

came to him; and now I say to Jesus, *Come*; and he will soon send his angels, and carry me away. I hope he will come very soon."

An old woman who helped to nurse her, asked, "Shall I give you something to drink? Do you want anything?" "No, I want only to be carried to Jesus. You should want to be carried too; but the Spirit of God must teach you the way. You, as well as others, have got a wicked heart; but Jesus Christ can give you a new one. Do, when I am in heaven, pray for my dear mother." In this frame of mind she continued till she died.—*Christian Penny Magazine*.

The Christian Observer.

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THE OBSERVER.—Persons wishing to subscribe for the *Observer* to the end of the volume, can now have it without the back numbers, for 3s. 9d. Four individuals sending us \$3, shall have the paper forwarded to their respective addresses until the close of the year.

Correspondents must forward their communications to us, by the 20th of each month, in order to insure insertion.

The article which appears on the first page of this number, is now being printed in tract form, and will be sold at 5s. per 100 copies, or 1d. each.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.—It will be seen that a correspondent calls the attention of the denomination to this most important subject. We sincerely trust that it will have the effect of arousing others, not merely to speak and write upon the subject, but especially, to act. Why should the Baptists send their young men to the States for theological instruction, while other denominations, no more able to sustain any enterprise than we are, have their educational appliances in successful operation at home?

GRAND LIGNE MISSION REGISTER.—This is the title of a periodical just issued by order of the committee who conduct the affairs of the mission. It is to be published quarterly at 1s. 3d. per ann. Would it not be well for the churches to furnish themselves with a sufficient number of copies of the *Register*, to accommodate every member belonging to them? This could be accomplished by each church taking up a collection for this object. Address (*post-paid*) Rev. L. Normandeau, Grand Ligne, St. John's, C.E.

We call the attention of the parties concerned, to the communication of David Buchan, Esq., which we insert in another column. To say nothing of Christian principle, simple justice between man and man, ought to lead to the immediate settlement of those dues. The late publisher of the *Montreal Register* is, we learn, left in a similar

predicament; and yet some of our brethren will not subscribe for a monthly journal which we can support, but call loudly for a weekly, which we cannot, or will not, support.

We are requested to state, that pursuant to adjournment, the Board of the Regular Baptist Union, will hold its next session at Paris, March 12th, at ten o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. A. Booker, in the evening.

It appears, from an announcement in the official *Gazette*, that Canada is at last to have cheaper postage. The new arrangement will have force on the 5th day of April next.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURIST.—We presume that our agricultural readers are aware of the existence of this ably conducted monthly; but are they aware of its value to the practical farmer? Those who are unacquainted with it, sometimes fancy that they cannot afford to subscribe for it, while, on the contrary, those who have, by attending to its useful lessons, increased the value of their farms and their stock, saved labour and secured better crops in better order, feel that they cannot afford to do without it. It is published monthly at Toronto, and edited by George Buckland, assisted by Wm. McDougall. Price, for 25 copies and upwards, 2s. 6d. each: single subscriptions, \$1.

A SLAVE SAFE.—A fugitive slave, by the name of Shadrach or Frederick, was lately arrested by the U. S. Deputy Marshall, in a coffee-house in Boston, and carried before the Commissioner, in order that he might be legally once more deprived of the privilege of being a man, and be buried amid the dark horrors of slavery, during the remainder of his days. The coloured people in the city collected together in a large body, entered the court house, and, without so much as once saying, "by your leave," to the law-enduring authorities present, they bore the intended victim to a place of safety. President Fillmore has issued a proclamation on this subject, from which we extract the following:—

"Therefore, to the end that the authority of the laws may be maintained, and those concerned in violating them, brought to immediate and condign punishment, I have issued this my proclamation calling on all well-disposed citizens to rally to the support of the laws of the country, and requiring and commanding all officers, civil and military, who shall be found within the vicinity of this outrage, to be aiding and assisting, by all means in their power, in quelling this and other such combinations, and assisting the Marshal and his deputies in recapturing the above-named prisoner."

Stop your marshals, Mr. President! Call home your blood-hounds! There is no necessity for putting them to any further trouble; for, as the (*Toronto*) *Globe* says: "We are sincerely happy to learn, that *Shadrach* has escaped from the furnace, having landed safely in this city on Saturday evening."

INFIDELITY: ITS ANTIDOTE.

Infidelity, in a thousand subtle forms, is raising an unblushing front, and infusing its deadly poison amongst all classes of society,

in all lands. This fact is everywhere attracting the attention of God's people; and the religious press, on both sides of the Atlantic, has raised the note of warning. Publications hitherto regarded as elevating in their tone, and enjoying public favour are seeking to instil the virus of infidelity into the minds of their readers. Witness, for example, the ignoble efforts of the *Westminster Review*. In an article on "Sectenary Institutions," it endeavours to prove that a "Sabbath for worship and observance of religious duties, exclusively, is not a divine appointment." It also assails the authority of the Old Testament, and that, too, for the very benevolent purpose of teaching the public, who, it would appear, have long been duped in this matter, in what light they should regard the sacred narratives. The Books of Moses, we must look upon as a collection of miscellaneous writings put together by Ezra or somebody else. The account of Eve and the serpent, is, an allegory; that of Joshua and the sun, a fable. Such is the day-light teachings of one of enlightened old England's Quarterly Reviews. On this side of the Atlantic, the press teems, with socialism, materialism, rationalism, deism and atheism; and thousands of youth are annually swept within the maddened embrace of the vortex of destruction. Now where is the power of prevailing truth? Where that puissant arm that must prevail? Science has been invoked to aid the infidel in his dark work; but this weapon has been wrested from his hand, and its keen edge turned against himself. He has sought to cover himself with a philosophic mantle; but the christian philosopher has stripped him of his covering, and exposed him in his black deformity. Still infidelity increases, and many dear youth seem to regard it as the evidence of possessing no common discernment, that they can (without being able to give one rational reason why) deny the authority of God's word. The truth is, infidelity is a thing, not of the head, but of the heart; and hence the difficulty of successfully grappling with it, and upsetting its pretensions. Were it a child of inductive reasoning, it might be subjected to the operation of a logical refutation. But what species of argumentation can reach the depravity of the human heart? what logic can make a man who is the slave of passion, or appetite, or pride, sever his bonds and come to a place of holiness, to a condition of conformity to the image of Christ. You may upset the 'reasonings' of a sceptic, you may demonstrate the absurdity of his creed, if he has one, you may prove to him the futility of his quibbles and wrest from him all his objections; but have you reached the seat of his infidelity? By no means! A higher power than man must effect this work. God may, indeed, bless the means which man employs to lead a fellow mortal from darkness to light; but the means must embrace his word or truth,