

had a second visit when returning, where I thought it would be profitable. * * * * I have made 96 family visits. Reading and expounding the scriptures, suitable conversation and prayer were the exercise engaged in at every visit. I visited the only school in operation in the township of Elma, and preached seven times in the different localities. My first appointment was where a regular Baptist church has been recently formed, numbering eleven members, with a good prospect of a speedy increase. Here I witnessed the first baptism that is supposed to have taken place in the township. My last appointment was at a tavern. I had two Indians, three travellers, and the household for my audience. I had visited the settlers in the neighbourhood, and had a good opportunity of making my intentions known, but the night was stormy, and not one of them ventured out. * * * *

"Mr. Dyer, a very earnest young man, belonging to the Wesleyans, has his head quarters at the Town Plot, (of Elma.) Mr. Hurlburt, an ordained Missionary of the Grand River Association, is expected soon to take up his residence beside the Baptist Church already referred to, and give part of his highly appreciated labours in that locality. I have had intercourse with, I think, five others, who are qualified to tell the story of a Saviour's love, and who are willing to employ themselves in doing so.

"I was kindly assisted in my mission by Brother Philips, who preaches from three to six times a week. During the last six months he has visited and preached in Turnbury, Culson, Warwick, Wallace, Carriek, and Elma, sustaining himself by his own labour, the sum of \$3 being all he has ever received for preaching. The people, however, make him welcome everywhere, and urge him to continue his visits. All these labourers, and some others equally praiseworthy, whom I may not have discovered, would unite heart and hand against the common enemy, the prince of darkness, fill efficiently their places, and supply the destitute localities, so that Elma might become a pattern of ministerial usefulness and success, as it is already, a pattern of religious consistency, in many of its settlers.

"There is a rising Presbyterian interest in Morningson, but I have not yet visited the locality where it is chiefly confined. The Wesleyans have their station in this township, and are progressing. Brother P. Robertson, who lately visited with us, devotes most of his labours to this field. For nine years, almost unnoticed and unknown he has not failed to summon the people together on the Sabbath, to read and expound the word of God to them. His consistency and perseverance are making impressions that will not easily be effaced. * * * One of his hearers assured me that he was improving much; and another, that his meetings were larger than any other, and that he was doing much good in his visit. * * * I think Brother Philips ought,

if possible, to be sustained as a preacher and colporteur. He is a worthy brother, and willing to work. * * * *

"I left home on foot, and found this to be the best method of travelling, not only on account of the badness of the roads, but also in consequence of the little trouble it gave me and those I visited. The Providence of God was very conspicuously displayed in all the way I was led. I was never permitted to wander from my path in the woods. Whenever a guide was required, a good one was always promptly supplied. I never wanted a meal at the proper time, and always the best the people could afford. A clean and comfortable bed invited me to repose every evening. Only on one occasion did I feel justified in offering to pay for my entertainment, and then it was promptly refused both by the man and his wife, who assured me of a cordial welcome upon any future visit; and with scarcely an exception I was kindly received and respectfully listened to wherever I went. Like the seventy who were sent out on a similar errand, had the same question been put to me, upon my return, as to them: "Lacked ye anything." My answer would have been "Nothing Lord," as theirs was.

I paid a visit of sympathy to Elder Sym. I found him slowly recovering in health, but still labouring under great mental depression from causes which any earnest generous minded minister of the gospel, whose success is not very apparent, can easily understand. I had much satisfaction in my visit, and intend to call again next week in my journey towards Wallace."

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CHRISTIAN UNION.

(CONTINUED.)

From the Rev. John Howe,—1678.

There are two further inquiries deserving special notice relating to this important subject.

1st, What kind of union this shall be which we may expect the Spirit poured forth to accomplish.

2nd. In what way we may expect it to be accomplished. As to its nature, it will be such a union as shall combine within itself the duty, and much of the happiness of the Church: such a one as will contribute much to its felicity: such as will beautifully illustrate the faithfulness of God to His promise and the Church's obedience to her Divine Lord. But as we neither expect the Church of God on earth to be perfectly sinless, nor perfectly happy, we cannot expect this union to be perfect. Nor should it be thought requisite, in order to this union, that the Spirit should be, as thus poured out, an infallible Spirit, thus as some have thought necessary, conferring on men a Spirit of Infallibility, in order to union, whilst the question as to the seat of it would