

of July ; then a young woman, who had been converted some years before, was stirred up, to propose herself for baptism. Her conversation was made the means of the awakening of a number of young people. Thus the work began. In August, four persons more were baptized. In September, I baptized seventeen. Many were awakened by the solemnity of this ordinance. (Indeed, I think there was no one mean more blessed for the conviction of sinners, through the whole course of this work, than the administration of baptism.) But to return ; we as yet held our church conferences, to hear the relations of candidates, but once a month. At the close of October, we were obliged to attend two days, and then were not able to hear all that wished to relate. The next Lord's-day was a severe storm ; baptism was omitted. The church attended two days of that week also, to hear the young converts declare what the Lord had done for them. I was then under the necessity to call for assistance in administering baptism. Accordingly, brother *Samuel Rogers* attended the next Sabbath, and we baptized 46 that day. We then found it necessary to hold our church conferences to hear relations once a week. The next Sabbath I baptized 21 ; the next 16 ; the next 13 ; the next 9 ; and there have been but a few weeks since, that I have not been called to the precious work of baptizing. Zion's gates were then truly thronged with converts !

The whole number added to this church, since last May, is 175 ; 25 by letter and other ways ; and 150 by baptism. Our whole number is 346. Many of this number are removed into different parts of the country ; there are, however, nearly 300 that live in this vicinity, the remotest of them not more than six miles from our meeting-house.

There have also been 70 added to the West church in this town since the work began ; and 13 to the East church.

As to the principal means by which this work has been carried on, I must say, that no one's little or great preaching can justly lay any claim to the honors of it. Several brethren in the ministry have visited us in the time, and all of them were blessed in their labors. A brother *Jones*, from *England*, was an instrument of awakening some.

I have been filled with wonder and astonishment, to see how the Lord has been pleased to succeed some of almost all the preaching that has been in this town since I have been here. Even when I had mourned and thought I had labored in vain, and that my preaching was as water spilt upon a rock ; the Lord has now made it manifest that he designed it for the good of souls. O my brother, let us never be discouraged ; we cannot always tell when our labors are blessed. I cannot say how many, but the Lord has made my