

BAPTISM.

(Continued.)

L. D. L. enquires on Mark 1, 4, "John did baptize in the wilderness..."

A question of very great importance here comes up, viz: What is the scriptural mode or action to be observed in this ordinance?

If the Saviour had intended pouring to have been the action, he would have settled it, beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt...

What word did our Lord use? To express the action by which this ordinance is to be administered, the word chosen is Baptizo...

My 1st argument for dipping as the mode of baptism, is taken from the proper and primary sense of the word baptizo...

Dr. John Jones's Baptizo: "I plunge, I plunge in water, dip, baptize, bury, overwhelm."

Dr. Groves's Baptizo: "To dip, immerse, immerge, plunge, to wash."

Dr. Erving's Baptizo: "In its primary and radical sense, I cover with water. It is used to denote, let, I plunge, or sink completely in water."

Dr. Donnegan's Baptizo: "To immerse into a liquid; to submerge."

Dr. Greenfield's Baptizo: "To immerse, immerge, submerge, sink."

We might call to our aid, if it was necessary, a vast number more, but let it suffice that all lexicographers and critics of any note agree with us...

Let us also hear the candid and correct testimony of Dr. George Campbell, Professor of Greek, in the College of Aberdeen...

I might go on, and produce the testimony of more than fifty wise and good men of the different denominations...

"Baptism is a Greek word, and may be translated immerse as when we immerse some thing in water, that it may be wholly covered..."

thing in water, that it may be wholly covered. And although it is almost wholly abolished, (for they do not dip the whole children, but only pour a little water on them)...

A 3d argument, that dipping was the action performed, is derived from the places where, and the circumstances connected with the administration of the ordinance...

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Mr. L. contends that water was very scarce there, and that John selected a spot where water abounded for the accommodation of the men and their camels and asses...

Mr. L.'s argument, that "if baptism and a large quantity of water are necessarily connected, we might as well say, we could not pray without much water..."

Another Sign.—An egg was recently brought to the editor of the Boston Mail with the following inscription:—

In 1843 This earth and all shall cease to be, Sinners, beware! nor let the day O'ertake you still in sin's broad way!"

A Lowell printer requests one of the Millerite preachers to "call and settle" for the printing of some second advent hymns before he goes up...

Revival after Freezing.—In the winter of 1828-1829, in Iceland, Gairnard found that toads completely frozen, so that ice lay in small pieces between their muscles...



THE AMERICAN.

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REMOVAL.

The Office of the "SUNBURY AMERICAN" has been removed to the white frame building, in Centre Alley, adjoining the New Store of H. B. Masser...

We have just received sixty reams of printing paper, similar in size and quality to the sheet upon which this is printed. Also 36 reams of super Royal 21 by 28 inches...

The communication of A. C. came too late for insertion this week.

On our first page will be found an interesting account of Mrs. Bulwer—a full account of the recent murder at New York, and several other interesting articles.

We publish this week another letter from W. S. H., being a continuance of the reply to an article on the subject of baptism.

Wild Cat.—One of these varmints was caught on Wednesday night last, in a steel trap, by Mr. Martin Goss, of Augusta township...

Our Court will commence on Monday next. We do not, however, expect a great influx of people, as the present thaw will render the roads very bad.

Both Houses of the legislature have agreed upon a resolution for a final adjournment, on the 18th of April. There is yet a good deal of important work on hand.

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Money Matters.—Northampton Bank notes have gone down to 70 per cent. discount. Susquehanna county, are quoted at 20 per cent.

The following are the rates of Relief notes, according to Bicknell's Reporter, of Tuesday last.

Relief Notes of Penn Township, Moyamensing, Manufacturers and Mechanics, Lewistown, Berks county, Erie, Northampton, Towanda, Wilkes-Barre and West Branch banks, 9 1/2 to 10

There has been another little brush near the disputed, but now settled Maine boundary line. A British officer arrested a man by the name of Savage, on the American side, as defined by the late treaty.

A German by the name of Bickes, has discovered a method by which he raises the finest crops on the poorest land, without the use of manure. He has a number of certificates from a number of scientific individuals in Germany and Holland, who have witnessed the result.

The New York Tribune says that suspicion seems to be strongly fixed upon Mr. Colton, as the person who murdered Colles at New York. She had been taking lessons from her husband, in the use of the pistol and firing at targets...

A Western editor quoting Shakspear, adds, "Beloved reader! That Shakspear was a hoax!"

Appointment by the Post Master General.—Col. JOHN P. SCRETLER has been appointed Post Master in the Borough of Muncy, in place of POWDER S. WALLIS, Esq., removed.

The following appointments were made at the late Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltimore, for this district:

NORTHUMBERLAND DIST.—G. Hildt, P. E. Sanbury—A. Britton, J. Montgomery, Danville—J. Ball, S. G. Hare, Berwick—T. Tanyhill, T. Bowman, sup. Bloomingdale—J. W. Houghsawout, I. H. Fortrance, Luzerne—J. A. Ross, T. F. McClure, Northumberland—J. Ewing, W. T. D. Clemm, Milton—G. Gayer, G. Coffey, Lycoming—J. Bowen, W. R. Mills, West Branch—W. Hirst, Jas. Gayer, Belfonte—F. M. Mills, E. McCollum, Clearfield—R. Beers, S. Regester, Penn's Valley—J. Stevens.

Harrisburg Argus. Our friend Best of the Danville Intelligencer, has, it seems, started a new paper at Harrisburg, bearing the above title. The Argus advocates the claims of Gen. Cass for the Presidency...

Remainder. A lady of high rank in Milan, having lost her poodle dog in consequence of a cold, which ended in a consumption, gave him a most splendid funeral...

Reputation in New York. Col. Young, Secretary of State, under Governor Bouck of New York, has addressed a letter to the Legislature of that State, which smacks as strongly of reputation, that some of the New Yorkers seem to have been taken completely by surprise...

Skating in August. About a year since, a scientific gentleman invented artificial ice in London, for the purpose of skating. It appears by the following advertisement on an English paper, that an artificial pond or lake has been formed in London...

The Earthquake at Guadaloupe. The Philadelphia Inquirer has received a copy of the "Courier de la Martinique," of Feb. 14, containing full particulars, in an official form, of the late dreadful calamity at Point Petre, Guadaloupe, and other parts of the West Indies...

The Murder in New York. Our readers will find a full account of the particulars of the recent murder at New York. Nothing definite has yet transpired. The whole affair remains involved in mystery, which only appears to increase as the examination proceeds...

Colton, we understand, came originally from Boston, where he learned, and for some years practiced the art of engraving. He was industrious, skillful and enterprising, and in the course of a few years amassed a very considerable amount of property...

Further on, in an insulated position, says the same writer "is a portrait of the King, who seems to promise succour to those who have had the happiness to escape the disaster. Yes, sire, you will come in aid of this population without assylum—rich yesterday, ruined today—without bread, without clothing"

house, which he furnished in the richest style. He has here been in the habit of giving splendid suppers and other entertainments, freely and frequently, to all whose fortunes and habits made them desirable objects of his acquaintance...

Colles, who was a man of much the same stamp, with himself-engaged in the same business, though with less marked success, became acquainted with Mrs. Colton during her husband's temporary absence in Boston last autumn...

Upwards of 43,000 slaves had been imported into the port of Rio, during the last eight months. Crime.—the number of discovered murders in the United State for the past year, is estimated at one hundred and eighteen.

Gold.—A vein of gold 4 feet thick, from which two loads in three days raised 100 bushels of ore, worth \$10 a bushel, has been discovered by Dr. Stephen Fox, near Mecklenburg, Va.

Westward Ho!—The New-Orleans Bee says that about one thousand persons will rendezvous at Fort Leavenworth on the first of May, for the purpose of emigrating to the Oregon Territory.

A new type set, invented in England, sets 8000 ems an hour. R. bit raising is represented to be so very profitable, that a farmer in England turned his attention to it, and sent 7000 to market in one year.

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The editor of the Courier writes a glorious and thrilling description of the sense of suffering and desolation, saying in one part of his article—"The pen refuses to retrace the picture of this destruction of the city, of which not a single house is left standing. Not one. \* \* \* And the fire continues to rage!"

Another letter under the signature of L. B. states in affecting terms, that three prominent things strike the beholder of the ruins of this vast Metropolis.

The facade of the ruined church is standing, with the dial, 25 minutes past 10, the hour at which the ruin of the city, the annihilation of the population was accomplished.

On the piece of the wall of a ruined house, is seen a picture, preserved as it were by miracle, representing the Ruins of Babylon. Singular contrast! The traditions of the past in face of the realities of the present—the picture of human destruction in presence of divine destruction.

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To One Away.

Sweet Friend! of early youth, and brighter days, When glowing thoughts and mingling hearts unite, To wake o'er life's extatic dream soft rays Of starlit hues, and thrilling hopes, more bright.

To thee, my soul with deep affection clings, And craves high converse with thy noble mind, And still, as in youth's fond imaginings, A spell of power in thy loved name can find.

To wake the buried numbers of the heart; To call back scenes,—Alas! forever fled,— In living tints—beyond the limner's art— To clothe the past,—to breathe into the dead.

And still, as years of sadness have rolled by, And separate still we love our dreary lot, Our spirits met,—earth could not rend the tie Of early love, which ne'er can be forgot.

And tho' we ne'er can meet again, in this, Beyond those fields of light, there is a Home Where sever'd hearts are join'd again in bliss; Where nought can separate—nor sorrow come, Sunbury, March 27, 1843. CATHERINE.

Mrs. Wood in a Convent. Mrs. Wood, the celebrated English songstress, has separated from her husband and retired into a convent. The following account of her conversion to the Catholic religion, is from an English paper...

This lady so well known in the United States, has occupied much attention lately, from circumstances of her having embraced the Roman Catholic religion, with the intention of taking the veil. A Yorkshire newspaper, published in the district where Mrs. Wood and her husband have lived at late years, states that the lady has had a leaning to Catholicism since 1836...

This affecting testimonial has preyed upon her mind ever since, and often has she expressed her admiration of the religion and beauty which she there became more directly conversant with. To the impression this circumstance made upon her mind is attributed the change in her religious views. In reply to certain insinuations as to the cause of the extraordinary step she has taken, Mrs. Wood addressed the following letter to one of the local papers:—

"SIR: Having understood that a rumor, has been circulated in the neighborhood of Wakefield, imputing that the ill treatment of Mr. Wood has forced me into a convent, I feel it imperative on me to give the most unqualified contradiction to the report, and to state that Mr. Wood's conduct has been uniformly kind and indulgent. MARY ANNE WOOD. Convent, M'cleagat-bar, York, Feb. 17, 1843."

It is admitted on all hands, that they lived on the most happy terms, and that her marriage with Mr. Wood has been as felicitous as her first marriage with Lord William Lennox was the reverse. But although professionally popular in the provinces since that event, where she has realized a handsome fortune, Mrs. Wood has never been able to make good her stand in London. Up to that time she was one of the greatest favorites in the British metropolis. The Dublin Evening Post gives the following statement:

To dispose of scepticism as to the conversion of Mrs. Wood to the Roman Catholic religion, we are enabled to state, through the kindness of a Protestant gentleman of this city, a friend of ours—Mr. Robert Bremen, (who will excuse our giving his name)—that he, after using his utmost endeavors to dissuade Mrs. Wood from the step she was about to take, accompanied that lady, on Saturday last, from the residence of Mr. Wood, on their separation, made for her an ample provision, should she either take the veil or return to live in the world. The separation of Mr. and Mrs. Wood was solely on the ground of the impossibility of her being received into the Catholic church, without resolving on such separation, as that church does not recognise the doctrine of divorce, and Mrs. Wood felt there could not be any compromise in matters that regarded eternity. The parting of Mrs. and Mr. Wood and their infant son, was truly affecting, and proved the intensity of their attachment, the sacrifice they made, and the triumph of religion over this world. It appears that the decision of Mrs. Wood was no sudden ebullition. On the contrary, she had been for several months in communication with the zealous and truly pious Roman Catholic clergyman of Wakefield, the Rev. Mr. Morris, whom she had selected as her instructor in the tenets of that church, into which she was publicly received on Sunday, the 5th of February in the chapel of Wakefield, where she made her first communion.