

on the same day received into the roll of the Church. I have but few candidates on the roll now, but I hope soon to be able to baptize them also. After that we shall have to look around again to see where the Lord will open another door of entrance.

I have the best hope as to the sincerity of these newly-admitted. All the adults have been very attentive to instruction; they have acquired a very creditable amount of knowledge, and their conduct has steadily improved. May they be long spared to fill well their places in the Church. It is an interesting and rather a remarkable circumstance, that all the adults are in the prime of life. There is one lad of 18—one woman of 40. The rest vary from about 25 to 35 years of age. With one exception, they are also all in good health. The exception is of a woman who, I fear, is not long for this world. She is the wife of a convert who was baptized some seven or eight years ago. She did not join her husband at the time of his conversion. About three years ago her sight began to fail, and she soon became quite blind. Shortly after, her general health gave way, and soon she was almost confined to her bed. In this state her mind opened out to spiritual things. I often visit her and have much conversation with her. She never utters a word of complaint, but, on the contrary, always exhibits a thankful frame of mind. Her sufferings are great, but her consolations abound. The other day speaking of her blindness, she said—"I daily thank God that He has deprived me of sight. I am not conscious of blindness, for God is continually showing me many things, and I feel as if I saw more than when I had vision. He has only shut my eyes to the troubled and distracting matters around me but he has opened my mental eyes to many glorious spiritual matters. I feel as if I can contemplate them without distraction all day, and they are my joy. My pains and sufferings may be distressing, but they are nothing to what Christ suffered. He suffered the chastisement of our sins—we endure only the incidental sufferings of life. Sin may cause them, but they are not *the chastisement* of sin. Had I not the consolation of Christ—the assurance that He is doing all thing well, even now, for me, and that He has secured eternal happiness for me—I should have died long ago; I could not have endured both bodily and mental suffering. When I think of what I might have endured among the heathen, with my mind in darkness as well as my eyes deprived of vision, I can only rejoice at the providence of God that has brought me here, placed me among His people, and given me the knowledge of His Son."

From the first he tried to make himself useful in communicating what knowledge he acquired. I early employed him in going from village to village and speaking to his countrymen. I believe his work has been owned for good. If he continues to give equal promise of usefulness, I would propose him as a student to be taken under the care of the Presbytery. But this is in its own time.

You will see by the accompanying table how very different have been the results of labour here as to baptism in successive years:—

In 1860 there were baptized.....	13
In 1861.....	10
In 1862.....	10
In 1863.....	9
In 1864.....	7
In 1865.....	4
In 1866 (six months).....	26
Total.....	79