, though scores could | the University, besides other studies de-

manded by their curricula, respectively. A few days ago the Annual Convocation of Dalhousie-one of these "affiliated Colleges" was held. One can hardly see in what respect this one differed from those of former years. The Chairman of the Board of Governors-a prominent Presbyterian-presided, and other leading Presbyterians were present by invitation and made speeches; degrees were conferred in the ordinary way there was the customary amount of good Presbyterian talk, and Rev. Mr. Grant, one of the three Governors apwhich proves nothing. The farmers' pointed by the Presbyterian Synod, exoxen go down into and up out of the plained, as usual, that Dalhousie was water morning and evening but they not a Presbyterian College. When Kings and Mount Allison meet to cele-Then, according to brother Smith's brate their Anniversaries, it will be seen, I think, that they, too, have lost nothing of their distinctive character or

dent of these "affiliated" Colleges who lies were turned out of doors. Courier shall have thus secured the degrees and honors of his Alma Mater may apply in July next, if he choose, and, if he can pass the examinations, obtain the hon. ors of the New University; but, so can the same class of Acadia's sons, if they desire it. I cannot see, therefore, in what material respect the relation of the "so called affiliated Colleges" to the University differs from that of Acadia. All the noise it seems has been so much waste powder. The monster turns out to be a myth. The whole fuss has resulted from certain persons having received "impressions"! "Candor" "received the impression" that "affiliation"-whatever that is-meant "uniformity," and immediately made the statement; the Visitor "received the impression" that it meant "subordination," and at once proclaimed it to the world as a fact; and a certain "Aliquis" got an "impression" that it meant something still more terrible, and told us, with a grand flourish, that "Acadia would close its year like a common school without any exercises"!! The University Act is too clear, I think, to have originated all these absurd impressions but people will have their own way, and if the endowment fund shall be materially enlarged thereby, substantial benefit will have resulted, and I, for one, will not complain.

Yours, &c., A. A. C.

## RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

LAWRENCETOWN, ANNAPOLIS Co., May 12.—The readers of the Messenger are always interested in the prosperity of our churches. Let me say that the church here has given me a very warm reception to labor among them. We hope the Lord is about to give us His blessing. Last Lord's day I baptized

Yours ever truly, G. N. BALLENTINE.

LIVERPOOL. - Dear Brother, - Since last writing you we have welcomed into the church three-two by letter and one by baptism. Yours,

G. O. G. May 9, 1877.

Bro. E. O. Read baptized five at North

Kingston last Lord's day, the 6th inst., and Bro. W. E. Hall ten in Melvern.

FRENCH Mission.—The friends of the French Mission will be cheered to know of a revival of the work of grace on the Mission Field. Some have told of a new found hope in Christ; one has been received for baptism, and the little church quickened.

M. NORMONDAY.

KINGSTON.—Dear Editor,—Nine persons were received into the fellowship of the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church on Sabbath last-five by baptism and four by letter.

E. O. READ. May 10th.

GASPEREAUX.—Rev. H. N. Parry writes on the 11th inst.:-The work of the Lord is progressing slowly among us I baptized eight believers last Sabbath, and more are coming."

Bridgetown.—Two candidates were baptized on the 6th inst. by the Rev. J.

## DOMINION & FOREIGN NEWS.

DOMINION OF CANADA.—The elections at Ottawa on Wednesday last resulted in the return of Mr. Currier (opposition) by a majority of 1254 votes. Mr. Norris (opposition) was also returned for Lincoln, by 86 votes.

Rev. J. L. Campbell, the new pastor of St. Catherine Street Baptist church, Montreal, entered upon his duties on

Sunday last. Rev. A. H. Munro formerly of Halifax, has become pastor of the first Baptist Church at Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK. - A special from Chatham, on Saturday last, says a barque supposed to be the "Lothair,' was forced ashore by ice on Point Esquimalt Reef. Several other ships including the "Fannie Atkinson' and 'Annie Nast' are reported in the ice outside but pilots are aboard.

A young man named Wesley Jordan, was drowned in the St. John River, on Saturday evening, while attempting to rescue a companion.

AT ST. STEPHEN on Monday last a most destructive fire burned down sev-

Building, Watson House, Western Union Office, Railway Office, and the chief buildings on Water and King Streets were destroyed. The loss is enormous. The North British, and Royal Canadian and Citizen Insurance Companies are the heaviest losers.

P. E. ISLAND.—Sir James Malcolm, who is visiting the Island from England slipped on the sidewalk at Summerside last week and broke his leg.

A heavy snow storm had prevailed there for seven hours.

UNITED STATES —There is said to be no danger this year in Texas and Kansas from grasshoppers, as their eggs have been hatched and product has been killed by cold rainy weather.

The 15,000 Indians who lately surren dered are getting turbulent and will go on the war-path unless their hunger is appeased. No adequate provision has been made for them.

It is reported that Russian emissaries are in every port on the Atlantic coast, and the Russian fleet will attempt to capture any vessel with Turkish arms. Turkey can claim damages of the U.S. Government in this case. It is stated that on a vote in the Cab-

inet three members voted for entire disbanding of the regular army, the agree ment being that this country does not need a standing army.

Brigham Young is reported as defying the Government. The Gentiles of Sal Lake talk of leaving the Territory.

Steamer City of Richmond which ar rived at New York on Sunday last re ports having met the long delayed steamer City of Brussels on Tuesday last. She broke her shaft April 23rd and proceed ed under sail, and will probably arrive at her destination on Thursday or Fri-

stone's resolutions in Parliament shews that public feeling in England is altogether against Turkey, yet strict neutrality is the only course to be pursued by Great Britain.

ENGLAND.-The debate on Mr. Glad-

The greatest activity prevails at Deptford Victualling Yard in the production and the issue of naval stores and provisions is proceeding at an extraordinary rate.

It has been decided to add iron-clads -the Valiant, Lord Warden, Thunderer and the Octrillias-to the Channe Squadron. It is probable an additional admiral will be appointed to this squadron, which will assemble at Devon-

port, ready for sea, May 28th. A slight difficulty has arisen between France and England relative to the Newfoundland herring fishery.

The Duke of Edinburgh arrived a Malta on Monday, in the iron-clad Sul tan, and left on Thursday for Crete. He will proceed thence to the Suez

Differences between England and Russia relative to the Eastern question are increasing and an open rupture is probable. Should this occur, England's neutrality can no longer be maintained, and would, it is believed, inevitably lead to a general European war.

A number of British officers were sent to select a position for an entrenched camp at the entrance of the Suez canal.

Her Majesty's war ship Achilles, lying in the Mersey, received instructions to proceed to Plymouth on Friday. The Government have already 35,000 troops and 11,000 horses ready to embark at any moment.

There is great excitement among the Christians in Crete over war against the

France.—The Chamber of Deputies has had some stormy sessions during the

Courbet, a painter, has consented to pay a fine of \$60,000 for his share in the destruction of the Vendome Column.

ITALY. -4,000 French pilgrims presented the Pope with 79,000 francs last

The Times' special says the French and Austrian Governments have confidentially informed the Vatican that it is impossible to open negotiations in favor of the Pope's temporal power.

GERMANY .- A Berlin despatch an nounces that the German ironclad squadron leave Wilhelmshofen on the 30th inst. for the Mediterranean.

TURKEY .- The Turks were defeated before Kars and sustained heavy losses Ali Pasha was taken prisoner.

The Sultan has signed a decree depos ing the Prince of Roumania. At the request of England, the Porte has extended the time for neutral vessels to leave Russian ports, in the Sea of

Azof, to May 24th. The Turkish bombardment of Ibrail, on Wednesday, destroyed some large granaries. The shops were closed and

the town deserted. The largest Turkish monitor on the Danube, which anchored before Ibrail, was sunk by the fire from the Russian

batteries on Friday afternoon. Two Turkish gunboats bombarded Oltenitza for four hours on Friday. The Roumanians replied. It is reported that they silenced the gunboats and ignited Turtukar on the opposite bank of the Danube. Three men killed and eight wounded in Oltenitza.

The Sultan is much pleased with Derby's reply to Prince Gortschakoff's circular and ordered the Porte officially enty houses by which forty-three fami- to thank the English Government.

Corps of Polish volunteers are being formed at Constantinople.

A severe battle is reported between Kars and Erzeroum, on the 9th the Russians being victorious and fourteen thousand Turks captured.

RUSSIA.—Not a single journal in Europe has received permission from Russia to

send a correspondent to the head-quarters of the Russian army. The Russian headquarters will remain

at Kischeneff until the 13th inst. An Odessa correspondent says that the commissariat officer there was summarily shot for adulterating flour for the

Russia is endeavouring to induce the powers to protest against Derby's answer

to Gortschakoff. Notwithstanding the Russian promise that Turkish ships should have eight days to leave Russian waters, ten Turkish ships were seized at Kertch the day after the declaration of war. The Porte has requested England to remonstrate at St. Petersburg against the act.

Several Russian deserters, nearly all Jews, were shot at Jassay during the

## Tocal Refus.

The closing session for the season of the South Baptist Institute was held on Monday right in the New Vestry, Spring Garden Road. Although the evening was unfavorable, the large audience-room was well filled. The Essays, by Messrs. Graham and Eaton, were very good. The President's address was brief, and highly appropriate, showing that, with his paternal counsels, he is the right man in the right place. The readings, by Miss Greenwood, Miss Paint, and Dr. Delaney, were capital. The music, vocal and instrumental, by Miss Twining and others, was finely rendered. Mr. John Burgoyne, the efficient Secretary, gave the story of the Institute in rythmic measure, and last, but not least, an address, by Mr. J. W. Longley, called forth hearty applause and afforded a very pleasant occasion, which augurs favorably for the next winter's campaign.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCE.—At Falk. land Ridge, Annapolis County, on the 26th of March, Charles W. Grinton, about 19 years of age, left home in company with his father, John Grinton, and another man named Late, for the river, about a mile distant, for the purpose of rolling in logs and driving them down the stream. A jam having formed, Charles Grinton took an axe and went on to clear it. Having cut the log that held it, they suddenly started, he was precipitated into the rushing torrent and carried swiftly down the stream. The father, in his efforts to save the son fell in, and but for the timely assistance of Late, would in all probability have been drowned. The last they saw of Charles he was clinging to a log just at the head of heavy rapids. Search was made for the body, but without success; with sorrowing hearts they returned home with the sad intelligence. Diligent search was afterwards made for the body by the inhabitants, but without success. Un the 27th of April the body was found and conveyed to the home of the sorrowing parents. But alas, how changed. When he left that home it was animated with life, and flushed with the bloom and beauty of youth. When brought back it was bereft of these, and in an advanced stage of decomposition, a sad sight to behold.

Deceased had never made a public profession of religion, but those who knew him best say that he had obtained a good hope through grace, and it is believed that although the summons was sudden, he was found prepared. He was a very promising young man, and held in high esteem. He will be greatly missed in the community in which he

May the God of all grace sustain and comfort the parents, sisters and brothers of the deceased in their deep af-

May, 1877. THOS. A. WILSON.

Col. Laurie and wife were passengers in the Hibernian, from Liverpool, G. B., and with them a little stranger who was not on the passenger list when the steamer left Liverpool.

The second trial of Watson, charged with robbing the Bank of Nova Scotia commenced on Wednesday last and closed on Saturday by his acquital.

Four prisoners from the Penitentiary charged with plotting against their keepers were tried and sentenced to six months in addition to their unexpired term. James Walsh for stealing \$150 from the Caledonian Hotel, was sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. Wm. J. Walsh, alias Power, for bigamy, received the same sentence.

APPOINTMENTS.—Pictou Co.—To be a Coroner-James Mitchell, Esq., of Merrigonish, vice John Mitchell Esq., M. D., deceased.

Progress -The Board of Works have decided to import immediately two street-sweeping machines and one streetscraping machine.

A heavy snow storm prevailed on Thursday last to the east west and north insome places rendering the roads impassable.

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