

awful consequences that must inevitably follow, a deep solemnity appeared to rest on the whole assembly, that gave evidence of the presence of God, and of the operations of His Spirit. At two o'clock I had the pleasure of leading eight young converts into the water, and baptizing them by the authority of Christ—in the presence of an unusually large concourse of people. Serious impressions have been made on the minds of others. I consider the station occupied by this little band as one of great importance. A flourishing Sunday School is attached to the church. Their pastor Br. W. Smith, has recently left them; therefore I consider it my duty to minister the word monthly, in this growing and rapidly increasing village. I feel the importance of maintaining the cause of Baptist principles, I mean those peculiar, evangelical principles, which alone will stand the test of scriptural truth, destined as they are, eventually to triumph over false doctrines and human traditions; and which must commend themselves to the good wishes and earnest prayers of all our Baptist friends, who are joyfully witnessing the sure progress of correct evangelical sentiments.

It may perhaps be unknown to some of your readers, that the Baptist Church in Brantford is yet in its infancy. In December 1833, this Church was constituted of twenty-six members, and through their whole course they have enjoyed a good measure of peace and union, under the labours of their pastor; their present number is 86; their strength and confidence is in Him who loved His Church, and gave Himself for it, and "who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness, sanctification and redemption." This Church has already taken an important stand with our sister churches, and through the blessing of God, has accomplished much towards the furtherance of the cause of Christ. Although we are unable at this time, to state with certainty the definite number of those who have been hopefully converted to God in this place, yet we take pleasure in informing our friends, that we are encouraged to hope that the blessing of God still accompanies the means used to advance the interest of Zion here. On the Lord's day, 13th December, I had the pleasure of baptizing seven young converts, who followed their risen Saviour down into his liquid grave, and were immersed in obedience to his Divine command. It was indeed pleasant to the friends of Christ to see those young disciples take up their cross, and joyfully follow their ascended Lord in his appointed way, despite of fear or shame. A very large multitude assembled on this occasion to witness the administration of the Divine ordinance, it being the fourth time

it was administered in this town during five months. Such a scene was truly emblematical of the death, burial, and resurrection of our adorable Redeemer. On the east side of the Grand River, the candidates were, one by one, led down into the water, and there buried by baptism beneath the yielding wave, and rose again, we trust, to newness of life and new obedience. On that day they were all united to the fellowship of the Church, the members of which appeared to be filled with the spirit of love and thankfulness to God, who had given such gifts to poor sinners. I am, with Christian affection, yours,

W. REES.

SUCCESS IN ERIN, ERAMOSA, &c.

DEAR SIR,—As in a former letter I made known to the public, through the *Canada Baptist Magazine*, some things respecting the influence of divine truth, as it appeared to operate on the minds of many of the people of the Township of Erin during the short time that I occasionally laboured among them, and as I then gave reason (from what I then related) for those who truly pray, "Thy kingdom come," to expect to hear something more interesting as the result of those feelings, I consider it my duty to state, that since then Elder James Black, of Eramosa (an adjoining Township) has baptized about thirty persons, many of whom had been respectable, conscientious Presbyterians; and one also who had been many years a preacher among the Scotch Independents. A few months since there have been two close communion Baptist Churches formed in that Township—one by Mr. Black, which he attends every Lord's-day; and the other by Mr. Menzies, of the Township of Esquering. Mr. M. has also lately baptized several, both in Erin and Esquering.

There still appear to be many enquiring the way to Zion with their faces thitherward in these parts of the country; and I have had several Macedonian cries communicated to me since I last visited that people, whom, if the Lord permit, I purpose visiting again soon.

I have very lately understood that brother Black has the honour of administering the ordinance of baptism almost every Lord's-day; and I think it probable that he will send you a more particular account of the churches, and of the state of religion generally in that Township, before long.

I am also pleased to have it to say, that since the ordination of brother Wilson last September, there have been thirteen added to the Niagara Church, mostly by baptism.

Your's, most respectfully,

JOHN OAKLEY.

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