

teresting and important field of spiritual labour, and we hope soon to be able to furnish you with more full accounts. Meanwhile, let us all pray that the Lord will send forth more labourers into his vineyard.

#### A CHAPEL OPENED.

The Baptist Chapel erected in Smith Town, in the New Castle District, by the Rev. John Gilmore, and friends, was opened the 26th of July. The Rev. John Dyer, jun., of Kingston, U. C., officiated on the interesting occasion. He preached in the forenoon from Mark xii. 32. In the afternoon from James ii. 23, last clause. Mr. Gilmore conducted the devotional parts of both services.

The congregation was so large as to crowd both the chapel and vestry. Many could not gain admittance, but stood around the doors listening to the word of life. A marked attention pervaded the congregation, and a gratifying state of feeling prevailed during the services. It was good to be there.

The chapel is desirably situated, well finished, and free from debt. And here it is just and grateful to acknowledge, that Joseph Fletcher, Esq., of London, has defrayed half of the expense incurred in building this neat place of worship. May the Great Head of the Church amply reward him, for this liberal and seasonable expression of Christian kindness.

#### A MEETING OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We insert with great pleasure the following communication from the Rev. G. J. Ryerse, as it gives a pleasing proof, that our brethren in his region are aware of the importance of giving a religious training to the young. Our churches cannot be fully efficient, as benevolent and Missionary Societies, (what all churches ought to be,) without conducting Sunday Schools. These institutions are especially adapted to the wants of this country, for they may be carried on as means of religious instruction, when it may be difficult or impossible to have regular preaching. The more of these schools we have among us, and the better they are conducted, the more prosperity, knowledge, and piety we may expect in our churches. It may be well

to mention that books for Sunday Schools may be had at a very low rate, if not *gratis*, from the Sunday School Union in this city, of which Mr. Becket is Depositary.

#### To the Editor of Canada Baptist Magazine.

Doubtless it will be highly gratifying to the friends of Sunday Schools, who are readers of your interesting Miscellany, to hear that the cause is rising in this part of the Province. Poverty, prejudice, a want of interest, of books, and of experienced teachers, have been difficulties which have long stood in the way; but they are vanishing. The present season, a worthy zeal hath manifested itself not only here, but in the surrounding vicinity, in this cause so vitally connected with the welfare of Zion.

Yesterday, at eleven o'clock, a meeting was appointed at Port Rowen, in the Baptist Meeting-house, for five Schools, viz.: Town-line, Union, Port Rowen, Port Royal, and first School in Houghton. Previous to the hour, the house was not only filled, but surrounded by hundreds. During the exercises of the schools, Elder William M'Dermant delivered an interesting discourse to the congregation outside of the house. The Schools were presided over by Mr. John Kilmaster, who opened the exercises by an appropriate prayer, after which an original hymn (composed for the purpose by George A. Kilmaster, one of the teachers,) was sung. Each scholar then read a verse in succession. Questions were then put to two schools on the 14th chapter of John, which were promptly answered. Questions were then asked a third school, concerning scripture names and geography, which were correctly and promptly answered. From another school were selected a number of scholars, who repeated select pieces with an oratory which would do honour to those more advanced in life;—after which, Elder George J. Ryerse delivered an appropriate discourse to the listening multitude from Ps. iv. 6th verse, first clause: "There be many that say, Who will shew us any good?" The hearts of many were made glad to behold nearly or quite 500 little immortals at once listening to the words of eternal life; and in a course for a better world, having made such progress in knowledge which not only does honour to themselves but to their teachers. Within the last three months, two schools repeated 24,000 verses of Scripture. The other schools had not reported. This has been an interesting time to the witnessing multitude, and we humbly trust a day long to be remembered. May the Redeemer's name have all the glory. Your's, in Christ, G. J. RYERSE.  
Walsingham, July 12, 1840.