

the presence of a vast concourse of spectators. The day was clear, and notwithstanding the intense coldness of the weather, hundreds had assembled at an early period of the morning; and up to the hour of baptizing—viz., eleven o'clock—the streets and avenues leading to the place were lined with an eager crowd of expectants. There could not have been less than from two to three thousand persons, who had assembled to witness this lovely, this animating spectacle. Brother Shadrack, of the New Market Street Church, led the way into the stream, and with the assistance of his ministering brethren, Gillette and Moore, and two of his deacons, who alternately handed the candidates in and out of the water, baptized fifteen males and fifteen females within the time of twenty minutes by our watch, without the least interruption, and with the utmost order and decorum. Then followed brother Gillette, of the Eleventh Church, with five candidates, and lastly came brother Higgins, of the Third Church, with three; making in all thirty-eight, who in this solemn and public manner, gave themselves to the Lord, renouncing the "world, the flesh, and the devil," and were baptized, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Among the converts were to be seen grey headed men and women, the middle aged, and the young, several of whom, to our knowledge, have been a long time halting between two opinions, and who have at last ventured to trust the Saviour. It was a precious and a solemn season to all the followers of Jesus, who stood by and beheld the willing converts follow the dear Redeemer down into the liquid grave. It was a day that will long be remembered by many who were present.

EXTRACT

Of a Letter from the Rev. Archd. Maclay, to the President of the American and Foreign Bible Society, dated

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 3, 1839.

DEAR BROTHER.—The Committee of the "Baptist Union" gave me a kind reception on the 15th of last month, and passed resolutions to present a Remonstrance to the British and Foreign Bible Society, at the meeting of their Committee on the first Monday of the month. A Committee of seven brethren, of which John Howard Hinton is Chairman, was also appointed, to draft a plan of operation for a new Bible Society, in case the British and Foreign Bible Society refused to retrace their steps. This plan is to be laid before the quarterly meeting of the Baptist Union on the 17th of December, and decided steps will then be taken, if

the British and Foreign Bible Society holds to its old course against the Baptists.

I have visited Leamington, Birmingham, Derby, Nottingham, Rochdale, Manchester, and Liverpool. In public and in private, as opportunity offered, I have presented the subject of my mission, and it has met not only with a patient hearing, but with very evident tokens of approbation. A Bible Society will no doubt be formed in England; but our brethren here think it best that I should not begin to collect money or obtain subscriptions, till after some plan of operation is adopted. I have only received one pound sterling, and that was sent to me without solicitation, to be a beginning in the new Institution.

I sail for Scotland to-morrow, and am requested to visit the churches as extensively as possible, to prepare the way of the Lord. In two or three weeks I shall be able to communicate to you important and definite information in reference to the movements of our English Baptists. My arrival has been hailed with joy by all the brethren, and is likely to be attended with the happiest effect. I am, Dear Brother, your's truly,
ARCHIBALD MACLAY.

ORDINATION.—The *New York Baptist Register* publishes the ordination of Br. John F. Bliss to the pastoral charge of the Baptist Church in Henrietta, Monroe County, New York, on the 11th Dec. The *Register* states, that Mr. Bliss was a graduate of Williams College, studied theology with Dr. Bassett, of Hebron, Connecticut, and Dr. Burton, of Thetford, Vermont, and has been a Congregationalist preacher for twenty-six years past, having in that time gathered and organized twenty-one churches. But now, after a thorough investigation and painful struggle of about two years, he had become convinced of the correctness of the Baptist faith and practice, and having united with the Baptist Church in Peru, he has been preaching for a short time past to the Baptists in Monroe County, and is now settled as pastor of the Church at Henrietta.—*Christian Secretary*.

FLORIDA.

The *Quincy Sentinel*, a paper lately established in Middle Florida, states, that "a general revival of religion has passed over the country, causing many to turn from sin to righteousness, and gathering many into the fold of Christ. The number that has been added to the different churches cannot be less than 2000, among whom are many of our most respectable and influential citizens."

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