

and Zora; and it is expected that some very important information will be laid before the churches, relative to the future operations of the Missionary Board. The Board is now actively engaged in devising a plan that every church in this Association may be better supplied with the Gospel Ministry; and that every destitute place may be watered with his word.

Dumfries, March, 1840.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

FREDERICTON, March 8, 1840.—The grant of £500 in aid of the Baptist Seminary, which has been rejected during several years, was passed unanimously by the Legislative Council on Thursday last. This act of justice, together with the ample concessions made by the College Council, with reference to the charter of that Institution, will, we feel assured, give very general satisfaction, and put at rest two questions that have long agitated the public mind; and, as a public journalist, we shall feel it a pleasing duty, in future, to encourage sentiments of cordiality and contentment.—*Sentinel*.

From the London Patriot of Dec. 26.

THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND SIR LIONEL SMITH.

On Friday, the 20th Dec. 1839, a deputation from the Committee of the Baptist Missionary Society, waited, by appointment, on Sir Lionel Smith, G.C.B., late Governor of Jamaica. They were received very courteously, and his Excellency has subsequently forwarded the following reply to their congratulatory address:—

"GENTLEMEN.—I thank you very cordially for your kind address of congratulation on my return to England.

"The ministers of your society in Jamaica have not only deserved well of the oppressed negroes, but have been of the strongest support to Her Majesty's Government in that Colony, by giving effect to those measures of amelioration which ultimately terminated in freedom.

"It was my duty there to see that great measure, so dearly purchased, completed in all its objects; but it was the constant endeavours of the planters, notwithstanding compensation, to preserve to themselves the advantages of slavery.

"The calumnies so industriously circulated by the planters against the ministers of your Church have been proportioned to the good they have done in exposing oppression, and guiding the negroes in their moral and religious improvement.

"The abuse of such men is quite harmless, and will never, I hope, deter the friends of the negroes in this country from watching over their interests.

"I thank you, gentlemen, very sincerely, for the expression of all your good wishes, and I would beg to assure you, I shall always entertain a grateful sense of the benefit I witnessed from the labours of your mission in Jamaica.

(Signed) "LIONEL SMITH."

UNITED STATES.

TROY, N. Y., March 3, 1840.

DEAR BROTHER,—Last Lord's-day, in the presence of about three thousand spectators, I had the pleasure of burying with Christ in baptism, 37 more young disciples of Jesus, about one half of whom were males, and a large proportion of them heads of families.

In the afternoon I gave "the right hand of fellowship" to 76 persons (including the above, and those at a former baptism, and a few received by experience), comprising all ages and conditions. More solemn and interesting scenes I have never witnessed, or expect to witness on earth. Our house of worship was crowded in all its parts. Many persons were obliged to retire to other places of worship.

The revival in our Church is increasing in interest and power. Our house is full every evening. A spirit of prayer is prevalent among its members. New converts appear daily, and their places at the "anxious seats" are supplied with others recently made, anxious to know what they shall do to be saved.

Last evening about fifty requested prayer, and six or eight professed to have found the Saviour precious to their souls.

Your's, in Christian affection,

BENJAMIN M. HILL.

BAPTISMS IN NEW YORK.—Last Lord's-day sixteen were baptized by Br. Grennell, of the East Broome Street Church, and two by Br. Everts of the Baptist Tabernacle. On the next day forty-one were baptized at the Tabernacle. This postponement of the ordinance to a week-day was occasioned by the immense crowd that strove to gain admittance on the Sabbath. But the remedy, however, was not effectual. Hundreds who wished to witness the ordinance on Monday were unable to force an entrance; and it is expected that on the next occasion the candidates will be taken to the river.

The number of the anxious is considered on the increase; and the proportion of men is larger than heretofore.—*New York Baptist Advocate*, March 21.