give the fair import of the word, as used by all profane writers and Josephus, when they represent it as signifying, to dip under water, to sink, to bathe or soak."

Bishop Wilson, of Calcutta, Episcopalian, says, "The expression *buried with Him in baptism*, alludes to the ancient form of administering that sacred ordinance, still directed in our own church, except when health forbids, of the immersion or burial, so to speak, of the whole person in the water, after the example of the burial of the entire body of our Lord in the grave."

William Smith, Episcopalian, in his *Bible Dictionary*, says, "Baptism properly and literally means immersion."

Edward Robinson, D. D., Presbyterial, prof. of Theology, New York, a noted biblical scholar, in his *Lexicon of New Testament Greek* says, "Baptizo, to dip in, to sink, to immerse."

And so also the well known lexicographers, Liddell and Scott, Sophocles, Cremer, Grimm and many others, all Pedobaptists, giving undisputed proof on the authority of the best scholarship in the world that the Baptist position is unassailable.

In the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*, in the ritual, the minister is directed as follows, for the baptism of infants: "He shall dip it in the water discreetly, or shall pour water upon it."

In the *Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, on the Baptism of Infants: "He shall sprinkle or pour water upon it, or if desired, immerse it in water." The ritual concerning adult baptism is similar.

Wesley himself in his earlier ministry immersed, but later on he took a "more convenient" way.

Queen Elizabeth was immersed in 1533, but such has been the growth of ritualism that today the immersion of Queen Victoria would shock all Episcopalians. W. E. M.

Chipman, N. B., May 15.

Fredericton.

During the past winter eight have been added to the church by baptism. The social and other services have been interesting. Four of these baptized belonged to the Normal School.

Every year about fifty Baptist young people, more young women than young men, come to Fredericton for normal training. They are a great help to the church, and the church is a great help to them. If they are overtaken with sickness there is an excellent hospital with a good matron and staff of nurses open to receive them. Too much praise cannot be given to the Misses Ogilvie —two sisters—faithful nurses in this institution. In the early autumn two young ladies attacked with typhoid fever enjoyed the advantages of the hospital. Another young lady highly esteemed, Miss Jennie Thorne, of Canaan, met with an accident by the overturning of a sleigh, and after being kept on her bed all winter, went home a few weeks ago still an invalid.

Death has been busy in the city for the last six months. Some members of the church have been taken away. Mrs. Mary Smith, a sister aged and beloved, passed to her reward near the last of December. She remembered in her will both the church and the missions to the heathen. James C. Turner, a highly esteemed member of the church, whose active business life had been spent chiefly abroad, passed away on the 8th of April, aged 78 years. He left by his will $3,000 to help pay a dept of $4,000 on the church property; on the condition that Mrs. Turner shall have the use of it through her life. If at the time of her death the debt on the church is paid, then the $3,000 is to go to Foreign Missions. It will be just like the church to pay off the debt and let the $3,000 go to missions. Mrs. Shields died very suddenly, leaving beside other children, an infant for her bereaved husband to care for. Mr. Parker, long known in the community, and of a Baptist family, is another one who has been numbered with the departed during the winter. His widow and children feel his loss deeply.

Three hundred and eighty dollars have been raised to pay off a deficit, the accumulation of several years of current expenses in the church finances. There is still about $250 to raise. Besides keeping up the amount usually given by the church to denominational work, it is now the intention of the church, so I believe, to pay off the $250 deficit and raise $500 extra to be divided among the denominational enterprises now embarrassed with deficits, according to the amount of their burdens. The church is praying for a pastor to settle among them.

Rev. F. D. Davidson has worked hard all winter. His labors have been crowned with success. About forty have been added to the church by baptism. E. M. S.

Arrow Points.

BY PASTOR J. CLARK.

A man's soul is a man's self.

Last year's sunshine will not ripen this year's fruit.

God does not deem even His own heaven any too good for a redeemed soul.

Let Christ do the promising, and let us do the trusting.

The more we aim at the glory of God, the more we secure our own.

We should be as willing to perform the first duty that comes along as though we saw our Saviour standing by and heard Him ask us to do it.

Let us try to do *good* work even if we cannot do *great* work.

The more we love Christ, the less shall we love sin.

Believe that God is kind and true,
Whate'er may come to yours or you.

Turner's Falls, Mass.

DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

[All monies (except agencies) contributed for denominational work, i. e., Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Acadia University, Ministerial Education, Ministerial Aid Fund, Grande Ligne Mission, Northwest Mission, from churches or individuals, etc., in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, should be sent to the Rev. J. W. Manning, St. John, N. B., and all monies for the same work from Nova Scotia should be sent to Rev. A. Cohoon, Wolfville, N. S. Envelopes for collecting funds for denominational work can be had on application to the above, or to the Baptist Book Room, Halifax.]

DIGBY.—Since last writing you we have again visited the waters when four believers in Jesus publicly acknowledged their Saviour in the ordinance of baptism. We begin special meetings this week at Upper Rossway, an outstation. Brethren pray for us.

A. T. DYKEMAN.

CUMBERLAND BAY AND RANGE, Queens Co.—The Lord still continues to bless our efforts at this place. On Sunday, the 6th inst., Bro. Young and I had the privilege of baptizing nine more happy believers. And again on the 11th inst. I buried four more with their Lord in His ordinance; and others are coming. To God be all the praise.

S. D. ERVINE.

PARRSBORO, N. S.—We are having good times in Parrsboro and Diligent River, and the Lord's work is prospering. Last Sabbath, 13th inst., two persons followed Christ in the ordinance of baptism. Next Sabbath, 20th inst., others are to put on Christ. It is said that the audience was the largest ever seen at Diligent River. God speaks loudly through His own ordinance. We will send you some notes later on.

E. H. HOWE.

PORTAUPIQUE.—We have been holding meetings every evening for the last sixteen days in the Portaupique section of the church with good results. The Spirit's power is manifest, souls have been converted to God; a number are still seeking Christ and asking the prayers of God's people while there are those who are yet careless. Our pastor, Mr. Wilson, is a noble worker, an acceptable preacher, and is increasing daily in the esteem of his people. We ask your prayers that the good work may go on till multitudes may be gathered into the fold of Christ.

D.

SUSSEX, N. B.—Since last November I have been giving what attention I could to Cardwell church; it being been pastorless for some time previously. The church in Sussex having closed in consequence of small-pox, I embraced the opportunity of holding some special meetings in the South Branch section of the Cardwell church, and as a result the church has been much blessed, and I had the privilege yesterday of baptizing the following persons: John Hall, Warren Hall, Joseph Teakles, Aubrey Whelpley, Clara Gildart, Sarah Goddart, Ella Whelpley, Mary Acton, Birdie Teakles and Blanche Goddard. Mrs. Warren Hall was received by letter.

May 14. E. J. GRANT.

TUSKET.—I am now settled in my new field; I have already received many tokens of kindness from the people. My earnest hope is that I may be the means in the hand of the Great Master, of building up the waste places and bringing souls to the Lord of life and glory. The field is large; but I am not like one who is not accustomed to big fields; to me this has been a providential allotment to the present. But, thank God, I have always had a good measure of physical power, if I have not had the other. We hope to be able to report conversions soon on the field. I am pleasantly situated in a good parsonage, owned by the church and clear of debt, and which is just as good, surrounded by a kind people.

T. M. MUNRO.

ATHOL, MASS.—This has been a year of ingathering for the church in Athol. On the first Sabbath in May the writer extended the right hand of fellowship to eight new members. Four were baptized on the preceeding Sabbath, and four were received by letter. Fifty-three in all have been added. Two more candidates will be immersed at the close of the Sabbath evening service on May 13, making a total of 55 accessions. It has been a year of incessant toil for the Master, on the part of pastor and people. The church at the annual business meeting in April voted to give the pastor a vacation of four Sabbaths, at the same time appropriating a sum sufficient to cover the expense of supplying the pulpit during his absence. Of course our plan is to spend most of the time in New Brunswick. We expect to join "The First Maritime Baptist Train for Toronto." On April 30, by the invitation of the pastor and Mrs. Thomas, more than fifty, nearly all new members of the church, spent the evening at the parsonage. A most enjoyable informal programme was carried out.

The friends having learned that it was the fifth anniversary of their marriage, left at the parsonage a very valuable Lapland refrigerator (a very necessary article in this torrid climate) as a "cool reminder" of the fact.

B. H. THOMAS.

JOHNSTON, Queens Co., N. B.—On April 4th, 1893, I came to Queen's Co. to engage in evangelistic work, but being pressed to assume pastoral charge, and taking into account the need of the field, I consented to do so. Blessing followed our efforts, souls were saved, and numbers as follows were added to the churches: 17 to 1st Johnston, 34 to 2nd Johnston, viz., 27 by baptism and 7 on experience; Collins, 23; Springfield 3rd, 6—by baptism 3, on experience 3. I have labored hard and praise God He has crowned my labors with success. In March I went to Grand Lake to assist in the good work there, and very unexpectedly a pressing call was extended me by the 2nd Grand Lake church, which has since been concurred in by the 1st church. For several reasons (touching both fields) I have been led to conclude that the call is of the Lord as well as from the churches, and have accepted. This field is now vacant and I am sorry, for we have a good interest here and it should be fostered. And I trust it will not be long before a good live man is directed this way. He will find plenty to do, and the right man will be well cared for by a kind-hearted and loving people. As our relationship with them is severed, and as I part with these churches, I, from my heart of hearts, say, with Byron: "Farewell, brethren, farewell ever; And if forever, Fare-ye-well." God bless the field, and send help. S. D. ERVINE.

May 14.

Queens County, N. S, Quarterly.

The Queens Co. Baptist Quarterly Meeting convened with the Liverpool Baptist church, at 2.30 p. m., May 15th. The attendance was not as large as we hoped for but the meetings were of an interesting character. The afternoon session was occupied with the presentation of reports from the churches and Sunday schools, the reading of a paper, "Christian Missions," by Miss Steadman, of Mill Village, and of another paper prepared by pastor C. E. Freeman, "Consecrated Money," by pastor H. A. Giffin. These papers were of a very excellent character. At the evening session, pastor I. E. Bill gave an address on "The Benefits of Quarterly Meeting," after which pastor H. A. Giffin conducted an evangelistic service of forty minutes, with which service the meetings closed. The place and date of next meeting to be arranged by executive committee.

H. A. GIFFIN, Sec'ty.

Church Letters to Associations.

were mailed last week direct to the church clerks in the N. B. Eastern and Southern, N. S. Western and Central and P. E. Island Associations. If the clerk has not received it please drop me a card. Parcels of blank letters were sent to the clerks of N. S. Eastern and African, and the N. B. Western, who will send them to the church clerks in due time. These churches will look to their clerks of associations.

(2) Bro. Kempton's letter last week under this caption, is timely. Each Association should carefully consider the proposed changes, also any others they deem advisable. In question 87 of Sunday-schools I suggest "of scholars" be omitted in seeking the average attendance, as it is usual now to give the attendance of the whole school—teachers, officers and pupils. Also question 38, "No. of teachers," better be "No. of teachers and officers." All international statistics are on these lines, and to stand fair with other denominations, we need the questions as here amended.

(3) I am glad the questions are simplified rather than enlarged; and pleased that the first page will be devoted to a real letter.

There may be repetitions, but such are sure to be good, and do good to those who send and those who receive. People were cheered and strengthened years ago by the encouraging words and Scripture facts stated in the body of the old fashioned letters.

J. PARSONS.

Halifax, May 17th, 1894.

Receipts for Denominational Work.

From Nova Scotia.

From May 1st to 11th: Windsor church, for Acadia College, $100; do., for H M $18 89; "S. R.," Wolfville, $1; Hantsport, $36 77; Rivert Hebert, $16; Manchester, $4; New Albany, $3.06; Master George C. Whitman, New Albany, earned by raising chickens $1.50; Frank S. Whitman do. do. $2.50; Harry Zwicker, do. do. 70c.; Clements Vale church, $5; John Logan, Amherst, $10; Dalhousie East, $2; Dea. C. W. Saunders and wife, Dalhousie East, $2; Falkland Ridge, $5; Dea. Charles Mashall, Falkland Ridge, $1; Springfield, $7.14: from children in Springfield by raising chickens, $3.70; from children in Falkland Ridge by raising chickens, $3 68; 2nd Hillsburg church, per Prof. Keirstead, $1.71; Milford and Greywood, $8; Rev. J. E. Bleakney, Kempt, $2; Rev. T. M. Munro, Barrington, $7; St. Mary's Bay church, $8 59; Hawkesbury $11; "W. M." $5; Immanuel Baptist church, Truro, Denom. work, $55.71; do Home Missions, 50 cts.; Isaac's Harbor, $60; Oxford S. S., $10; Temple church, Yarmouth, $16 50, and Port Williams S. S., $10.—$419.95 Before reported $8 411.51. Total $8,831.46.

A. COHOON, Treas. for N. S.

Wolfville, N. S., May 11.

Personal.

In the Chantauqua catalogue for 1894, the name of Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, of Toronto, appears as a member of the Faculty.

Rev. Geo. Howard, of Hampton Village, and Rev. A. J. Kempton, of Carleton, exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

Rev. J. W. Manning spent last Sunday with the church at Havelock, Kings Co., and presented the interests of the F. M. work.

Rev. J. H. Saunders, Business Manager of the MESSENGER AND VISITOR, returned on Saturday from a business trip in the Western part of Nova Scotia.

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Notices.

The next meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist Conference will be held at Alexandria, June 4th and 5th. Will the churches please appoint delegates that may be represented at this meeting.

B. H. BENTLEY, Sec'y.

A meeting of the Alumnæ Association of Acadia Seminary, will be held in Alumnæ hall, on Monday, June 4, at 2.30 p. m. There will also be a supper and re-union at 7.30, Monday, June 4.

IDA F. JONES,
Sec'y Alumnæ Assoc'n.

By request of several brethren the meeting of the New Brunswick Convention will be postponed until Wednesday June 20th, at 7.30 p. m. This will allow all who wish to attend the Acadia Anniversaries, also to attend the meeting of Convention. It will also permit the delegates from up the St. John to attend the Western Association on Friday the 23rd, on their return.

W. E. MCINTYRE, Sec'ty.

The Annual Meeting of the P. E. Island Baptist Association will be held with the church at East Point, commencing on Friday, June 29th at 10 o'clock a. m. Persons having charge of letters from churches will please forward them two weeks previous to meeting to Rev, J. C. Sourr, Cavendish.

ARTHUR SIMPSON, Sec'ty.

Bay View, May 12.

There will be (D. V.) a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia University in the library of the College on Tuesday, the 5th of June, at 4 a. m. As the Anniversary Exercises are held on Wednesday, the 6th, this year, the Board will meet also on Thursday, the 7th, at 9 a. m.

S. B. KEMPTON,
Secretary of Board.

Dartmouth, May 4.

The next session of the Queen's Co. Quarterly Meeting will be held (D. V.) with the Lower Newcastle church on the second Friday in June, viz., the 8th. The churches are all requested to send pastors and delegates.

S. D. ERVINE, Sec.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association will meet, (D.V.), with the Baptist church at Brookfield, Saturday, June 16th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Will each church clerk in the Association see that the letter from his respective church is carefully made out and forwarded to the undersigned at least two weeks before the time of meeting. Please answer every question, as far as possible. Brethren let us do our best to make the returns as full and complete as we possibly can. I. E. BILL.

Liverpool, N. S.
Clerk N. S. W. B. Association.

The next session of the N. B. Western Baptist Association will be convened (D. V.) with the Chipman Baptist church, Chipman, Queens Co., on the fourth Friday in June, viz., the 22nd. All church clerks that have not received blank forms, to report to said Association, will please notify the clerk. Let all reports that cannot be sent direct to the Association by the hand of delegates, be sent to the clerk not later than June 15th. Address Clerk of Association,

S. D. ERVINE,
May 2. Range, Queens Co., N. B.

The N. S. Central Bap. Association will, D. V., meet with the Windsor church on Friday, June 22nd, 1894, at 2 p. m.

J. MURRAY, Sec.
Falmouth, Hants Co., May 18.

Each church in the Central Association is requested to carefully fill out the Associational Letter Blank according to the directions printed thereon, and return to the secretary on or before June 8th.

It is important that all the blanks of the letter be filled out, either for the benefit of the Association or those seeking information from the Baptist Year Book.

Some things frequently omitted!

(*a*) Names of delegates—please insert.

(*b*) Statistics of all the S. schools!

Some churches report three or four S. schools and give the statistics of one. Some are not reported, because they report to a county convention. The Year Book is the place for a complete report!

(*c*) Names of S. S. contributing to benevolent funds. So few are mentioned that it is feared some are omitted!

J. M.

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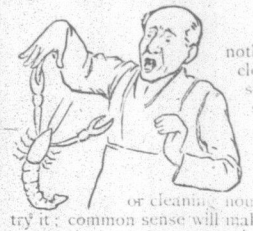

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