

the people's, and the priests are no more than mere administrators. Justice and necessity require that sacrifice on the part of the clergy. We entreat them therefore, to unite themselves with the government, for the salvation of the nation, because on the contrary, we do not hesitate to say to the government, that they ought to seize that fountain of riches known by the name of Church property."

The Mexican correspondent of the Tribune predicts that the Priesthood will still persist in their refusal to contribute to the necessities of the government until the people will arise in rebellion and declare the whole of their property confiscated. Should this be done, popery would receive its death blow. The impression that their system of religion, and their priesthood is the cause of their inferiority is becoming widely prevalent among the people. Whenever it becomes general, then the way is prepared for the introduction of Protestant missionaries and teachers.—W. Reviewer.

CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1851.

MICMAC MISSION.

It will be seen by the following extract which we make from an Editorial of "The Wesleyan" that this Mission has been taken from the charge and care of the Baptist Association of Nova-Scotia, to be made what is sophistically called a PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION, as though Baptists who have discarded every post and pillar of popery were not protestant, but must yield precedence to others; and that for the very purpose of introducing and perpetuating under the cover of obscurity in their Scriptures infant baptism, which is so aptly called and so ably proved by Dr. Gill to be the Pillar of Popery. From the silence of the Christian Messenger upon this subject when reporting the doings of the Meeting at Halifax, we were disposed to doubt the truth of the following statement, but we learn to our surprise that it is substantially true. Referring to those into whose hands the Mission has been thrown, the Wesleyan remarks:

"Not only has the Society resolved against the appropriation of funds for the printing of any Micmac translation, until such translation shall have received the approval of the Managing Committee; but further, with regard to the words baptizo and baptisma, upon which it was feared some difficulty might arise, it has been unanimously agreed that those words shall be transferred into Micmac in the same manner as in the English authorised version, with merely a Micmac termination, thereby, in the true spirit of Christian catholicity, and without compromise on the part of the Society's Agent, or of any member of the Committee, happily avoiding a collision of sentiment and action, which, if aroused, could not but interfere very seriously with the harmonious working of the Society, and be fatal to the Mission in its present infant state."

The very affectionate disposition of those into whose embraces it has pleased Mr. Rand to throw himself, is indicated by the delicate thrust which the Editor of the Wesleyan aims at the denomination whose principles in Bible translation Mr. Rand forsakes to become the Protestant Missionary. The paragraph immediately following the above is as follows:

"Some narrow-souled bigots, swallowed up in desire to advance their peculiar views with reference to one of the Christian ordinances, may look with jealousy and suspicion upon this holy Catholic Alliance; but every right-hearted, noble-minded man, must rejoice in the Christian charity exhibited by the Committee, composed as it is of persons of different views upon this question, views entertained strongly by them all, and yet, being anxious for the enlightenment and salvation of the poor Indians, cheerfully disposed to keep these views in abeyance, rather than to throw any obstacle in the way of the Society's operations."

Who can doubt the Catholicity of such council? We will cheerfully relinquish to Mr. Rand or any other one who is disposed to act as he has done all the comfort he can derive from his sacrifice of principle for such an alliance with those who can spit so venomously their ill will towards his denomination.

We rejoice that just at this juncture when this Mission is betrayed, another more inviting field is opening to the Baptist Churches in these Provinces in a Mission to the French.

Mr. Knight, whose qualifications are very ample for prosecuting successfully the French Mission, is now in the field, and is passing

from house to house to carry them good tidings. Mr. Knight, after a fruitless attempt to maintain the position of a Protestant by treating the ordinance of baptism with neglect, as a matter of small consequence, found that his duty lay in submission to the commandments of Christ, and was baptized previously to entering upon his work; and those who have once passed through the ordeal of relinquishing denominational relations with others to follow Christ in baptism, are the last ever again to sigh for a return. Brother Knight is a Baptist, we think we can safely say that; we say it, assured that he is not ashamed to be known as one, and to be called one.

We hope every Pastor will feel called upon to lay the condition and prospects of this mission before the Churches, that every aid may be offered to our brother in his work. Our principal way of doing them good will be by reading to them, and distributing among them Bibles, Testaments, and other good books. To furnish these in anything like a requisite manner, needs substantial funds, as does Bro. Knight's own support.

Brother John F. Marsters, of this City, the Treasurer of this Mission, is ready to receive what any friend is disposed to send to his care.

DEATH OF REV. EDWARD J. HARRIS.

Many of our readers in this vicinity and in Nova-Scotia who so recently saw brother Harris in health, will learn with great surprise and regret his sudden death. Brother Harris preached in this City on the Sabbath, Sept. 28th, and left in the steamer for Portland, (Me.) on the Tuesday following. A friend who met him in Eastport in the afternoon of that day remarked his appearance of good health and spirits. Before reaching Portland next morning he was so seriously sick as to require to be carried from the steamer to the hotel. He reached his home on the next day, (Thursday,) very sick, and died on the following Tuesday, October 7th. The disease was inflammation of the bowels. We presume an obituary suitably prepared will appear.—Bro. Harris has been settled of late as pastor of the Baptist Church in Waldoborough, Me., where he was labouring with acceptance, and happiness to himself. Bro. Harris was an active and diligent Pastor, and none could exceed him in kindness of disposition. He has left an estimable wife and a large family to mourn their sudden and severe bereavement.

We see a notice in the Christian Watchman and Reflector of Brother Casewell's arrival in Boston. We hope soon to hear of his being comfortably located in one of the many pleasant towns of Massachusetts. Bro. Casewell is a superior preacher, and his gentlemanly address and mildness of manners, is calculated to make him many friends. He carries with him the kindest regards of all his brethren, both in the ministry and out.

BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.—The San Francisco Baptist Association have taken the preliminary steps for establishing a University in that City. A lot of land has been secured for the building, in the rear of the Baptist Church, on Washington Street. A board of trustees have been elected and have been incorporated under the name of the "Trustees of the San Francisco University." Rev. F. E. Prevaux has been appointed an Agent to procure the requisite funds for the erection of the building.

The new Baptist Chapel in Pine street, San Francisco, was to be dedicated on Sunday, the 7th of September.

The Baptists were the first to start a Mission for California, and through the devotion and prudence of their Missionaries, are sustaining a leading influence in its religious interests. The endeavor for a University before any others dare hazard such an enterprise, looks like a determination by this, surest of means, to retain what influence they have and get more.

ARRIVAL OF MRS. JUDSON.—Mrs. Judson, with her children, have arrived safely in Boston, by steamer Canada from England. She has preceded this week to her parents in Hamilton, N. Y.

We have received from New-York the quota of Bibles and Testaments for the Life Members of the American and Foreign Bible Society, residing in New-Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who have not otherwise received them for this year.

The aid we have received from those brethren in this Province who have allowed us their

quota for the Colportage the past year or two has been of essential service to us in lightening its expense, and we hope others will be disposed to allow us theirs or such a part as they please, and we shall be much obliged. Those who are not disposed to give theirs to the Colportage, will find them at the Depository.

LETTERS RECEIVED.—Rev. James Wallace, with remittance; Rheuben Ebbett, do; Lewis Keith, do; James Starkey, do.

Mrs. Jane McDonald, Rev. S. S. Cutting, Thomas Morris, John Gordon, Isaiah Wallace, Rev. A. S. Hunt, Rev. D. Crandal, Rev. J. Chase; Prof. J. L. Chapman; Elisia Shaw.

We have given Mr. Shaw's letter to the Postmaster General, and have no doubt the evil will be remedied.

We cannot conceive any reason for the occasion so often given our subscribers to complain of the mails above Frederickton. We hope no Deputy Postmaster is disposed to prevent the liberal designs of the Legislature, with reference to the circulation of the papers.

We hope our Agents will drop a line to the Postmaster General, or to us for him, when there is irregularity, that our subscribers may not be vexed. Mr. Howe will attend to their complaints at once.

Correspondence.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

AMERICAN & FOREIGN BIBLE ROOMS, NEW YORK, Oct. 8, 1851.

REV. E. D. VERY, St. John, N. B.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I thank you for your steadfast adherence to the Society and its work, and for the support you render through the columns of your press. You will unquestionably see the violent assaults made upon the Society and its friends at the late meeting of the American Bible Union, and be grieved with us, I doubt not, that brethren could find it in their hearts to bring charges so unfounded. If you will carefully examine the last six or eight pages of our last Annual Report, adopted by the solemn and deliberate vote of the Society, you will see there a sufficient defense against all these charges. Our Society neither accepts King James's version as a standard, nor as perfect in any sense, nor as ultimate, nor as beyond revision. It simply leaves times and methods to the Providence of God and to other hands, restricting itself to certain spheres in the great work of giving to all men the whole Word of God, faithfully translated.

The Society advances successfully in its work. The late munificence of your brethren in the Provinces, was cordially appreciated by our Board, as appears from the following minute, which was entered on the Records—

"The Report of Rev. J. J. Woolsey's agency in the Eastern Provinces of British America, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, and on motion it was—

"Resolved, That this Board highly approves the judiciousness and efficiency of the Rev. Mr. Woolsey's labours in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and gratefully recognises the prompt and munificent liberality of the friends of the Society in those Provinces."

That you may be greatly blessed in your work, is the sincere prayer of

Yours truly,  
S. S. CUTTING, Cor. Sec.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Norton, Oct. 7, 1851.

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—We met according to our appointment in Norton, our protracted meeting commenced with prayer and supplication, and the Lord was with us. Prayer Meeting, Sabbath morning, at half-past nine; Preaching at eleven and seven. The Lord was in our midst. Monday morning, at half-past nine o'clock, prayer-meeting; then by the request of some of the Church, as they had procured marble head and footstones to be set at the grave of their's and our beloved brother, Rev. A. McDonald, that the ministers should set them. The ministers then present were Elders Timble, Smith, Kierstead and Herritt. After we set the head stone the Deacons present, D. Raymond, and I. Pickle, took a part. The Clerk of the Church, C. Burnett, set the foot stone, all done out of the respect we had to our departed brother, feeling this would soon be our situation, that our tongues would lie silent in the grave. Our ministering brethren that came up to help us were Elders Trumble, Kierstead, Smith, Burns and Mutch; the spirit of the Lord was with

us; we feel no disposition to sound any one a note higher than the other, for all that took hold felt the cause near.

Wednesday our ministering brethren left, except brother Smith. And on Tuesday we met at the water and baptized one willing convert.

Brother Smith continued with us until Sabbath morning, he then met his Church in Belisle. We met again at ten o'clock, at the water side, and baptized eight willing converts.

At seven, P. M., brother Smith preached, and continues with us yet laboring and rejoicing with us. More are waiting to go forward in God's appointed way.

JAMES HERRITT.

We learn by brother Herritt, since the above was written, that ten more have been baptised.

We rejoice to see the tokens of an affectionate remembrance of brother McDonald. We doubt not the seed of his sowing will be found in time to come springing up with fragrance to the praise of God.

We were deeply affected this week in reading a letter from his afflicted widow. After alluding to her distance from these scenes of his labors, and the satisfaction with which she perused the Visitor from week to week, she observes; "How little did my dear husband imagine when he was laboring so perseveringly to establish and sustain the paper, that it was thus to be one of the choicest comforts to me after he was dead and gone."

In this we see the faithfulness of God to recompense every work of faith and labor of love bestowed in the name of Christ.

We hope to hear of continued success at Norton.

Three more were baptised yesterday.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Springfield Oct. 9, 1848.

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—We are enjoying a good degree of the divine presence at Madenton, two have been baptised of late, and others are expected; we are glad to know that the Lord is visiting the Church in Norton with another revival, and that so many of the youth are embracing the commands of Christ. May the Lord encourage the good work; we are also glad of the return of brother Knight to his important missionary work among the French people. I was much gratified in attending the funeral of Miss Davison to see so many of the French people, male and female take their seats with their English neighbors and listen so solemn and attentively to the Gospel of Christ. One man said the other day, that he never saw into the plan of the gospel before as he did listening to a sermon some time since in the same house, and is determined to search the Bible for himself.—These are encouraging us to go forward in the means of grace among them. I hope that united prayers will be offered up for that people and our brother who is going among them to spread the lamp of life. Your affectionate brother in Christ,  
D. CRANEAL.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—I have again to trouble you, but I hope you will bear with me, as I cannot do without communicating with you. Some time since, I received three dollars from brother James Murphy, for the Bible Society, which I send you in this letter

Dear Brother, no doubt you will like to hear how the cause of God is prospering in this place, especially as I told you in my last of the leaven working then. There were seven baptized, and the good Lord is still working in the hearts of His people in our section of the Church. On Lord's Day, the 14th, I baptized two, and last Sabbath, 21st, baptized five, and a number rose to be prayed for; and my soul is thankful to God for his mercy to me.

Dear Brother, I find it good to wait on the Lord in the breaking of Bread, and in "showing forth the Lord's death till He come." I dispense it every Lord's Day, so often as we can attend to it, in all the sections of the Church, and I see that the congregation feels the line drawn between them and the members, and some that did not partake also feel, so that the Ordinance is better attended to, and I quit with a better feeling. I feel a pleasure in preaching to the people. "Bless the Lord, G. my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name."

JAMES WALKER.

Masquanen, Sept. 25, 1851.