

in reverence and adoration to its Creator, great and marvelous are thy works, in wisdom hast thou constructed them all.

The long procession started off. All was still save the footsteps of men and horses, or the low human voices, except only the bark of the solitary watch dog, or the lonesome scream of the forest owl.— We reached the place for baptizing. The people collected. A death like stillness ensued indicative of the burial that was about to take place. And there, at the lonesome hour of mid-night, in the pure, free outer court of Nature, did we raise our voices to Nature's God for his blessing, support and protection. And then, and there was our brother 'buried with the Lord by baptism into death,' and like as Christ rose from the dead, so he arose to walk in newness of life.

There was a man in that community who was somewhat skeptical, as he informed us. He said he could see no sense in the systems usually taught as Christianity in this community. He had therefore advised his family not to join a Church. His wife came to our meeting and confessed her faith in "the Lamb that taketh away the sin of the world." When he learned this, he became, as we are informed, angry, and objected to her going to meeting the next day. His daughter went, however, and soon by the goodness and mercy of the Lord, was persuaded to become a Christian. When the father heard this, he resolved that he would go and learn for himself, of those people that were turning the world upside down with their doctrine. He came. He gave ear to the word spoken. And when he heard "concerning the faith in Christ," he trembled; and although he said with Felix, "go thy way for this time," when I have a convenient season I will call for thee," yet the convenient season came, he obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine which was delivered him.

On the 8th day of the meeting many who had previously confessed, were immersed. The multitude that was present, standing on the banks of a beautiful creek, besides the large number to be baptized, reminded us of the language of the historian when he said "And there went out unto him all the land of Judea and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the River of Jordan, confessing their sins." Many of our Baptist brethren who had united with us on the foundation of Apostles and Prophets came forward and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The brethren were much strengthened, being built in the faith, their spiritual strength being renewed, having "waited upon the Lord."