

Irah Chase, Professor of Biblical Theology in Newton Theological Institution, consented to make them a visit and render them any assistance in his power. Accordingly, on the 27th of September, 1827, he, together with Alexis Caswell, then Professor in a College near Washington, arrived in Halifax. They were cordially received. Due preparation for Baptism and the organization of the church was commenced at once.

On the morning of the following Lord's Day—September 30th—a large concourse of people assembled at a quiet spot on the shore of the Bedford Basin. The weather was fine, and the surroundings were beautiful and impressive. The still and solemn assembly gave serious attention to the following appropriate remarks which fell from the lips of Professor Chase before he baptized the waiting candidates—Lewis Johnston, M. D., J. W. Nutting, Esq., Mrs. Lewis Johnston, Mrs. J. W. Johnston, Miss E. Tremain, and Miss S. Grant :—

“ You are aware, my friends, of the purpose for which we are here assembled. We have come to obey one of the commands of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your countenances tell me that you have not come here to interrupt or to mock. I rejoice in the confidence that you have come to listen and to behold with respectful attention. I need not detain you with preliminary remarks. Let us with becoming reverence enter upon the devotional exercises that are before us.”

The following hymn was read by Professor Chase, and then sung :—

“ How great, how solemn is the work
Which we attend to-day !
Now for a holy, solemn frame,
O God, to thee we pray !