

W. Meyer, in an elaborate exposition of Rom. vi:3-6, running thro several pages, has this sentence: "The recipient of baptism—thus has Paul figuratively represented the process—is conscious, (1) in the baptism generally. Now am I entering into fellowship with the death of Christ; (2) in the immersion in particular: Now am I becoming united with Christ; (3) and then, in the emergence: Now I rise to the new life with Christ." (The italics are Dr. Meyer's.)

The Century Dictionary (and other English dictionaries) define Baptism as "the immersion of the person in water, or the application of water to the person by affusion or by sprinkling." This alternative, applying the water to the person, is correct enough as an account of the English word, for the errors of doctrine and practice having been introduced among us, the errors, of course, show themselves in our use of language, and the dictionaries can only describe usage. But in the Greek it is not so, and cannot be so. Baptism as "an application of water to the person" is an impossibility in Greek speech. It is always, by the very structure and significance of the words, and by their grammatical arrangement, "the application of the person to water, the immersion of the person in water," and cannot possibly be otherwise. Hence such expressions as "Baptize with water" are grammatical absurdities, linguistic monstrosities as well as doctrinal errors. The proposition *with*, as indicating the instrument, would mean that the water is applied to the person. "Sprinkle with water" is intelligible. "Baptize with water" is nonsense. Those good people who ask the Lord to "baptize us with the Holy Spirit" also offer nonsense, so far as words are concerned, altho their real intention may be very proper. The New Testament always says "Baptize in water"; "baptize in the Holy Spirit." It is always the application of the person to the element, whatever it may be, whether material or spiritual. No other construction and interpretation is possible by the laws of language. Hence our Baptist Publication Society's New Testament (on the whole the very best English New Testament in existence), when it says "I indeed immerse you with water" (take iii:16) commits a grammatical absurdity that should be speedily corrected. Substitute the proper word *in* for the word *with*, and the blunder would immediately appear.

Therefore the exact meanings of the words, and the significance of the ordinance as setting forth the believer's death to sin, his burial with Christ, his resurrection to righteousness—briefly, the command and the example of Jesus Christ—make Immersion essential to Baptism.

Religious News.

SACKVILLE. We had the pleasure of baptizing on Sunday, 21st Sept., the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Webber. The afternoon was perfect and friends gathered from far and near to see little Mamie buried with Christ in baptism. Some, at least, that stood by, were deeply impressed. May they soon be encouraged to follow.

W. A. SNELLING.

Bedford, N. S., Sept 25.

VIZIANAGRAM, INDIA. On the 10th of August we were cheered by seeing six persons, heads of families, put on Christ in baptism.

We trust that others will follow soon. Abundant showers of rain are falling upon the land in this vicinity, all hearts are gladdened by the prospect of plentiful harvests. Oh! that abundant showers of divine grace, likewise might be manifest. We look, we wait, we long for the coming of the Lord in power to save these multitudes who are famishing because they lack the "Bread of Life." He will come with blessing and so we continue to pray.

S. SANFORD.

RANGE, N. B. The meeting house in this place has been repaired. We reopened it last Sunday evening, with thanksgiving. This is the third church we have repaired in the past ten months. Almost every dollar of the expenses has been paid. We have started to build a parsonage. The cellar is walled up, the foundation laid, the frame on the ground. We have enough money on hand to put up frame, board in and shingle, which we expect to do this fall. Twenty-two dollars have also been raised to fence the Lower Range burying ground. We thank God for having led us in all these things. Our prayer now is, that our churches may be blessed (in

their new robes) and that our lives may be consecrated afresh unto God.

FRANK P. DRESSER.

The work here is going on **ANDOVER, N. B.** fairly well, and Sunday services are usually well attended. Though the pray meetings are small there is a good spirit, and the faithful few who go are much strengthened and encouraged. To make room for the much needed new church we have decided to build, the parsonage is now being moved to the upper side of the lot. It will have a new stone foundation and be put in thorough repair. We hope to get the church fairly under way this fall, too; and in order to assist in raising funds, have planned to have a Roll Call in about four or five weeks. So if this should meet the eye of any distant member or well wisher, we would be glad to have them respond. And now I know that many, and especially those who have enjoyed the loyal hospitality of its open doors, will hear with regret that the home of Mrs. Justus Wright and her sons, Spurden and Carey, five miles below Andover, was destroyed by fire at noon on the 10th Sept. The men were away, and Mrs. Wright, and Miss Lillian Currie of Hartland, who was visiting her, were alone at the time. The fire was so far under headway before it was discovered, that only a few things were saved. If it had not been for the timely assistance of a couple of men who were passing, the women would undoubtedly have perished in the building. Mrs. Wright was dragged out of a window in an unconscious state, having rushed in to try and save something. The shed containing a large quantity of wood, two carriages, etc. was also burned. The loss is estimated at \$3,000 with an insurance of \$700. Although the loss is disheartening, the boys have courageously set about making preparations to build again, a little nearer the road than before, and friends and neighbors are lending a helping hand in various ways. As Carey had completed arrangements for going to the N. B. University, he will probably go in a few days. No doubt many will be interested to know that Mrs. Wright is an aunt to our dear missionary, Mrs. Archibald. Pastor's wife.

Personal.

We were favored with a call last week from Rev. Oswald Keith, who is at present residing at Sussex. Bro Keith has lately returned from Northumberland county where he has been ministering to some fields not regularly supplied with ministerial labor.—M & V.

After a very successful pastorate of three years at Fort Plain, N. Y. Rev. George R. Baker has assumed charge of the church at Leominster, Mass. When Bro. Baker began at Fort Plain, the church was in a low condition, but his labors being much appreciated the congregations steadily grew and on preaching his farewell a crowded house met him. Bro. Baker is a Fairville boy, and his wife will be remembered as a daughter of Dr. J. E. Hopper. We extend them our heartiest good wishes and prayers for continued usefulness.

Married.

HAINES-THORNE—At the home of Mr. Thos. Stickles, Gibson, by the Rev. W. R. Robinson, Frederick Haines of St. Mary's to Lillie F. Thorne of Bellen den, Queens county.

GAMBLE-CRUSCADEN—At the home of the bride's mother, Gibson, Sept. 3rd, by the Rev. W. R. Robinson, George Gamble of Marysville to Maggie Cruscaden of Gibson.

PHILLIPS-CLOUGH—On the 19th of August, at the Baptist parsonage, Pennfield, by the Rev. T. M. Munro, Douglas Phillips and Mary E. Clough, both of Black's Harbor, Charlotte county, N. B.

SHORT-SMYTH—At the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. A. G. Gregory, St. John, on Sept 4th, by Rev. W. Camp, Charles William Short of Sussex, N. B., to Frances Jean Smyth of St. John.

HAMILTON-BARNES—At the Bethany Baptist Church, Roxbury, Mass., on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, by the Rev. William Bradley Whitney, Capt. James Bedford Hamilton to Mary Olivia daughter of the late Capt. Stephen Barnes of Sackville, N. B.

MOREHOUSE-AUSTIN—At Doaktown, Sept. 10th, by Pastor M. P. King, Thomas Morehouse of Blissfield to Mary Austin of the same place.

MOREHOUSE-MACCAFFERTY—At New Salem Baptist church, Aug. 17th, by Pastor M. P. King, John Morehouse of Blissfield to Clonmie MacCafferty of Blissfield.

BELEYA-MACALPINE—At Lower Gagetown, on Sept. 16th, by Rev. David Long, James P. Belya to Mary A., eldest daughter of George MacAlpine.

JARDINE-MILLER—At the residence of Charles Hezewood, Meica Street, St. John, on Sept. 16th, by Rev. David Long, George S. Jardine to Maud L. Miller, both of Northfield, Sackville and Co.

DUNDHAM-THORNE—At Johnson, Queens County, Sept. 17th by Rev. H. A. Bonnell, Hannah L. Thorne and Michael Dundham, all of Johnson, Queens county (N. B.)

STUART-PHILLIPS—At the residence of the bride's father, Sept. 17th, by Rev. L. J. Wason, Wm. Stuart to Elizabeth J., daughter of Andrew Phillips both of Cole's Island, Queens County (N. B.)

ROBEY-ARMSTRONG—At the residence of Albert Armstrong, Esq. of Perth, on Sept. 16th, by Rev. R. W. Demmings, Enrique Malloy and Mae DeWitt, both of Presque Isle, Me.

PULCIFUR-SKIDGEL—At the parsonage, Andover, Sept. 18th, by R. W. Demmings, Lee V. Pulcifur and Jessie M. Skidgel, both of Mapleton, Me.

PIKE-JEWETT—At the residence of Daniel Pike, Temperance Vale, Sept. 17, by W. Arneson Allen, James Pike Temperance Vale, to Sarah Jewett of Lower Caverhill, both of York county.

KINGSTON-KEITH—At the home of the bride's parents, George Keith, Lower ridge, Sept. 17th, by Pastor J. W. Brown, Wilford Kingston of New Canaan to Ray Keith.

DAVIS-BEACH—At the residence of the bride's parents, Homestead, Charlotte Co., on Wedne day, Sept. 3rd, by the Rev. C. J. Steves, Lilton H. Davis to Annie Beach.

CAMPBELL-SHERWOOD—At Campbell Settlement, Kings county, Sept. 11, by Rev. J. D. Wetmore, Oscar Campbell to Mrs. Carolyn Sherwood, both of Sussex, Kings county.

RIDEOUT-BROOKS—At the parsonage, Centreville, N. B., by Rev. B. S. Freeman, Sept. 22, Bert Rideout of Biaine, Me., to Rhoda Brooks of Forreston, Car. Co., N. B.

Died.

BURK—At Sunderland, O. C., on the 2nd of August, John Yeomas Burk, aged 96 years. Bro. Burk was a native of New Brunswick, born in Waterbury, Queens Co., Oct. 2, 1806. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. James Stebbins, and baptized by Rev. Mr. Sander-son. Our bro. was moved to Ontario in 1849, settling in Pickering township, where he became a member of the Pickering Baptist church, then under the pastoral care of Dr. David-son. In 1855 Mr. Burk united with the Sunderland church, where he became a most useful member. Though dying at an advanced age, in obscurity, and far away from relatives, our brother maintained his faith and courage to the last. He was truly a child of God.—Canadian Baptist.

LANGIN—At Briggs Corner, Chipman, on 26th inst. of hemorrhage of the brain, Edwin H. Langin, aged 60 years, leaving besides his companion, five sons and two daughters. May the Comforter richly sustain all sorrowing friends.

MANN—Entered into rest at Baillie, Charlotte county, Sept. 15th inst., Sarah A. Mann, aged 66 years, leaving three sons, Dr. Fred Mann of Hulton and Andrew and Bertram at home. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

STEWART—Suddenly on the 9th, at Coldstream, Carleton county, Victoria Stewart was called from our midst at the age of 18 years, leaving a loved sister and the aged grandfather and grandmother, who took her into their hearts and home when she being scarce more than an infant, her parents both were called to resign all that earth contained for them and pass into the great beyond. May God comfort the sorrowing.

FLOWER—At Lower Newcastle on the 9th inst., son of Edward and Mary Flower, aged eight months. Jesus bless the mourning ones.

MILLER—At Newcastle Bridge, Queens Co., on the 11th inst. youngest child of J. O. and Sadie Miller, aged six years. May God comfort the stricken ones.