

their minds as the truths of God's Word. He gained a great influence over their hearts ; and they attached themselves to his ministry ; and were, therefore, led for the first time to examine the soundness of the Baptist faith and practice. Their experience had largely divested them of denominational prejudices, and left them free and unbiased to investigate the truth of God's Word. Several of them were soon led to embrace the peculiar views of the Baptists ; and the others were not long in coming to the same conclusion. Mr. Ferguson was baptized by Mr. Manning in Cornwallis, July 9th, 1826.

There were about twenty persons in all who were associated in these experiences.

When the secession from St. Paul's fell to pieces the Granville Street Chapel was left in an unfinished state, and being for sale, it was purchased for £850 by those who had embraced Baptist views.

The Crawley family had heard the truth as it is in Jesus from the late Rev. Hibbert Binney, at Sydney, C. B., and were thereby prepared to unite with their friends, the converts, in Halifax. The late Hon. W. B. Kinnear, long known and beloved in the St. John churches, had been a member of the Church of England, but, having received the grace of God, was led to embrace Baptist doctrines. He visited his friends in Halifax, and with some of them, followed Christ in the ordinance of baptism. These people, thus led in a way they knew not to a full knowledge of the truth, judged it wise and expedient to form a second Baptist Church in Halifax.

THE FORMATION OF THE CHURCH.

Correspondence was opened with Baptists in England and the United States with a view to engage a pastor whose labours might commence with the organization of the church. After some delay, and not a little disappointment, the Rev.