

not fully prepared to begin the work until the Word of God was "*revised*" and brought up to the standard of the age; until it was striped from the obscurities which had fallen upon it by the lapse of ages, and the changes of languages. Against this the "standing order" (the monks) clamoured and fought, threatened and menaced. They said, "he had attempted to correct the Holy Ghost;" but the New Testament, thus revised, shed its light, had its place and exerted its power through all the long spiritual war of Reformation.

Through these means Erasmus led up to the field of contest some of the most zealous actors of the Reformation, while he himself, not a reformer in spirit or make, shared none of the glory of conquest. He took the screen away from before the light and poured it upon the eyes, and with it stirred the hearts of many who afterwards wielded with such signal power the sword he had furnished; but, unfortunate man! he was a *reviser*! It was truly said "Reuchlin and Erasmus gave the Scriptures to the learned, and Luther gave them to the common people." Erasmus was a reviser, and though Secundus Curio could not find him in either of his heavens, the reason probably was, he was then a spoke in the wheel of the Reformation, which accounts for "his wheeling in never-ending eddies between them both."

Reuchlin and Erasmus were the revisers, Luther was the preacher and expounder; hence Luther said of Erasmus "he knows very well how to expose error, but he does not know how to teach the truth."—Reuchlin and Erasmus trimmed the lamp, and Luther held it up to the world.—*New York Chronicle*.

### LABOURS OF EVANGELISTS.

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As long ago as May last, an invitation was extended to me to speak on a funeral occasion at the Baptist chapel five miles west of Brighton on the front road. By request two more appointments were made and filled at the same place, and through these efforts invitations came from several localities within a few miles, asking the public proclamation of the word. A meeting was held in Cramahc, four miles north of the Baptist chapel, early in the month of June; and another meeting at Well's School House, township of Brighton, one mile in the rear of Brighton village. Five discourses have been delivered at the latter point since the beginning of June, and three discourses at the former place. Whole mountains of prejudice have been removed from the minds of the friends in Cramahc who have heard for themselves, and in the Well's settlement near Brighton some of the highest peaks of hostility to what is termed 'our doctrine' are evidently in a fair way of being levelled. The Author of the gospel of salvation be praised.

At Cramahc I have formed the acquaintance of Joel Wynn, an excellent Baptist brother, who loves and lives upon the oracles of God,—nephew of Joseph Wynn, now deceased, who was the first Baptist preacher who settled between Kingston and Toronto, and for a time the only preacher of that order within the bounds of the province, if I am correctly informed.