

childlike simplicity. Several of the church members have expressed their confidence and satisfaction in him as a Christian. I have allowed him to state his feelings publicly, but have not propounded him, or any one whose hopes are dated within two months. Eighty others have been recently propounded, one of them sick and blind. I have baptized and am expecting to baptize and admit most of the eighty tomorrow. Seventy-three were admitted to this church during 1837, all or nearly all on a pretty long probation.

What I have said will shew in some measure the ground of my remark that the Spirit of God appears to be hovering over the Sandwich Islands. There is good reason to believe that prayer, acceptable and prevailing prayer, is offered to some extent, and that God does

hear and carry on his own blessed work, by the chosen instrumentality his wisdom has been pleased to appoint, and in such a way as to secure to himself the glory of it. When we stand between the living and the dead, and point sinners to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world, and shew them that unless they go to him in penitence and faith, they cannot be saved, it is encouraging to see the tear of tenderness, the fixed eye, the stillness, the solemn attention in the conference-room, or the great congregation, or the more private circle, and an eagerness to catch and keep the words of the preacher. It is pleasant to preach with the hope that an immediate blessing will attend, and this is my privilege.

#### IS THE MAGAZINE TO BE CONTINUED?

THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION MUST BE GIVEN BY THE PUBLIC. The Committee feel themselves bound to declare that, unless the sale of the Magazine be *very considerably* extended, it will be impossible for them to continue it beyond the present year, which ends in May. The loss is too great for them to feel themselves justified in incurring it any longer. If the Religious public will not sustain a periodical intended for their accommodation and benefit, it must, with whatever reluctance, be discontinued. That some such work is desirable, if not essential, for the communication of religious intelligence, the instruction of the young, and the promotion of the cause of Christ in these Provinces, is so evident, as to require no proof; but it is quite as clear that if an attempt to establish such a one be not adequately supported, it cannot succeed. We have been informed that some of our original subscribers declined on account of the advance of price. Their zeal cannot have been very warm, if little more than a penny per month could decide the question between taking and not taking. Our subscribers may rest assured that if the work *could* have been afforded on the original terms, they would never have been advanced; but that was found by experience to be *impossible*. We are gratified by the notice taken of our humble labours by the Editors of religious newspapers in the STATES. Not a week passes but some or other of them bring before our eyes extracts made from our pages, and acknowledged as such. This is kind and considerate on the part of our brethren; but we want our friends in CANADA, both Upper and Lower, to render us and the public a more substantial service, by increasing the circulation of our work, and aiding the fund *necessary* to carry it on. We need at least *one hundred and fifty* additional subscribers; and if these be not obtained by the 20th of April next, we shall be under the necessity, just as our work is increasing in interest and utility, and is more than ever needed for missionary and other purposes—we shall be under the painful necessity, on the first of May, instead of greeting our readers with a smile, of bidding them a reluctant and melancholy FAREWELL!

“CONSIDER OF IT, TAKE ADVICE, AND SPEAK YOUR MINDS.” Judges, xix. 30.

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