

our joys? And all this, too, with an education below her claims, inconsistent with her natural position, and degrading both to her intellectual and moral nature. Indeed we hazard little, if any thing, in saying, that as there are gems in the depths below, and brilliant stars sparkling in the azure heights above, which man has never yet seen—so there are beauties and excellencies in woman, which the most erudite in her nature have not yet seen. Nor is it saying too much to predict, that as science is daily bringing new facts and truths from the bosom of earth and ocean, and discovering new lights in the dim distance of the sky—so, when the star of woman's influence shall have risen to its true position in the social heavens, new beauties and new powers in her nature will be seen and felt, that will make that star, in brilliance and beauty, inferior to none but the star of Bethlehem.

Were she placed under the influence of that physical, intellectual, and moral culture which her Creator designed her to enjoy, it would not be a difficult work to convince us that she is all that oratory and poetry, in the most elegant periods, and in the sweetest measures, have declared her to be.

Are not such truths sufficient to stimulate woman, and her friends and guardians, to the exertions necessary to place her in her true position, and to qualify her for the discharge of the duties of that station, by a sound and rational education? We think they are.

How powerful the character and destiny of a rationally educated female! She is cheerful and affable; easy, yet dignified; pious, without superstition, enthusiasm, or ostentation; patient, meek, and resigned; frank and open hearted; kind and hospitable; her chief aim in living is to spread happiness around her; smiles of benevolence and soft words of kindness make her an object of affection to all; she never outlives the love and esteem of her family and friends, for she never survives her good nature; in short, she is educated for her station. She is the able and kind instructress of her children, and a companion to her husband; she is indeed a wife and mother in all the extent of those charming and endearing epithets.

*A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warm, to comfort, and command;
And yet a spirit still, and bright
With some thing of an angel light.*

Home Missions.

Meetings have been held this week in Brussels-street, Germain-street, in Portland, and in Carlton, in reference to the progress of the "New-Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Society." These meetings have been well attended by ministers and people, and a lively interest is felt in the cause. A happy state of religious union exists in the churches, and the Pastors with their flocks seem determined to go forward in the blessed work of spreading the glad tidings of mercy far and wide. We again repeat that *Twenty Baptist Missionaries* are required to meet the present necessities of this Province. If the spirit that prevails in the city churches is felt by all the churches in the country, the means of support will be forth coming. And the Lord, in answer to the prayers of his people, will provide the men. Remember, dear brethren, that "*union is strength*," and acting upon this principle, let us with one soul, and with one voice, come up "*to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty*."

☞ The Communication of S. M. is quite too personal for insertion in our columns. We like free discussion on all subjects, but personal attacks we cautiously avoid, and we trust our correspondents will do the same.

☞ Several Communications omitted for want of room, among them our Rochester Correspondent and Rev. E. F. Foshay.

MONEY LETTERS RECEIVED.—Mr. M. Young, 30s.; Mr. G. A. Hammond, 10s.; J. S. Colpitts, Esq., 15s.; Miss Sarah A. Wheaton, 10s.; Rev. D. Crandall, 17s. 6d.; Nathaniel Floyd, St. Martins, 10s.

☞ Rev. A. D. Thompson's received and well be attended to.

The Election of MAYOR of this City for the ensuing year, by the Board of Common Council, took place this day. There were three Candidates nominated; Aldermen G. Vanhorne, I. Woodward, and J. Olive. Mr. Vanhorne obtained 5 votes, and Mr. Woodward 3. Alderman James Olive, of Guy's Ward, Carleton, was finally elected Mayor, by a vote of 7 members of the board; being a majority of the whole.—*Observer*

as remitting sins; and when it is said there can be no salvation without it, I am satisfied the subject is not treated scripturally, and an injury is done to God's truth. Peter in speaking of the salvation of Noah and his family by water, says: "The like figure whereunto baptism doth also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." This, if I mistake not, is the view taken of baptism by Baptist people generally. They regard it as a solemn command of Jesus Christ, and as such ought to be obeyed by all believers; but they never teach that water baptism regenerates the heart, or prepares the soul for heaven. If the persons to whom I have referred, as attaching an importance to baptism that does not belong to it, rest their own souls upon it for salvation, I greatly fear that they will meet with a sad disappointment when weighed in the balance of eternal truth. The blood of Jesus Christ is the only fountain in which we can cleanse our polluted souls. We shall all do well to take heed to the admonition which the great Apostle addressed to the Corinthians: "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates."

I remain yours, respectfully,
QUERY.

[FOR THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.]

St. John, May 4, 1853.

MESSRS. EDITORS.—"*Fas est fas*." Justice to the cause of truth, which needs no support from man, for it is great, and will PREVAIL, compels me to ask you to allow a few words of explanation to appear in your paper this week, in answer to a letter in the "*Provincial Wesleyan*," signed "D. E. F.," and supported by the Editor. I lately said in a communication handed to you, that I had attended a meeting held in the Baptist Church in Brussels-street, in the City of St. John, and that at that meeting my heart had been lacerated by listening to a statement made by Brother Harding, from Shippegan, as to the religious destitution of certain places in that locality. I never was more sincere in my life in making a statement than I was then—and in the offer I made to assist certain Brethren in sending THE GOSPEL to them by the mouth of a Minister of Jesus Christ, and also of forwarding to them your valuable paper, which I know is doing so much good, because it advocates *the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth*.

In my letter, however, I omitted the word BAPTIST, in speaking of the destitution of Religious teaching. As soon as Bro. Harding, who was in the city, saw the omission, he called called upon me, and I was very sorry, and lost not a number of the *Visitor* in correcting my error. Where, I ask then, is the justice of "D. E. F.," or the Editor, in writing such language as they have this week? Surely if their eye discerned the error, they might have seen the correction in the next