

II. The word baptism is used to describe the overwhelmings which the Lord Jesus endured before he entered into his mansions of eternal glory. Matt. xx. 22. "But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of? And to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able." Luke xii. 50. "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished?"

III. Baptism means the burying of a believer in the water, in the name of the Holy Ghost." Matt. xviii. 19. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Mark xvi. 16. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."—Rom. vi. 4. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father; even so we should also walk in newness of Life." ARTHUR.

Dorchester, March 12th, 1852.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Sackville, March 12th, 1852.

DEAR BROTHER,—The cause of God is steadily progressing in this place. Brethren George F. Miles, Henry E. Seelye, William A. Coleman, L. H. Marshall, (from N. S.) and W. G. Parker, have been much blessed in their labours of love this past fortnight; eighteen have been baptized this week, and seven others received this afternoon; the first and second Churches are united in spirit and action, serving the Lord; some who have been following afar off are returning confessing their sins; the community generally, appear anxious to secure and appreciate the blessings of the gospel, and it can be truly said that there is great joy in this land.

The bereaving dispensations of God are being sanctified to the living. On the first day of this year the funeral sermon of Mr. John R. Cahill, an old and respectable inhabitant of this place, was preached in the second Church Meeting-house, from these words, "There is no man that hath power over the Spirit to retain the Spirit, neither hath he power in the day of death, and there is no discharge in that war, neither shall wickedness delivered those that are given to it."—Ecclesiastes viii. 8. After the delivery of the discourse the audience was addressed in an appropriate and impressive manner by Revs. Messrs. Hennigar and Pickard, who had visited the departed in his sickness, and had heard his testimony to the effect, that he relied upon the atoning blood of Christ for salvation, and had thus found peace with God. Mr. Cahill was a native of London, England, where his relatives still reside. He came to this country fifty years since; was well beloved by all, and sustained the honourable position of President of the Sackville Temperance Society for the last ten years. He has left a widow who is a member of the Baptist Church, and is enabled to sustain the bereavement with Christian fortitude. Mr. C. had the satisfaction of seeing his numerous offspring well settled in life, and most of them decided for God, being members of the Baptist Churches in this place. May God continue to sustain and comfort the widow, and bless the children and grandchildren with vital religion, that they may glorify Him while on earth and enjoy His favour beyond in the eternal world.

On Thursday week last, Rev. George F. Miles preached a funeral discourse in the first Church Meeting-house, occasioned by the death of Lois, daughter of Mr. Courtney Sears. She was about 15 years of age. Brother Miles had visited her in her sickness and was therefore in a position to treat the solemn subject in an appropriate manner, which was not without salutary effect; one of her sisters has since made a scriptural profession of religion, she was one of eleven baptized yesterday.—May God bless the bereavement to the parents and all the relatives, and may they realize his sustaining and comforting grace.

We have been informed this day of the death of George, son of brother Michael Cole, who departed to the spirit-world, at 4 o'clock this morning; the Lord enabled him to bear his testimony to the necessity of decision of character, and the value of the religion of the Son of God. Just before he died he said to his parents that he "would give a thousand worlds if he had served God while in health." This wish was not prompted by a fear of punishment, but from a sense of his obligation to

that Saviour who he believed redeemed him by his blood, and to whom he committed the salvation of his soul—he also said that he rejoiced to hear that the power of God was visible in the salvation of precious souls, and that his beloved father and affectionate mother are members of the Baptist Church, and that nearly all the family have professed religion, his youngest sister being one of the eleven baptized yesterday, and a brother one of the candidates received to day. Thus, dear brother, God is working powerfully, not only by enabling the heralds of the cross to proclaim the glorious gospel, but also by visiting us with his solemn providence; and we need much of that wisdom which cometh from above and much of the spirit of our Lord and Master to influence us while engaged in this great and solemn work, and therefore ask an interest in the prayers of God's people generally.

Yours affectionately JOHN FRANCIS.  
Rev. E. D. Very.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

Maugerville, March 16th, 1851.

DEAR BRO. VERY.—I was pained to learn from your editorial in the Visitor of the 5th inst., that my letter, published on the 6th ult., had caused unpleasant feelings in the minds of some persons at and near Woodstock.

If I have by any unguarded expressions given offence to any one—particularly any of those kind friends to whom I am indebted for their generous hospitality—I can only say I am exceedingly sorry, and that I did not intend to wound the feelings of any, much less those whose hospitality I so largely enjoyed, and of whose very great kindness I had taken special notice for publication as intimated in the letter alluded to, but of which satisfaction I feel myself now deprived. I would say however—and I wish to be understood to mean what I say—that during my visit up the St. John river, without a single exception, I received the most marked and considerate attention, and such kindness manifested toward my personal comfort, as I think will not soon be forgotten.

Although I may have indulged in a strain of apparent novelty in my allusions to the inclemency of the weather and also to the cool manner in which some are disposed to embrace the objects of my agency; yet I cannot conceive how any one possessing "the testimony of a good conscience," in reference to the latter and who of course cannot be accountable for the former, can feel aggrieved, save for the cause of God, which every good man ought to love too well to allow himself willingly to do anything to obstruct the progress of the Redeemer's kingdom.

I would beg to assure all my brethren and friends that notwithstanding this severe trial to my feelings, I do not feel any abatement in my love for the work in which I have been engaged for these last three months, not with expectation of receiving pecuniary reward but for the work's sake; and lest any should think that I am receiving pay for my time, I wish distinctly to be understood, that although the board very kindly offered to pay me at the rate of 30s. per week, I have never intended to accept any remuneration from the funds, already too limited to properly sustain all the objects embraced in the Union, which fact I have generally made known to the churches.

I had intended to publish a full account of my doings and success up the river, but it would probably now be considered out of due time, I will merely acknowledge the receipt of the following sums collected on behalf of the Union:—King's Clear—Mrs. Syphers, 20s.; Wm. T. Hammond, 5s.; J. A. Hammond, 10s. Dumfries—Sol. Howe, 10s.; Mrs. T. Howe, 10s.; Mary Moors, 3s. 1½d.; Thos. Temple, 5s.; Mrs. T. Temple, 5s.; Amelia Temple, 1s. 3d.; Emma Temple, 1s. 3d.; Asa Dow, Esq., 8s. 1½d.; David Dow, 5s.; John Dow, 5s.; John S. Patterson, 5s.; Wm. H. Millar, 5s.; Obadiah Akerly, 5s.; John V. Young, 2s. 6d.; David Patterson, 5s.; Dow Brooks, 5s.; Mrs. Doherty, 1s. 3d. Woodstock—James Everett, 5s.; J. C. Everett, 6s. 6d.; Theophilus Everett 7½d.; Amelia S. Everett, 6d.; Jonathan Shaw, 5s.; Dinah Albird, 6d. In addition to the above at Woodstock there was pledged by Mrs. James Everett and Miss Lucretia Everett the rent of a pew for 5 years, and also a considerable amount subscribed and collectors appointed to receive it. Jacksonstown—Deacon Churchill, 5s.; Michael Campbell, 2s. 6d. Maugerville—Col. Miles, 20s.; a friend on the road, 10s.

I returned from Sackville last week, and

have just come from the Nashwaak, where I attended the quarterly meeting held at Elder John Magee's church. In a few days I will give you a further account of my travels and collections. Yours, &c. H. E. SEELYE.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—I have no doubt some of our Dear Brethren may write you the proceedings of the Protracted Meetings at Sackville. I am just returned from three weeks travelling with Elder G. F. Miles. We left Dorchester in company with Bro. H. E. Seelye, Thursday 19th ult. Brother Miles preached at Sackville on Friday evening, and on Sunday following at the three Meeting Houses, that is 1st and 2nd Houses, also at Salem Chapel. Monday we proceeded on to Amherst, where we met our worthy brother, Elder J. Francis. We were happy to find him so far recovered as to be able to resume his labours of love. After staying with brother F. a short time, we proceeded to Maccan, where we spent the night with Bro. Wm. Blenkhorn. Tuesday, proceeded on to Manudie, where we found a very cordial reception from Bro. Jos. Read and family. We visited a French family, and in the evening, Bro. Miles preached to a very attentive audience. We left Manudie, Wednesday morning, when Bro. M. preached at Herbert River Meeting House, at 11 o'clock, where we met Elder Rowe. The meeting, we have reason to believe, was blessed to all present, the Lord was with us; in the evening Brothers Miles and Rowe attended at Maccan Meeting House. Meeting was well attended, although the rain fell very copiously, the services were very cheering. We left Maccan, Thursday forenoon for Amherst, in time to attend the College Prayer Meeting with Bro. Francis. It was a good season to all present. Friday, held a French Missionary Meeting at Amherst, which was well attended, and collected 40s. with a gold ring. Saturday, left Amherst in company with Bro. Francis for Sackville, where we had the pleasure of meeting Elder Wm. A. Coleman. We had a Conference Meeting in the afternoon; it was indeed a most solemn and impressive meeting. The Lord's people seemed to enjoy the presence of God, and found it a time of refreshing to their souls. Sunday, had Meetings in behalf of the French Missions, at the three Meeting Houses; collected in all £2 12s. 4½d.—had meetings every day in the week, which I am happy to say were well attended. I hope the Lord is blessing the dear people of Sackville, I pray the Lord may send them prosperity. On Saturday our Dear Brother Elder Marshall came to assist in the glorious cause of God here, he came from Nova Scotia, assisted at a Conference Meeting at the upper Meeting House. On Sabbath day, opened the new Meeting House at Point Miggie. Brother Miles preached in the morning from 27th Psalm and 4th verse—"One thing have I desired of the Lord, &c.," succeeded by Elder McPhee and Marshall; and in the afternoon Brother Marshall preached from Hebrews 2d c. and 1st v. In the course of the afternoon Brother Parker came in, and also after a little while we had the pleasure to see Brother Francis arrive amongst us, the day was indeed a day of spiritual blessing.—The word of the Lord was sounded with great energy, and I trust it has been the means in God's hand to bless many who were present. There were Meetings at all these different Houses during the day. Monday, meeting at the 2nd House, when all the Ministering Brethren were present. A dear brother who had come forward on Saturday, presented himself and was Baptized by Elder Parker, accompanied by all the Ministering Brethren. Having to leave, I did not attend any further meetings, I hope the Lord will bless and prosper the work of God with his dear people in Sackville. How good it is to meet with the people of God? I am sure I can say I found it good to meet with the dear people of God, wherever I have been I can say I have found the most cordial and friendly christian receptions—for which, I trust, I feel thankful to God and to his dear people. In haste I beg to remain yours in Christ.

PETER KNIGHT.

Dorchester, 12th March, 1852.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

MR. EDITOR,—Having been a subscriber to the Visitor since its commencement, I feel constrained to acknowledge my gratitude for the privilege of perusing its columns. I believe its introduction to be one of the greatest blessings ever afforded this Province. I do

not see how any unbiased person can justify himself in withholding from his family its perusal. The Communications generally tend to correct many false notions, often entertained for want of investigation, and as the Visitor is the organ of a denomination which professes to appeal to the Law and to the Testimony in Church matters, I think some of its friends are called upon to rebut every doctrinal error communicated, especially when it appears over the signature of "A Baptist," for many are willing to believe that such are the sentiments of the denomination at large. In Vol. 5, No. 2, I noticed the Communication of "A Baptist" on the wine question, where the writer seems to justify the use of a drug in place of the fruit of the vine, which our Lord commanded. He says—"that he knows the unfermented wine cannot be got, nor would the great Head of the Church require any more of his followers than it was in their power to perform." If "A Baptist" has examined the communication on the wine question in No. 5, Vol. 5, of the Christian Visitor, I hope he is convinced of his mistake in regard to the impossibility of obtaining the pure wine. But supposing that circumstances should render it impossible to attend to this solemn and emphatic command, would not our Lord justify the omission, and would it not be presumption in the highest degree for us to substitute any thing in the place of a specific command. If we through ignorance or any other cause have been led into an error in the use of a spurious article called wine, since we are aware of the deception we can no longer remain innocent in pursuing the same course. The perversion of the ordinances of Christ by so many christians in the world, must be a powerful barrier to the Jews, who are so punctilious in their observance of the ceremonial law, when they see us so lax in the observance of the positive commands of the New Testament. How can they believe us to be sincere when we tell them we believe in the Old Testament, and try to convince them that the ceremonial law was fulfilled in the person of Christ, and that the New Testament is a perfect transcript of his will towards us, by which we are bound to observe all things whatsoever he has commanded, (and nothing else,) when they see such discrepancy between our creed and practice in many instances.

There is another error common to some who seem to have come to a knowledge of the truth, who when about to die express a strong desire to have the ordinances administered; as though by such an act they would atone for past negligence, when it is evident, the ordinances of Christ were designed for the living and not for the dying. The first on profession of faith prior to Church membership, as an outward sign of an inward grace; and the latter to be received in the Church in a collected capacity only. A SUBSCRIBER.

St. George March 4th, 1852.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

DEAR BROTHER VERY,—Things at the North not affording the encouragement we hoped, I only spent four weeks in that Missionary field. I then visited Moncton, Shediac and Moncton Mountain, and spent two weeks most pleasantly, and I believe to profit. I had the happiness to meet Rev. D. Crandal, Rev. E. N. Harris and Rev. E. F. Foshay. I then visited this place, arrived here Tuesday, 24th February. After spending a few days, I had the happiness of meeting Rev. J. Francis, Rev. G. F. Miles, Brother H. E. Seelye, Agent for the Union Society, and Brother Knight, our Missionary among the French. Having thus providentially met, we had the happiness to greet each other in the House of God, the Church having met for Conference, where we enjoyed much of the presence and blessing of the Lord. We resolved to hold a series of meetings, which have continued since. The Lord is graciously pouring out his spirit—seven have been baptized. Brother Miles and brother Seelye have been forced to leave to attend to other claims, but the Lord is filling up the ranks by sending others. Rev. Levi H. Marshall and Rev. W. G. Parker are at present with us and rendering great assistance in carrying forth the work of God. There is an appearance of an "abundance of rain." I think I have never seen a better prospect. O may God carry on his work, until all this land shall be rendered vocal with his praise.

You will get a more minute account from some other brethren soon. Yours in the bonds of the Gospel. W. A. COLEMAN.

Sackville, March 10th, 1852.