

she was a Christian, a solitary light burning in a dark place, I asked her how she kept up the life of God in her soul without Christian Society. She drew from her bosom a copy of a Dutch New Testament, which she received from a missionary while at his school many years since, before her relation took her away to this distant region.

"This," she said, "is the fountain whence I drink; this is the oil which makes my lamp burn." I looked on the precious volume, and you may conceive how we felt when we met with this disciple, and mingled together our sympathies and prayers at the throne of our heavenly Father."

This "fountain" and this "oil" is ours, the blessed word of God. How it softened the heart of this poor heathen, brought her to the knowledge and friendship of her Redeemer, and filled her with brave yet tender love for all who bore his name.

Miscellaneous.

Shall I have my Child Baptized?

Mr. A.—was an efficient business man, of upright and honorable deportment, and in comfortable circumstances as to property. In May, 1819, his intelligent and amiable wife was removed by death, and he was left with the care of their only child.—He had been brought up "in the congregational order," and in the Autumn succeeding his wife's death, as he was one day caressing his little daughter, who was nestling affectionately in his arms, the thought occurred to him, "I am the only surviving parent of this child, and it behoves me to do what I can for her benefit." A train of reflections was now awakened, which he thus pursued: "According to the instructions I have received, and the usages of the church I attend, this child ought to be baptized, and it becomes my duty to secure for her the benefits of that rite. But where is the authority for infant baptism? I will examine the Bible to satisfy myself on that point."

This rational and noble resolution was faithfully performed. He read the New Testament very carefully, and with prayer to God for the guidance of his Spirit; but instead of finding a command enjoining the baptism of his child, as he had confidently expected, he discovered that he had not been himself baptized, although sprinkled in infancy, as he had been informed. He continued to read God's Holy Word, and ask light from on high, and he became satisfied that according to the teachings and evident meaning of the Bible, penitent believers in Christ are the only subjects, and immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only mode of Christian baptism. He then rode into the adjacent town, to communicate his views and feelings to the writer of this sketch. Disappointed in finding I had removed, but not discouraged he commenced a correspondence, which proved of a very gratifying character, and led to his making us a visit in June following. In that visit he gave still clearer proof that he had been born again, and was, indeed, "led by the Spirit of God." The relation of his Christian exercises, and views of Bible doctrine was very satisfactory to the church and on their unanimous vote of approval being communicated to him, he arose and expressed his warm gratitude to God for his kind reception by the brethren, and the encouragement and aid he felt he was receiving from them in his Christian duties, though he had come among them a stranger. He had never seen a person immersed, and was practically unacquainted with Baptist usages; but having learned from personal conversation, and the perusal of church articles, our general views of Bible faith and practice, he now appeared with the humility, teachableness, affection and ingenuousness of the little child, ready to pursue any course recommended by his brethren, that would assist him in obeying Christ. How solemn, and yet how interesting and delightful is the duty of a church and her pastor

at such a season! The next morning with a countenance indicating the heavenly peace within, he was buried with his Lord in baptism, and like the Ethiopian eunuch who had journeyed from a distant land to Jerusalem to wait upon God, he, "came up out of the water," and "went on his way rejoicing."

In a communication addressed to me a few weeks afterwards, he says: "I reflect with much pleasure on the time passed at your place. So far, especially, as baptism is concerned, I have an abiding satisfaction." On a visit the next year, when asked how he was getting along in his Christian course, he replied, "I feel that I am on the right road." C. W. W.

A REVIVAL OF RELIGION is in progress in the Baptist Church in Wellsville, Rev. G. W. Huntley, pastor.

THE EDITOR of the *South Western Baptist* states, that about 5000 persons have been baptized by the Baptist Churches in Alabama, within the last twelve months.

THE *Biblical Recorder* states that within the last twelve months, Elder Elwell, of North Carolina, has baptized over 300 persons.

THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION, the largest body of Baptists in that State, recently held its annual meeting. Several of the churches had enjoyed revivals, and 497 members had been added by baptism.

DEDICATION.—The meeting-house of the Berean Baptist Church at Carville, in the 11th ward of Brooklyn, was dedicated on Thursday, the 11th inst. The sermon was preached by Dr. Hodge, pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

LONGEVITY IN CANADA.—The *Montreal Herald* mentions some singular instances of longevity which were brought to light by the late census. It says: "We understand that more than twenty persons are to be returned, whose ages are said to exceed one hundred years. The most venerable Patriarch of these, if we make no mistake, resides in the township of Grey, Simcoe county, aged 115 years. Ninety-five years ago he scaled the cliffs of Quebec with General Wolf, so that his residence in Canada is coincident with British rule in the Province. He has attached himself to the Indians, and lives, in all respects like them. This veteran is named Abraham Miller. Gallantry will not permit us to omit honorable mention of an equally distinguished person of the other sex. Helen Maguire is 106 years of age. She still dresses without help, and walks out for air and exercise whenever the weather is sufficiently fine to tempt her from the chimney corner. She still has all her faculties, and threads a needle without spectacles."

MAKE YOURSELF INDISPENSABLE TO YOUR EMPLOYERS.

Make yourself indispensable to your employers; that is the golden path to success. Be so industrious, so prompt, so careful, that if you are absent one hour out of the usual time, you will be missed, and he in whose service you are, shall say, "I did not dream L—— was so usual." Make your employer your friend, by performing with minuteness, whatever task he sets before you; and above all, be not too nice to lend a hand at dirty work, no matter how repugnant to your sense of neatness it may be. The success of your business in after years depends upon how you deport yourself now. If you are really good for anything, you are good for a great deal. Be energetic, put your manners in your business; look as well as act with alacrity:

appear to feel an interest; make your master's success your own, if you have an honest one. Let your eyes light up at his request, and your feet be nimble; there are some who look so dull and heavy, and go with so slow and lazy a pace, that it is irksome to ask what it is your right to demand of them; be not like these. Be the wretch upon which your employer may rest with safety; let him feel that he may entrust you with uncounted gold.

If you do an errand lightly, you begin to loose his confidence; if you forget twice some important request, you cannot be trusted. If you accustom yourself to loose and untidy habits, you will gain no respect, but rather contempt. Avoid theatres, card-rooms, billiard saloons, as you would the pestilence; little faults are like so many loopholes in your character, through which all that is valuable sifts out, and all that is pernicious sifts in to fill up the empty places.

Do you say you want some pleasure? make your work a pleasure. There are two ways of seeing the sun rise—one with a dull, complaining spirit, that if it could, would blot out the great luminary, with its wishy-washy flood of eternal complaints, the other with a jealous lark-like pleasure, soaring out and upwards, and seeing along the western path, gates of gold, and palaces of ivory. So there are two ways of doing work; one that depresses the soul by its listless, formal, fretful participation, the other that makes labour a boon and a blessing, and pursues it not only for gain, but the highest exaltation of the mental and moral being.—*Olive Branch.*

MARRIED.

On the 17th November, by the Rev. J. Clarke, Mr. Peter Aury to Miss Rachel Rott, both of the township of Erin, C.W.

DIED.

On the 16th of October last, at Highbuilding, Farnhurst, Sussex, England, Robert Burt, Sen., in his 90th year.

NOTICE.

THE OTTAWA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Session with the Church at PETITE NATION, on Wednesday, January 12, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

For some years past, the Annual Meeting of this Association has been thinly attended, in consequence of the storms which generally prevail about the season it was held. To prevent this hindrance, the meeting is appointed earlier in the winter; and we hope to see all the churches connected with the Association represented at it.

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