

now a zealous Bible Colporteur in Detroit and its vicinity. About a fortnight ago we received a letter from a gentleman in Toronto, proposing to accept of the challenge, and desiring to enter into a controversy with Mr. Pepin, either by private letter or through the pages of this Magazine. In that letter the writer requests that there may be the avoidance of all personality, and yet he sets out with the unfair insinuation that "Mr. P.'s acceptance of the lucrative situation of Bible Colporteur so soon after his perversion makes the expression of his desire to know the truth suspicious."

In reference to this imputation of mercenary motives, we can assure our correspondent that he is greatly mistaken. Mr. Pepin receives now as Colporteur much less than he did when pursuing his former occupation.

With regard to our correspondent's challenge to Mr. P. to enter into a controversial warfare by letter or through the pages of the *Evangelist*, the two following considerations will fully suffice to show that it could not be conducted on an equal footing.

1st. Mr. Pepin is a Frenchman, and is only very imperfectly acquainted with the English language, which he speaks in a broken manner. Our correspondent on the other hand is one whose vernacular is the English tongue.

2d. Mr. Pepin is not accustomed to either English or French composition. His challenge to the Bishop was to a public discussion, and not to an epistolary correspondence or a controversy through some public print. It is readily conceived that a man may be pretty good in a discussion *orally*, but