

but upon the whole the audience was good all the time. There were no confessions while I was with them, and I understand they have had scarcely any additions to the congregation for years. Does it not occur to their minds that this may be owing to the policy they adopt in reference to the preaching of the Gospel. I have an idea that if, when they have a proclaimer among them, they would try to hold up his hands and act as if they thought that the enemy of God and man ought to be conquered rather than compromised with, it would be better with them. This, however, I only submit as an opinion.

Thence I removed to this place, (Esquesing,) where I have been nearly two weeks. Bro. Anderson and Kilgour had visited the Brethren at Garafraxa and this place about two weeks in advance of me. While here, they called forth considerable of a spirit of enquiry in regard to the Gospel, and four made confession of the faith and were immersed by them. The same interest appeared to be revived when I commenced holding meetings, so that by the time I had spoken three discourses, six persons, all males but one, made confession of the Lord and were immersed. We had a very good opportunity of addressing some at the water-which we cannot get access to on other occasions, and it seemed as if a deep impression was made. We had afterwards to repair twice to the water for the same purpose, thus making an addition to the household of faith in this place of eight persons altogether. This is the greatest movement which has occurred in this congregation for a great many years past, and the Brethren seem to be greatly refreshed and encouraged. So far as I can judge, there appears to be good speaking talent in this church, and I trust that through the labors and perseverance of the Elders and other Brethren the congregation here will be found "walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit and be edified and multiplied."

I have sent on an appointment for to-morrow night at Trafalgar, and I trust to be with the Brethren there "in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace." "Pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

Your fellow servant in the kingdom and patience of the Lord.

WM. THOM .

Continued in Hillier about eight days. Bro. D. Campbell spoke once. He and his consort were travelling through that region. We formed a very agreeable and interesting acquaintance with Bro. Taylor, who not long ago had charge of a Grammar School in Kingston. We would like to see him so situated somewhere that he could be of some service to the cause as a preacher of the gospel. There is room and plenty to do for every brother who can raise his voice acceptably to God in behalf of the Saviour of men.

We then went to West Lake, where we had two meetings. At this place as in Hillier we had a good hearing. Brother Anderson needed no formal introduction to the people at either of these points—his voice was heard by most of them long ago, and he has not yet "fallen from grace." Bro. Kilgour and Bro. Black are remembered with pleasure in Prince Edward Co. Had a few meetings in Cherry Valley and one at the Young School House, East Lake. We were glad to see the faces of old and tried friends in Jesus. While at Hillier we lodged chiefly with Bro. Burr. We visited a good many others, whose hospitality we enjoyed. We were glad to see our good Bro. Harvey, formerly of Bowmanville. Bro. Anderson was not so well acquainted with him as his travelling companion. The writer regrets that Bro. Harvey does not preach as much as when in Bowmanville. Our light should not "be hid under a bushel." Not one immersion during our entire visit. Have heard two obeyed since we left. I forbear stating the condition of the churches in that country. In this I deviate from an understood rule, for which the reader will excuse me. On our way homeward Bro. Anderson addressed a respectable audience one mile west of Brighton. A Baptist minister by the name of Rice introduced himself at the close in a very friendly manner. We wish Bro. Ainsworth success in his efforts to make known the truth about Brighton. We thought of having a meeting in Cobourg, but there was a holiday in that town: and an anxiety to reach home on our part; so it was deferred. We were delayed at Port Hope some three hours for repairs. Bro. A called upon Bro. Earls, and the writer upon Bro. Hales, to whom I owe an apology, which will be given at some convenient season.

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