

inating delusions—let the covetous and supercilious worship idol wealth and a soul absorbing speculation, while I but sit in some lonely retreat or shady bower with the meek, humble and loving children of the Lord Jesus, singing in exulting strains the sublime wonders of redemption. The longer I live the greater assurance I have that the church of God is the loveliest, happiest, and most desirable of all the combinations of earth. O! how transporting the thought that the Lord loves the church! Five hundred citizens of Messiah's kingdom partook at the Lord's table, presided over by the venerable Elder Sinclair, an aged father in Israel. How pleasing to contemplate old veterans in the service of heaven. It is therefore a gratification to possess the company of such godly men as Elder Black, and others of pleasant memory. Think Bro. O., of 500 children of the Redeemer sitting down at the Lord's table with hearts overflowing with christian love, which thinks no evil, and rejoices in the truth, presenting a glorious object on which Angels contemplate with superlative admiration, and then consider him who permits some sinister motive or imaginary peccadillo to turn his mind in opposition to such holy convocations or heavenly places in Christ Jesus; and tell me, does that person enjoy sound spiritual health? In the afternoon Bro. Sheppard—always welcome, always pleasant.—persuasive and eloquent, addressed the multitude to the edification of the hearers. Fortunate the vicinity, and happy the congregation, that possess so amiable, argumentative and prepossessing a speaker as our good Bro. Sheppard. Would that Bethany College could send us many such. The day closed by five persons presenting themselves for baptism. During this day Bro. James Thompson and I visited Bro. William Oliphant of whom we had heard so many good things. We found him standing "on Jordan's stormy banks" viewing with sweet composure the glorious land of promise on the other side. Oh! what a heavenly boon is a hope in death—compared with which earthly possessions, influence, authority, power, kingdoms, empires, are as the sordid dust or chaff of the thrashing floor. Let us dear brethren at the throne of favor remember the sick of the fold of Christ. On Monday morning the blazing luminary appearing in the oriental heavens shedding his life-giving rays to all—fit emblem of the "Sun of Righteousness with healing in his wings," we repaired with joyous hearts to the place of meeting. Assuredly the Lord was in our midst. Unfortunately Prof. Munnell was obliged that morning to return home. Bro. Eaton and others being called upon to warn, teach and exhort, succeed-