

Recently more than usual interest has been apparent among the 'hearers of the word' in Athol, near Picton, where I have laboured occasionally during the summer and autumn. The third week of November, while discoursing at the East Lake, three came forward to put on the Lord, and they were accordingly immersed in the divine name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many saints will now pray that these, with all others who have thus confessed Christ, may be kept by the power of God through faith unto that salvation which shall be revealed at the coming of the Lord our Resurrection and our righteousness.

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Continuing my labors at the East Lake, Athol, and the adjoining township, Hallowell, six more were immersed in the name of the divine three—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—having made the confession before men and angels that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The brethren were encouraged, and numbers who in times past heard the truth as though they heard it not, now witnessing the power of the gospel in those who put on the Lord, were unusually impressed both by what they saw and heard. Meetings were held from three to five times per week, and each succeeding assemblage seemed larger and more attentive to the things spoken. I was suddenly called from the field of this labour and success, but trust to resume labouring there (if the Lord will) in a short period.

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P. S. It should be added that one who had been previously baptized, but who had walked with our Methodist friends in Hallowell, resolved to be no longer "on the Class Paper," but be numbered with the disciples of Christ. Some others, it is understood, "feel" "by faith" like withdrawing from the influence of the "Class" and the "Paper" that binds them to it. The Lord of truth and Author of life in his abounding mercy grant that very many may clearly perceive his requirements, and learn to distinguish the things that are merely human and therefore religiously dangerous from the things sanctioned by divine appointment.

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### THE TRACTS ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The tracts published in the December Number, will, in all probability, bring a renewed amount of odium from the lovers of the current teaching of the times. It is hopeful however, that, though the sentiment may be bitterly opposed, the language may be regarded as in good part respectful. These pages on the office and power of the Spirit have one direct and several indirect objects. Their direct purpose, as will be seen by perusal, is to throw out scriptural hints in reference to the workings and energy of the Divine Spirit. But they are written in order to subserve other purposes indirectly. We are in