

tute districts. Their expenses are borne in part by those whom they visit, the people being exhorted to liberality; what remains deficient is supplied by the association. These itinerating journeys, which are undertaken by valuable brethren, and prolonged during many weeks, and sometimes months, appear productive of much benefit. The bounds of the denominations are thus continually extended, souls converted, and new churches formed. It is quite pleasing to see how our brethren, to use a Nova Scotian phrase, seem in this manner to be "taking hold" of the most distant parts of the province. Happily we in Canada are now enabled, by the help of some of our young friends from Montreal, and by assistance from Christian friends in England, to attempt something of this kind amongst ourselves. It was peculiarly gratifying also to find, that the zeal for the conversion of the heathen, which has so honorably and so long characterized our denomination in England, and also, though more recently, in the United States, burns brightly in the bosoms of Baptists in Nova Scotia. We may soon expect to hear that one, if not two young Baptist missionaries, well qualified for the work, have quitted the retirement of Horton for the shores of Bengal, Burmah, or Africa. Our brethren are united, and they find the truth of the adage, *Union is strength*. They have begun with educating their youth in the fear of God, and offering every advantage to such of their pious young men as have been licensed to preach and desire these advantages. We see the issue in the outpouring of the spirit upon their educational labours, in a rapid increase of influence and public esteem, and in an increasing concern for the souls of men. I should say, perhaps, that our brethren have been accustomed for many years to send contributions to the American Board of Baptist Missions. But they think that by sending abroad some young men of their own, a deeper interest will be excited amongst them in this sacred cause.

I feel it is time to draw these remarks to a close. They have been written in the hope that they may encourage the Baptists of Canada to persevere in their endeavours after union, to cherish their Theological Institution, and to afford the utmost encouragement to Missionary labour. The last five years have witnessed a great and auspicious movement amongst the Baptists in this extensive country; more numerous probably than their brethren in Nova Scotia, but alas! not so united, and consequently not able to act so efficiently for the glory of God and the welfare of their fellow-men. What shall be the story of the next five years? The Baptists of Canada are exactly agreed with the Baptists of Nova Scotia, in doctrine and

in the discipline of the churches. Why should they not realize in a similar degree the blessing of the Most High? I may add, in conclusion, that our brethren in this sister province, are closely followed in every work of faith and labour of love by the New Brunswick Baptists, who have acquired a degree of public weight and influence scarcely inferior to Nova Scotia, and that they desire to cultivate the most friendly intercourse that circumstances will permit with their brethren in Canada. The *Christian Messenger*, a newspaper published weekly in Halifax, is the accredited organ of the denomination. It is conducted with an unusual degree of skill and talent, and is well worthy, till we have a newspaper of our own, to be patronised in Canada. The *Canada Baptist Magazine* finds its way to Halifax.

I remain, dear friend,

J. D. J.

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## GERMANY.

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF MR. ONCKEN.

*Lüneburg, Sept. 24, 1840.*—I left Hamburg to-day on my journey to Hessa and Bavaria. I had intended to leave before, but several deaths in the church, and other pressing engagements, occupied me to the moment of my departure. About 60 of our members celebrated the Lord's supper at my house last Lord's day evening. I preached twice to about 70 of my people. At the burying ground, where our sister A. was interred, I had an excellent opportunity of addressing 100 persons, who paid deep attention to the words of life.

*Peine, 27th.*—On my way to this place, I had many opportunities of distributing tracts. We have a brother at this place, formerly united to the Moravians. He has been pretty active in the distribution of tracts and bibles; and one or two persons have been benefited by his labours. I found that several persons were in favor of believers' baptism, but as they have only begun to make a profession, and appeared to have little knowledge of divine truth, I thought it best to wait, and they agreed to come with br. E. to Hamburg about Christmas. Called on the rector, who received me very kindly. He inquired very minutely into all our doctrines and practices, and said, "All this is quite Apostolic." I preached twice at Br. E's. The assemblies were not large,—in the evening there might be about 20 persons present.—May the spirit of God bless the seed and gather here a number of faithful persons to himself, who shall be as lights amid the surrounding darkness!