

religion, both professing to have chosen the Lord recently. The woman has come often lately, and I have some hope, that she is a true convert. She seems humble, tractable, and grateful; and says, with every appearance of sincerity, that she does repent and believes on Christ, and desires to serve him faithfully. This is one example out of hundreds under my own eye. The protracted meeting here, about the time of Nahienacna's funeral, appears to have been crowned with many fruits; and a meeting held here the commencement of the present year promises to turn out a still richer harvest. We ought to expect the gospel, 'the power and wisdom of God,' to produce great and happy effects when it is proclaimed in its naked simplicity. In these effects we rejoice."

OBITUARY.

The London *Baptist Magazine* for December informs us of the decease of two Ministers, in our connection, with whom, it is probable, many of our readers were acquainted in their native land—the Rev. T. Waters, of Worcester, and the Rev. J. Geard, of Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

REV. T. WATERS, M. A.

With great regret we record the decease of the respected pastor of the Baptist Church at Worcester. Mr. Waters died on the 31st of October, at Oxford, at the house of his son. He was returning from Jersey, having visited that island by the advice of his medical attendants. During the latter part of his illness, which continued six weeks, he experienced at times great bodily sufferings from the rupture of several abscesses on the lungs. The great truths of the gospel which it had been his delight during thirty years to make known to others, were, we are informed, the stay and joy of his own heart; and the firm and tranquil hope which he manifested in the prospect of dissolution, proves a great support to the minds of his afflicted widow and twelve children.

Mr. Waters was in the 53rd year of his age. He had been successively pastor of the churches in Wild Street, London; Pershore, and Worcester. At Worcester, he had laboured about eleven years.

REV. JOHN GEARD, M. A.

On Nov. 20, at half-past two in the morning, died the Rev. John Geard, pastor of the Baptist Church, in Tilehouse-street, Hitchin, Herts. He had been confined to his house for several years, and for some months past to his bed; but on Friday the 16th instant

he told his medical attendant that he "felt in a different manner from what he had hitherto done," and asked whether he "had any fresh disorder?" The gentleman replied, No, his was a general decay of nature. Mr. Geard then said, "I now feel the force of those words of Mr. Henry, which I have so often admired: 'As dying is a work we never did, when we come to it, it will require strength we never had,' and so I now find it."

He continued nearly in the same state till the following Monday, when he was thought to be rather better. In the night, he requested one of his daughters, who sat up with him, to repeat some of those passages of Scripture which were sources of consolation to him; she accordingly did so, and among many others, that of Heb. iv. 9: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." He immediately exclaimed, "That is it; that is what I want;" and, lifting up his hands, soon afterwards expired. Such was the happy end of this venerable, useful, and amiable servant of God, whose praise is in all the churches throughout the counties of Hertford and Bedford. He was in the 89th year of his age, and the 64th of his pastorship, having been ordained over the church at Hitchin, April 13th, 1775.

For the last seven years the Rev. T. Griffin (late of Prescott-street) has been associated with him as co-pastor. S. J. B.

The OTTAWA ASSOCIATION

Held its Anniversary Meeting in rear of Chatham, on Wednesday the 23rd ultimo. The letters from the churches gave accounts which were upon the whole encouraging, compared with their state the preceding year. The Circular Letter was ordered to be printed in the Magazine. The church at Laprairie was admitted into the Association. The next meeting to be at St. Andrews. The Minutes, &c. will be inserted in our next number.

At the close of the meeting, Br. D. M-Phail was ordained to the work of the Ministry. At the request of the Chairman, Br. J. Edwards, sen., he related his religious experience, made a declaration of his faith, and gave a statement of his call to the ministry, in a clear and interesting manner. The Ordination Prayer was offered by Br. Edwards, who then united