

same minutes I learned that a Society, designated the Upper Canada Baptist Missionary Society, had been formed, and in operation for about a year. This is a token for good, that two Societies should be formed (unknown to one another), about the same time, and in the same denomination. May the God of all grace give us wisdom, love, and energy to conduct them, so as to promote his glory. It is pleasing also to observe that the following resolution was passed at their last meeting of association: "That if Elder Rees, Deacon Beam, or any other friend to education consider it their duty to devise and put in operation any plan to instruct the rising young men for the Ministry, they have our entire permission and approbation. It is evident that it is the duty of every Christian, as far as it is in his power, to promote the cause of education, as thereby an important means is secured for spreading the truth and suppressing error."

On reading the above resolution, I proceeded immediately to Brantford, to consult with Elder Rees on the subject; but I am sorry he was not at home. On enquiry I found that no step had yet been taken in the education department—all is in *statu quo*.

Mr. Editor, I have much more to say; but fear to encroach farther on your pages this month. Yet I cannot close this communication before inserting a few extracts from a very interesting letter which I received from a Baptist Ministering Brother, W. H. Landen, situated in Woodstock, London District. He says,

The field of usefulness in this district is large, and white to the harvest, invites to labour by the most encouraging prospect; but the want of faithful labourers is distressing, and we are crying to the Lord of the harvest to send forth faithful labourers into the harvest. Several of our churches are wholly destitute of the

regular administration of the word and ordinances. Besides the destitute churches, there are a great many small settlements and neighbourhoods quite without the means of grace; many of them importunate in their requests for the preaching of the Gospel. I have lately opened week-day appointments in two such places, in one of which the Lord has given success to his word, and a work, apparently of the best kind, is now in progress among them. Besides these, I have the charge of two churches, Oxford and Blenheim, both of which have enjoyed precious revival seasons during the past winter; to the former have been added thirty, to the latter about twenty, and several more will be baptized in each very shortly.

I look upon the present state of the Church at Oxford to be most interesting and important. It is located in the new and rising village of Woodstock. The town and surrounding country are rapidly increasing in population, wealth, and importance. We have recently opened a new Chapel, which, when finished, will accommodate several hundred hearers; and could a proper Minister be obtained for it, it would undoubtedly be well filled. I have stated these things with a view to interest you in behalf of this people. Is there not a man among you that could be spared to come and take charge of this Church? Is your Theological School now in operation? Could you receive any students from this country, and on what terms? Could indigent young men be assisted to a part or the whole of their education, free of expense?"

Mr. Editor, we cannot but feel much interested in these extracts of our unknown, yet esteemed, brother Landen, and we hope some aid will be speedily extended to this region of country. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. I shall trouble you next month with a