

poor weak efforts the means of awakening a considerable number. But the greatest part of the people have been awakened by attending the solemnity of baptism, and by conversation one with another.—Indeed, the most that I can say is, It is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

There has not, in years past, been the most cordial fellowship between the three baptist churches in *Shaftsbury*; but the Lord has now effected a happy union between us. On the last Lord's-day in January, we all met at one communion table. That happy day my soul had desired for years. Nothing but experience could have made me believe it possible; that I could have felt so much solid delight, anticipated so much trouble, and rejoiced with so much trembling, at one and the same time. That day I trust will never be forgotten by me.

The north part of *Bennington*, which lies south of us, has shared considerably in this grace, several from thence have joined the churches in this town, and some few members from the town north of us; but the greatest part that have been wrought upon are within this town which is six miles square.

In about two months after the work began, the whole town seemed to be affected. Conference meetings were attended two or three times in a week in almost every neighborhood; and it was surprising to me, that scarcely a single instance appeared of any over-heated zeal, or flight of passion! Both sinners under conviction, and those newly brought into the liberty of the gospel, conversed in their meetings with the greatest freedom; they spake one at a time a few words, in the most solemn manner I ever heard people in my life. And in general they spake so low, that their assemblies must be perfectly still, or they could not hear them: Yet a remarkable power attended their conversation. Sinners would tremble as though they felt themselves in the immediate presence of the great Jehovah.

Some of all ranks and characters among us have been taken; from the most respectable members of society, to the worst in the place. Some of our *most* noted Deists have bowed the knee to King Jesus. And a number of *Unitarians* have forsaken their delusions, and embraced the truth.

In the revival four years ago last summer, we then received *ten children* into the church, aged *from nine to thirteen* years, with a number of other young people; all of them remain in good standing with us, and are now able to help others; excepting one, who, I trust, is gone to the church triumphant. In this revival we have received sixteen whose ages are from *nine to fifteen* years. From nine, I have baptized some of almost every age up to seventy!

We have now upwards of one hundred unmarried persons in this church. There are also a large number of youths