

Bates, long under a severe trial of affliction. He was borne to the water more than a mile, in a couch, the people following in great numbers to witness the spectacle. So conscientious or strict was the candidate for baptism, that he would not hear of a temporary baptistery being constructed for the occasion, nor indeed any expedient for a living stream.

The brethren in Norwich are greatly desirous of help. And they need help. When shall we have labourers enough? When shall we have one for every ten that our country needs? There is some grand error at the root of all this dearth of workmen in the Lord's service. The great Master himself offers an abundance of good pay for labour, and he has given in this same Canada a very full store of ability to do his work; but we fear that some of the "stewards" that he has left to attend to his work in his absence are forgetting his orders and becoming too independent of his authority. "Better things" however we still hope for, notwithstanding we speak thus. D. O.

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BROTHER OLIPHANT:—My Dear Friend:—I was recently absent on a trip to Harrison co., Ohio; to Bethany, Va.; and Washington, Pa. I attended two yearly meetings on that trip. At the latter brother Campbell was also in attendance. "The power of the Lord was present to heal." Six persons at one, and five at the other meeting gave themselves away in the new covenant to be the Lord's. The saints through all that region are doing more than standing firm in the faith and hope and love of the gospel. They are growing in grace and in the knowledge of the religion of Christ. In Pennsylvania, from a more extensive acquaintance with them, I find that the gospel has a much more permanent hold than I imagined. Bold, able, humble, self-sacrificing men are there, and not a few of them,—men who are an honor and a guaranty of success to any cause in which they enlist. I am greatly encouraged by one or two recent trips into that state. Great is the *truth*, and must prevail. This blessed cause of original christianity, the glorious unity of all divine truth in the bible and in the hearts of God's children for the conversion of the world, works like leaven, works mightily in the earth; its power is omnipotent; for it is heaven-born. And few have yet learned to estimate—not even many of its friends.—the glorious victories it is destined yet to achieve in the earth. We are on the wheel of revolution. It is not the wheel of destiny, that which filled the imaginations of the blinded nations of antiquity. The movement of the age is prophetic of an age of the triumph of truth over falsehood and error—of light over darkness—of liberty over oppression in its countless forms—of peace and good will over hatred, and the untold miseries of man. This is an age of toil; for