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gave me other books to read beside the Bible
and thing I have done practicing long since.
For cases like mine, Brainerd's Life is a most
undesirable thing. It gave me a tinge for
years. So Edwards on the Affections—a
most overwhelming thing, and to common
minds the most engaging. The impressions
left by such books were not spiritual, but a
state of permanent hypochondria—the horrors
of a mind without guidance, motive, or ability
to do anything. They are a bad generation
of books, on the whole. Divine sovereignty
does the whole in spite of them. I was con-
verted in spite of such books.

For the Christian Messenger.

PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE TEACHING IMMERSION, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE MEANING OF THE WORD.—Matt. iii. 5, 6, 16. John iii. 23. Acts viii. 38. Rom. vi. 4. Col. ii. 12. *Baptizo*, the word used in the above passages, is the word used to designate the ordinance in every passage of the New Testament, and means one thing. Had the inspired penman wished to institute any other mode, as sprinkling or pouring, the corresponding words *raio* or *cheo* were at their disposal. Why did they not use them?

PASSAGES TEACHING BELIEVER'S IMMERSION.—Matt. xxviii. 19. Mark xvi. 16. Acts ii. 38, 41; vii. 19, 36, 37; ix. 18; x. 47, 48; xiii. 8; xiv. 16. Strange—I cannot find any mention of Infant Sprinkling in the whole Bible.

COUNTRY PARSON.

Tracadie, Guysborough County.

Dear Messenger.

The missionary visit of the Rev. D. G. Shaw, at Tracadie, commencing on November the first, has been a great blessing to the church and congregation. A few weeks previous to his coming our church was in a dark benighted state, when the Rev. M. A. Bigelow, from Antigonish, visited us, and Brother C. Kenedy, from Guysborough, and removed some obstacles out of the way, that had hindered the progress of Zion, and "set them right that had wandered wrong, feeding the hungry with the sincere milk of the word, and restored one wanderer to the fold of God." Brother Shaw came since. During his stay among us he baptized 28 and restored to church fellowship 25. I feel gratified in stating to you that among the number baptized there was one blind woman about 5 years of age, "who sat by the wayside begging, and hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, asked what it meant. She cried, 'Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me,' and was brought by the hearing of the Gospel to the foot of the cross, and has her eyes anointed with eye-salve, and was to the Pool of Siloam, and washed, and returned seeing, with the eye of faith, glorifying and praising God for his wonderful work wrought in her by his Holy Spirit."

A Catholic woman who had been brought up from her infancy in darkness, and devoted great part of her early life under the training of the Mother Abbess in the Convent of Tracadie. She has renounced the errors of Popery, and has come forward and openly professed faith in Christ, and was baptized. She now can testify to her friends what the Lord has done for her. I rejoice to say that good work is still progressing. Since Brother Shaw left there have been four more come forward and testified what the Lord has done for them; they are waiting, and are willing to follow their Divine Lord in the ordinance of Baptism. One wanderer has been restored to the fold, and there are signs of more coming. Rev. Joseph Murray, from Guysborough, has visited us on the 27th and 28th ult., and preached four sermons, but did not baptize on account of the converts not being present.

Dear Brother, I sincerely hope the Hon. Missionary Board will not regret Brother Shaw's appointment, counting on the joy manifested by the brethren and sisters of the Church in general in coming up to duty, and trust his letters has not been in vain to the Lord. May the Lord bless and revive his churches universally until the desert shall blossom as the rose.

Yours in bonds of Christian love,
EDWARD H. JORDAN, Clergyman.

Tracadie, March 1st, 1866.