

cedar 'sticks,' which took fire, and burned into the roof, which was formed of basswood 'troughs.' The crevices being stuffed with moss, it burned like 'tow.' A great part of the roof was on fire before it was discovered. Had it remained unnoticed a little time longer, the cedar timbers which supported the roof would have been burnt off, and the whole fiery mass would have fallen upon us in our beds. The flames were arrested by throwing off some of the slabs and by throwing on snow—one of the best extinguishers of fire. I slept so soundly, that I knew nothing of what had occurred till the morning! Such events should teach us, first, the importance of being always ready for death; and, secondly, the beneficent care of a superintending Providence. I am not in good health at present, but my mind is at peace.

"Feb. 25th.—I continued on the M. circuit till the 18th inst., when I left for my own. The 19th I met Bro. H., who brought with him four letters from the office for me—one from Bro. S., one from Bro. McM., one from Bro. P., and one from my own poor brother N., who has again set out in the good way, who tells me that my brother T. and his wife have also begun to serve the Lord. Praised be the name of God forever!

"26th.—While on the other circuit, I had an opportunity of reading the most of the 'Abbè Flure's Manners and Customs of the Ancient Israelites,' from which I derived much instruction. It furnishes some fine illustrations of Scripture. I regret that I had not time to study it more maturely, and to notice some of the illustrations more particularly. I have been lately reading and studying a work on Predestination, in the form of a sermon, by Rev. W. Fisk, A. M. The author treats, first, of Predestination in general; and secondly, of Predestination in its particular relation to the doctrine of election." [Conclude to insert no more of what the young preacher had written on this book, as it is too long for our space.]

"April 7th.—More than a month has elapsed since I could find convenient time to write in my journal. My health has been pretty good. I have had some trials; and my mind has been harassed with some particular matters, but it is now more at ease. I think my religious enjoyments are on the increase. I took a journey not long since to N. S., where I preached twice in the Baptist meeting-house. I was treated very kindly by the joint pastors, Messrs. M. and McC., although they are great sticklers for trifles, believing there are *no non-essentials*! We held a two-days' meeting in the 8th concession of B. on the first Saturday and Sunday of March, attended with much good. Our third Quarterly Meeting took place last Saturday and Sunday in T. It was thinly attended, and not so lively as could have been wished. Lord revive thy work in this circuit! I have lately finish-