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THE PLACE OF BAPTISM.

The instinctive desire to perform the ordinance of baptism in the "open air," is common among Baptists. This, we are persuaded, does not arise from the fact, that there were no artificial baptistries when the fathers began their work in these provinces.

For the first nine years of our [Ed. in N. S.] ministry, no ceiling interrupted our vision as we raised our eyes to pronounce the solemn formula—"I baptize thee into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

they? Who can tell? Who can analyze poetry or sentiment. Out-of-doors baptism certainly has in it more power to open the spiritual resources, and bear the soul up into the regions of sentiment and ecstasy than the font under the pulpit.

The golden light of that morning, flashing and shimmering over the glassy surface of that arm of the sea, in silent language, told of the light of the city for which the thirteen pilgrims had just set out.

Baptism, in its simple, apostolic form and surroundings, holds in itself symbolism, sentiment, yea glory, which man can no more take away than he can rob the sun, moon and stars of their glory.

"THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON, BY HIS SON EDWARD JUDSON."

There has been a desire for some years past among the older people, to read again the life of Adoniram Judson. The seniors wanted, and the juniors needed, the life of this great missionary.

This work is powerful in two directions. The simple story of Adoniram Judson, the young man of talent and learning, giving himself to the task of settling forever the doctrine of baptism during the leisure of a voyage by sail from America to India, contains in itself an argument for baptism unparalleled, so far as we know, in the history of this sleepless subject.

The life of Dr. Judson, interwoven as it is with the lives of his devoted wives, makes also for missions an argument unsurpassed by anything found outside of the Bible.

kept nothing back. Perils and various afflictions were encountered at almost every step of his successful life. But he went on and on through darkness and through light. His first venture led him into the loathsome hold of a French Privateer, and into a dark French gaol.

Dr. Edward Judson has given the life of his father in good taste. By such books as this the characters of men and women are moulded into finest forms, and enriched with the noblest sentiments.

The publishers A. D. F. Randolph & Co., New York, have done their work well. The book contains portraits of Dr. Judson and his wives, Ann and Emily. Unfortunately no picture of Sarah Boardman Judson could be found.

What a contrast is the next picture. Sir Alexander Campbell's camp is reached. Accounts of Burmese cruelty to her and her husband, and of her heroic conduct, had reached the English army before her arrival.

The following brethren are local agents for the VISITOR in the places named: Amherst, N. S. M. D. Fride. Fredericton, N. B. M. S. Hall. Halifax, N. S. F. H. Hayes. Moncton, N. B. J. J. Wallace. St. Stephen, N. S. J. S. Price. Hampton W. F. Parker.

memories must be at work, and then related some of their inhuman treatment of herself. This was all in English. The envoys understood it not. Pallor was on their faces; they trembled with fear; the perspiration oozed from their swarthy skins.

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"PROVOKING ONE ANOTHER TO GOOD WORKS."

Taking the figures as given in the report of the Financial Committee of the Convention, it appears that the contributions from the New Brunswick churches and members to our various denominational funds, missionary, educational, etc., amounted last year—1881-82—to \$5,367, which is equal to an average of 45 1/2 cents from each member.

With regard to the relative standing of particular towns and particular churches in this respect, the following list will speak for itself. Here are the names of a number of the most prominent churches in the Maritime Provinces, and of cities and towns containing several churches, arranged according to the amount of their benevolent contributions in proportion to their membership for last year.

Of course, the figures given in the report do not furnish a perfect basis for comparison for several reasons. All the contributions are not included in all cases; and the number of members is given much more strictly in some cases than in others.

THE WEEK.

Two hundred arrests, including members of the military school, have been made in Russia. One poor fellow who had agreed to take the life of the Emperor, and had disguised himself as a waiter where his sovereign was, felt his heart fail him.

Arrests have been made in Cork, Ireland, of Dynamite plotters. Royalty and rulers in Europe are ill at ease on account of the plots discovered for destruction and murder.

Ottawa had a scare. A bottle of explosive material burst in the Parliament building. A nitro-glycerine factory has been discovered in Birmingham, England. The place had the sign of a paper hanger.

LITERARY NOTES.

Exalted praise, a new collection of hymns and tunes for the Sunday School and Sanctuary, by George C. Hugg and F. L. Armstrong; published by Lee & Walker, 1113 Chestnut St., Phila.

It is a book of 125 pages octavo. The hymns are well selected. They set forth the great salvation, and the music seems to be simple and well adapted for the Sunday School, and much of it is so devotional as to fit it well for the Prayer Meeting.

The Early Days of Christianity, by F.W. Farrar, D.D., F.R.S., Cassel, Peter, Galpin & Co., New York, London and Paris. For sale by McGregor and Knight, on Granville Street, Halifax. Paper covers 40 cents, cloth do. 75 cents.

This work of Canon Farrar's is a valuable addition to the many helps now in the hands of the public for studying the Bible. The condition of the heathen world, in the apostolic times, is painted as a background on which to make vivid the writings and sentiments of the New Testament.

ner. Barring these blemishes, the work is one of priceless value.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Timothy Harley, formerly pastor of Brussels St. Church, is now visiting in New York.

A.F. Randolph and Mrs. Randolph, together with some relations, left Halifax on Saturday the 7th inst., for the Parisian for England.

For the Visitor.

HOW I READ THE BIBLE

BY JOHN, THE BLACKSMITH.

Since writing my last article, I have read carefully from the creation of man to his expulsion from Paradise. Beneath the accounts contained thus far, some doctrines are found in a germ-state, and others appear rounded like a full orb.

The fall of man into sin, is distinctly taught. But just what the extent of the penalty is does not fully appear. Death is the term used, but death is not fully explained. The personal devil is concealed beneath the shining folds of a serpent.

I find myself very curious about that tree of knowledge of good and evil, and that other tree of life. Those streams too awake in me a strong desire to know the geography of that Eden-country; I would also like to know what the effect of the eating of the tree of life would have been.

Man was put to work when he was holy. After his fall the work became burdensome. Sweet manna flowed. The curse was sent into the earth itself.