

his travels, including his passages across the Atlantic, did not exceed £146—a fact which reflects much credit on his careful and self-denying economy, as well as on the hospitality of our brethren in Britain.

The Committee, after receiving Mr. EDWARDS' account of his agency, and in view of what has been accomplished through his efforts, with one mind passed the following resolution:—

“That we rejoice in the safe return of our beloved Christian friend, Mr. Edwards, to this the land of his adoption, where we hope he has many useful and happy days yet to spend; and that our very grateful acknowledgments are due to him for his most indefatigable and self-denying exertions as the agent of this society in Great Britain; and that our devout thanksgivings are due to God, who has crowned his exertions with success.”

Our aged friend's emotions in looking back on his visit to the fatherland are fully expressed in the following letter, addressed to the Committee. The sentiments of gratitude to God and Christian friends which it contains, express also the feelings of the Committee; and hence we give it publicity in our Register.

MONTREAL, May 21, 1841.

To the Committee of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society.

DEAR BRETHREN,—Having through the abundant goodness of our Heavenly Father been permitted to meet you once more on the shores of Canada, I am induced by a review of all through which I have lately passed, to indulge in the language of praise and thanksgiving. When I reflect that whilst travelling more than 13,000 miles by land and water, by night and by day, no accident has befallen me, no disease has been to me the messenger of death—but that when laid low with bodily afflictions the Lord has raised me up again—when difficulties obstructed my path, he has graciously cleared my way—when hope had well nigh yielded to despair, he has turned the hearts of his people and inclined them to look favourably on the spiritual interests of Canada, thus causing me to feel that they who sow in tears shall reap in joy. When I view these things, I must say, “Bless the Lord, O my soul,” and when you view them with me, I am sure you will unite with me in praising the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

It would be an omission of duty were I to

neglect expressing my gratitude to those dear friends in England and Scotland, who kindly supplied my wants, tenderly sympathised with me in suffering, and aided me by personal effort and advice in the prosecution of the important work assigned me. It would afford me pleasure to mention all their names, and recount all their many acts of kindness toward me, but this I cannot do; and yet it is difficult to forbear mentioning the names of these friends in London, viz., Mr. Job Heath, Deacon of the church in Maze-Pond, and his family, Mr. Alexander Hodge and family, connected with the church under the pastoral care of Mr. Rothery, also Mr. and Mrs. James Horn, members of the church in Church Street. To these dear friends I am much indebted, and the remembrance of their kindness will ever be grateful. To them, and to all other dear friends whom I cannot name, I would on my own behalf and on that of the Society, return my sincere and hearty thanks. May their offerings and services find acceptance with God, and be abundantly blessed of him in helping to turn many souls to Christ, and establishing believers in their most holy faith. Praying that the little one may become a thousand, and the small one a great nation in Canada, I am, dear brethren, your's in the bonds of the Gospel,

JOHN EDWARDS.

A NEW CHURCH FORMED.

The following good news we extract from a letter just received from Mr. McLAURIN, one of the Society's missionaries:—

“It is with pleasure I have to inform the Committee that a Baptist Church was lately formed in the township of Osnabruck, which place I have visited at the request of some of our friends, who had heard about the work of the Lord going on there. I preached there last Sabbath to a respectable congregation, in a school-house in the third Concession. There were no Baptists here previous to the month of March last, and some of them said to me that they did not know of any Baptists being between them and Montreal. About the middle of March, Elder Fay, a native of the Eastern Townships of Canada, came from the States, to preach in that place and in some of the surrounding settlements, where he had much success in winning souls to Christ. He has now removed with his family to that neighbourhood, and formed a church of sixteen members. The first Sabbath he was there, five were baptized. He has meetings now in twelve or fourteen places through the week, and visits the people from house to house. Much opposition has been raised