

tion of the truth contained in 1 John i. 8 and 9. It is thus "a visible Gospel" for sinners.

3. Symbolical cleansing under the Levitical Dispensation was by sprinkling in public, and by bathing in private. (See Numbers xix. 19, 20; and Leviticus xiv. 7, 8.)

"Salvation is of the Jews." (John iv. 22.) Our Lord's disciples (John iv. 2) would follow the mode prevailing among the Jews.

Our Lord has not enjoined any mode on His disciples; but the symbolical ordinance perpetuated in Christ's Church is as Dale declares, "a strong support to faith." As to mode, public immersion in a dress is to my mind unscriptural, unreasonable, and unseemly.

4. The Greek verb *baptizo* means "to flood in order to fill," "to saturate," "to drench."

Thus when they were "baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts i. 5) on the day of Pentecost, "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." (Acts ii. 4.)

The injunction to Christians "be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit," explains the baptism of the Spirit, and illustrates the distinctive meaning of the Greek verb *baptizo*. For, in classical Greek, drunken men were said to be "baptized with wine," and the coast was said to be "baptized by the tide."

The rapid submersion of a body covered by a dress, and the instant withdrawal of that body from the liquid, is a process much farther removed from the meaning of the Greek verb *baptizo* than is the common form of sprinkling. The Baptist form might agree with the meaning of the Greek verb *bapto* "to dip"; but this verb is never applied to Christians in the New Testament, where Christians are repeatedly said to be "washed," and are in one place said to have their "hearts sprinkled." The sprinkling of the heart conveys the idea of penetration and of permanence, which belongs to the verb *baptizo*.

Holmworth, April 20, 1885. B. MUSGRAVE.

## Literary Notices.

THE CENTURY (New York) comes as ever freighted with literary wealth. Its circulation has reached the unprecedented number of a quarter of a million. Instead of anticipating by some ten days the date of issue, it now makes its appearance at the beginning of the month. Thoroughly cosmopolitan, ever elevating, its success is a public good, cultivating as it does the general taste for literature of high order.

ST. NICHOLAS also in its own department is all that the *Century* is. Its historical romances and pleasant folk-lore allure the young on the literary way in which they should go, and old heads with youthful hearts find much in its pages to delight and profit.

OUR LITTLE ONES (Russell Printing Co., Boston) occupies uniquely its place for the children. Its tales of dogs and dolls, of pets and plays, meet the little ones in their own joys and cares, and their eyes glisten as they read.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW (Funk & Wagnalls) continues to fulfil its mission of supplying sermonical literature, and of placing within its patrons' hands standard works of theological learning. The review department of the magazine is well sustained. We have received now "Pusey on the Minor Prophets," in two volumes. These commentaries have been long before the scholar; they are now placed within the reach of the man of moderate means. They are doctrinal, learned, and at the very antipodes of rationalism. The price to subscribers to the *Review* is fabulously low. We should have noticed ere this, from the same publishing house, "The Sabbath for Man," by Wilbur F. Crofts. It must be painfully evident that our Sabbath rest is only to be preserved to us by continued watchfulness. This work is invaluable in affording reliable information regarding the result of a continental Sabbath, and the reasons why we should prize the day of rest. It is a most timely volume on a most pressing subject.

## News of the Churches.

ALTON.—The trustees of the church here intend to dispose of the brick parsonage with the view of reducing the old debt which is still upon the church that was burned. The house will be sold by auction on the 13th June. Mr. J. K. Unsworth is working on the field. We trust to hear of good results.

BRANTFORD.—During the past month (April) we have lost by death two members. The one, Mrs. Cooper, came to us from Wales some five years ago. She had been a Christian from youth up and her life showed forth the praise of her Redeemer. A year ago she married and lived happily with her husband until last month when it pleased God to take her to Himself. She died at the early age of twenty-one, leaving an affectionate husband to mourn her loss, charged with the care of a helpless babe. The other, Wesley Abel, a retired farmer, who united with us upon profession a year ago. He was a sincere friend of the church. He suffered greatly for a long time, but bore his pain with Christian patience. He died happy in the love of Christ, and with almost his dying breath, prayed the blessing of God to rest upon his family and friends. Our loss is their gain.

PARKDALE.—This church duly celebrated the Queen's birthday on Monday, 25th ult., by laying the corner stone of the new building. Dr. Wild laid the stone, the pastor, Mr. C. Duff, opening the services with appropriate exercises. The structure is to be