

Saunders, and are walking in His commandments and ordinances blameless. Several more are expected to come forward, and unite with the church. Thus God is encouraging the hearts, and strengthening the hands of his dear people in that newly organized church at Richmond, and the Great Lake. Brother Reed preaches, and is very acceptable to the people.

I forgot to say, when speaking of the First Church and congregation, that two instances of saving grace in a dying hour have been lately manifested among us. For one of these I refer to the triumphant death of Mrs. Sarah Moody. She had a lingering sickness of nine weeks; and in that honest hour, when she apprehended approaching dissolution, her mind awoke to great searchings of heart, and close examination of soul. She said to me with much emotion,—for I often visited her,—“O uncle! what a great sinner I am!” But she soon felt the consolations of the Gospel; particularly in that word, “Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” When one interrogated her, urging upon her the necessity of being sprinkled, she referred in reply to that text, Matt iii. 16. “I have no thought,” said she, “that I shall recover. But should it be the case that I should live, I will follow Christ’s example, and be immersed.” She died, enjoying the use of her reason to the last, in hope of a glorious immortality. The other instance is that of a young man in his fifteenth year. Having taken the small-pox in a natural way, he said, “I shall die with it, and I am not prepared.” He began crying for mercy; and soon found peace, and rejoiced in the hope of being for ever with the Lord. A little girl also, who has been removed by consumption, at the age of twelve years, died remarkably happy in the enjoyment of Christ’s love. It is said, “There