

nion would be acting a lie; can this be truly said of communing before baptism?"—*Christian Guardian*.

In reply to which the *Baptist* asks whether "a desire to flee from the wrath to come" is evangelical repentance? And if not, are not the Methodists, in making this a condition of Church membership, and inviting such to come to the communion, encouraging persons to act a lie?"

Well put; shall we answer it from the Bible, or from the "Book of Discipline?"

Our readers, we are sure, will learn with great regret that the Rev. Charles Chapman, M. A., the beloved and esteemed pastor of Zion Church, Montreal, and Chairman of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec for the present year, is about to return to England. Mr. Chapman has been invited by a unanimous choice to become the Principal and Theological Professor of the Western College (Congregational) in Plymouth. The honour is well bestowed, has been thoroughly well earned, and is doubtless doubly appreciated by its recipient because of the College to which he goes being his Alma Mater.

The appointment is an entire surprise to Mr. Chapman, and has been conferred, we need not say, without any solicitation from him. His sole reason for accepting it is his strong preference for the work to which his energies will henceforth be devoted, and for which all consider him to be so eminently qualified.

We congratulate our brother on the honour and the service which the Master is laying upon him, while we sympathize deeply with the Church that loses so faithful a pastor. It will be some slight compensation for the loss which the denomination sustains by his

removal, that we shall have a representative at English head-quarters who knows a little more about the necessities of our Canadian Churches than any one who has never lived here can know.

Mr. Chapman does not contemplate leaving till about the middle of June, so that we may hope to have him with us at our annual meetings in Montreal.

Two Congregational ministers, formerly numbered among our missionary pastors in Canada, lately passed away to their rest and reward, within a week of each other—the Rev. John Rogers, late of Stanstead, Que., and the Rev. Joseph Hooper, M. D., at one time pastor of the Church at Owen Sound. Mr. Rogers, late of Derby and Hartford, and still more recently of Wells River, died at Swanton, Feb. 20, of pneumonia, after an illness of less than two weeks. He was an Englishman, and, the *Vermont Chronicle* says, was "a preacher of more than ordinary ability." He leaves a wife and five children. Mr. Rogers began his ministry at Swanton on the 1st of January, and was to supply them a year.

Dr. Hooper, of Bay City, Mich., died the 28th of February. A correspondent of the *Advance* says of him: "On Sabbath morning, Feb. 27, he supplied the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of Bay City, in the absence of a settled pastor; and at the close of his service made known his subject for the evening discourse, which was "Heaven," and also selected and handed the following hymns to the choir, to be used on that occasion: 1. "My days are gliding swiftly by," &c.; 2. "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," &c.; and 3. "In