

# MISSIONARY REGISTER.

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## BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Committee Meeting, Aug. 19, 1839.*

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Delegates at the meeting at Haldimand on the 9th of July, the following brethren were made members of the Committee, with a view to ensure their co-operation to sustain the College:—

Elder Rees, Brantford; Deacon Beam, Beamsville; Deacon Barber, Townsend; Elder Butler, Rawdon; Deacon Doolittle, Haldimand; Mr. Jeremiah Cowan, Princeton, Township of Blenheim; Elder Wait, Haldimand; Elder Elliot, Oxford; Deacon Havens, Grantham; James Martin, Brantford; Elder Oakley, Oakville; Elder G. J. Ryerson, Dover; Elder Smith, Simcoe; Elder Jacob Goble, Waterford; Deacon Cryderman, Ameliasburgh; Deacon Jopling, Port Hope; Elder Griswold, Beamsville; Deacon Turner, Sidney; Deacon Teeple, Malahide; Elder McPhail, Indian Lands; David Buchanan, Esq., Paris; Mr. Haines, Kingston; Henry Webster, Simcoe.

Our Missionary brother, the Rev. D. Macphail, who has been stationed since last fall at the Indian Lands, was lately induced to pay a visit to Osgood, for the purpose of declaring to the people in that destitute settlement, the unsearchable riches of Christ. By the following letter to our brother Milne, it will be seen that the labours of Mr. Macphail have been crowned with signal success—many have been converted from the error of their ways,—brought to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to walk in newness of life. We understand that when “tidings of these things came to the ears of the churches at” Breadalbane and St. Andrews, Brethren Fraser, and Edwards, jun., proceeded to Osgood; who will, doubtless, on seeing “the grace of God,” be glad, and exhort the disciples, “that with purpose of heart, they should cleave unto the Lord.” We hope to have it in our power, soon, to give some further details of the work of the Lord amongst that people.

*INDIAN LANDS, July 20, 1839.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—The Lord has wonderfully displayed his power, in the conversion of sinners in Osgood. I visited that part of the country about five weeks ago, and have only returned the other day. During the first week I preached every day, excepting

Saturday. Nothing special was manifested, excepting an increasing anxiety to hear. I spent the second week in visiting from house to house, and conversing with the people about the state of their souls. This I found to have been of great benefit, as some of themselves afterwards expressed. Many began to feel the effects of a wounded conscience, but the “power of the Lord was present to heal.” A number have professed to receive peace of mind, by believing. Twenty-six have been “buried with Christ by baptism unto death”—a number more are hopefully converted, and there are a number yet enquiring, “What they must do to be saved.” The greater part are heads of families, and in the vigour of life; so that much good to our Zion may be expected from them. The last week, in a great measure, has been employed in instructing these young disciples “to observe all things whatsoever Christ commanded them.” A Gospel Church was formed last Lord’s day, numbering forty-six; and afterwards we attended to the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper. In looking back, I can truly say, “Surely the Lord was in that place,” and to a great degree “I knew it not.” I left them with deep affection, in hopes of returning whenever the Lord, in his Providence, will permit. What I adverted to in my last letter, I advert to again, *their great want of a Minister*. They are making preparations for a place of worship; but where is the person to occupy the pulpit? What can be done, or to what side can we look? Nowhere, but to yourselves, for the present. Relax not your efforts, therefore, in preparing men for the ministry.

The people in Osgood were moral, and of a good natural understanding. They had a form of religion, and thought it sufficient. They thought that if they did not lie, swear, &c., and dealt honestly with their fellow-men, that upon the whole it might do. But when their eyes were opened by the ever blessed Spirit, to see that morality, or any other natural excellence whatever—that nothing short of a change of heart could save them—they became awfully altered. Never have I witnessed the power of truth to such an extent as among that people. “But it is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.” I was afraid that in their flight out of Sodom, they would betake to some false refuge; but I hope the Lord, in his mercy, has prevented it. The finished work of Christ, as a ground of hope for poor perishing sinners, seemed to be all their desire. In-