

'Why do you wish to be baptized?' inquired the pastor.

'I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and I wish to enter his religion, and obey his commands.'

'How do you know that this is one of his commands?'

'I have read about it in the "book of truth."'

'How did you first become acquainted with the religion of Jesus Christ?'

'Before I came to this region, a countryman of mine chanced to mention a wonderful little book, which a foreign teacher at Bangkok had given him, and I had the curiosity to procure and read it. I have never worshipped an idol since.'

'Indeed what book was it?'

'The Golden Balance.'

The conversation for several moments ceased, for the wheel of Time was thrown too suddenly back to admit of any concealment of emotion. The *Golden Balance* was one of the earliest efforts of Mrs. Judson, for translation into the Peguan tongue; and the stranger now sat beneath the very roof where she had toiled for his salvation. There had the fingers now mouldering in a distant grave given wings to the precious seed, which floated away over vale and mountain, river and woodland, to drop into the soil prepared for it by the Holy Spirit. She who would have rejoiced in it was not there; but by the labour of her hand and pen—by the labour of her lips, engraved on many a throbbing heart—by her prayers, and by the fragrance that clings about her memory, she is living and labouring still.—*Christian Spectator*.

#### Rules for Home Education.

1. From your children's earliest infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience,
2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children understand that you mean exactly what you say.
3. Never promise them any thing, unless you are quite sure you can give them what you promise.
4. If you tell a little child to do something, show him how to do it, and see that it is done.
5. Always punish your children for willfully disobeying you but never punish them in anger.
6. Never let them perceive that they can vex you or make you lose your self command.
7. If they give way to petulance and temper, wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.
8. Remember that a little present punishment, when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.
9. Never give your children anything because they cry for it.
10. On no account allow them to do at one time, what you have forbidden, under the same circumstances, at another.
11. Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good, is to be good.
12. Accustom them to make their little recitals with perfect truth.
13. Never allow of tale-bearing.

**IMPORTANCE OF EMINENT PIETY IN THOSE WHO ARE CHOSEN TO THE OFFICE OF DEACONS.**—The deacons of a christian church must be men of fair and unsullied reputation. They are to be men of honest report. Both the church and the world are to think well of them. No man, be his talents what they may, is scripturally or rationally fit for office in the church, whose character, from whatever cause, whether through indiscretion or misfortune is equivocal in the esteem of his neighbours. If any suspicion rest on the character of men thus officially raised to notoriety, it will operate as a blight or mildew on the prosperity of the society

with which they are connected. If its blossoms are not entirely withered in their early prime, the fruits of such society will be few and shrivelled. The trees of the Lord will not be full of sap, nor flourish as the palm, nor grow as cedars in Lebanon. Religious persons will shrink from joining such a society, as they would from entering an infected chamber. The dead are there. Nor is this all; men of the world, forming their opinion of christians and their religion from what they see of these prominent but suspicious members of the church, will have their prejudices, and their love of the world confirmed; and will have their prejudices deepened, and their love of the world conformed; and will have little hesitation in denouncing serious piety as nothing better than hypocritical pretence, to be scouted and abhorred.—*The Deacon's Office, by H. Trend, p. 11.*

**CHRISTIANS AND THE WORLD.**—As the sea casts forth its dead, so the world rejects all who are dead to it.—*Tholuck.*

#### PUSEYISM IN TORONTO.

A writer in the *Church* newspaper, over the signature of "Erasmus Oldstyle," has made the pamphlets recently issued on the subject of "Baptism," by Messrs. Roaf and Pypser, the occasion of an open advocacy of that soul-destroying dogma, "Baptismal Regeneration." Will the editor of the *Church* inform us whether or no, the sentiments advocated by "E. O." are the sentiments of his Church in Canada? *Will the Editor himself endorse them?* We do not ask him to endorse the unmitigated bombast, the straining to reach the place of an elevated critic, the buffoonery and vulgarity, which stand out so conspicuously in those letters; but we simply ask the *Church*, does he, or do the clergymen of the Episcopal Church in Canada endorse the views of "E. O." as to the design and practical effects of Christian Baptism? We respectfully request an answer.

Just as we were going to press, we received the following, being a copy of Dr. Cramp's reply to the invitation of the Governors of Acadia College, Nova Scotia:—

"To the Governors of Acadia College, N.S.

GENTLEMEN,—You have invited me to occupy an important and honourable post. I am deeply sensible of the grave responsibility connected with the office, and could wish myself far better qualified for it.

It has been my desire to discover clearly and satisfactorily the indications of Divine guidance. The inquiries which I thought it needful to institute occupied more time than was at first anticipated, and caused a delay which I fear has not been altogether unattended by inconvenience. I trust, however, that no permanent injury will result, and that all parties will have reason to be satisfied with the steps that were taken, in order to arrive at a just decision. It is not necessary to enumerate the considerations which have influenced me. I will only say, that having endeavoured to ascertain the path of duty, I have at length concluded to accept your invitation. Humbly relying on those promises which ensure to all the servants of God the bestowment of "sufficient grace," and confidently expecting, on your parts, that support and cooperation which I am persuaded you are fully prepared to render, I respond to your call, and henceforth devote myself to the cause of Education and Religion in Nova Scotia, especially as connected with Acadia College.

A great work is before us, requiring much wisdom, and the united energies of all the Provinces comprised in your convention. Let us address

ourselves to this work in the strength of the Lord, asking of him "the Spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind;" and let us resolve to encourage and aid each other by mutual sympathy and persevering effort, each bearing his share of the burden, and all "striving together in prayer to God."

Yours faithfully,

J. M. CRAMP."

"Montreal, Feb. 12, 1851."

We understand that Dr. Cramp intends to leave Canada early in May.

#### NOTICES.

Our back Nos. are entirely exhausted. New subscribers will, therefore, begin the year with the present No.

Remittances will be acknowledged in our next.

To all parties who have not yet paid, an account is sent in this number, and they will please remit the amount due by post.

A brother offers to become an agent for *The Observer*, if we will allow him fifty per cent. discount on subscriptions. Can it be necessary to inform any of our brethren, that with our present list of subscribers we shall, at one dollar a year for the paper, barely save ourselves? When we are able to give agents fifty per cent. discount, our course will be to give the benefit to subscribers. The proprietors have one object in view:—the establishment of a denominational paper, and will most cheerfully resign their charge into the hands of any brother in a position to carry forward the work.

The Rev. J. I. Fulton, Agent of the American Bible Union, is now in Toronto, prosecuting his mission. His friends are informed that he is in good health and spirits. His route through the churches in the Province will be indicated in the next number of the *Examiner*.

The Young Men's Missionary Society, in connection with the Bond Street Baptist Church, is desirous to engage a person, properly qualified, to discharge the duties of a Colporteur-missionary. Application to be made (post-paid) to Mr. David George, Corresponding Secretary, Toronto.

#### TORONTO MARKETS.

Flour, per brl. 15s. a 20s.; Wheat, per bush. 3s. 10d. a 4s.; Barley, 3s. 4d. a 2s. 6d.; Rye, 2s. 3d. a 2s. 6d.; Oats, 1s. 2d. a 1s. 5d.; Peas, 3s. a 3s. 9d.; Potatoes, 2s. a 2s. 9d.; Beef, per 100 lbs., 15s. a 20s.; Pork, 23s. 9d. a 26s. 3d.; Fresh Butter, per lb., 7d. to 9d.; Cheese, 3d. a 5d.; Lard 3d. a 4d.; Apples, per bush., 2s. 6d. a 3s.; Eggs, per doz., 6d. to 7d.; Fowls, per pair, 1s. 8d. a 2s.; Hay, per ton, 50s. a 60s.; Wood, per cord, 12s. 6d. a 15s.

#### MARRIED.

By the Rev. A. Slight, of Waterford, on the 12th March, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Walter McKerlie, to Miss Caroline Stewart, both of Townsend.

#### DIED.

On the 9th con. Markham, on Friday, the 7th March, Mr. John Miller, aged 65 years.

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