

the aisles, or cushioning the pulpit, yet furnishing his own dwelling with rich carpets, astral lamps and splendid sofas.

7. A follower of the Prince of *Peace*, with his heart running over with the war-spirit, and rejoicing in the destruction of his fellow-men.

8. A professing Christian family asking the Minister to pray with them, and not one of them kneeling with him.

9. The man who has a periodical head-ache, returning every Sabbath morning.

10. The man who dare not expose his health by going to meeting on a stormy Sabbath, yet is very robust the next Monday, and can sell wood all day though it storm and blow.

MY MOTHER IN HER CLOSET.

Nothing used to impress upon my mind so strongly the reality and excellence of religion, as my mother's counsels and prayers. Very frequently she retired with her children to a private room, and after she had read the Bible with us, and give us some good instruction and advice, kneeled down with us and offered a prayer, which, for apparent earnestness and fervor, I have seldom known equalled. These seasons were always pleasant to us; and sometimes we looked forward to them with impatience. My mother seemed to me then almost an angel; her language, her manner, the very expression of her countenance, indicating great nearness to the throne of grace. I could not have shown levity at such times; it would have been impossible. I felt then that it was a great blessing to have a praying mother; and I have felt it much more sensibly since. Those counsels and prayers time can never efface from my memory. They form as it were a part of my very constitution.—*Theodore Tinker.*

Wainfleet, May 7th, 1848.

BROTHER OLIPHANT:—To-day three persons were introduced into the kingdom of the Messiah by baptism. The scene to us was joyful, and I presume the news through the *Witness* will be highly acceptable to the brotherhood in Canada. I am happy to say, these individuals (a sister and two brethren) were led to obedience by pursuing a course similar to that of the noble Bereans, namely, *a reading of the scriptures.* Had you been here much more might have been accomplished. May the prayers of the saints arise to heaven for the spiritual welfare of these precious souls, and for the safety and prosperity of the Church of God in Wainfleet.

A. CENDENAN.