

in a more copious effusion of the Spirit's influences." This prophetic statement was the dictate of a faith that had been enlarged and vivified in those special and protracted meetings.

And now we deem it a duty, as well as a privilege, to inform you of a gracious fulfilment of the prediction to which that recruited faith ventured to give utterance. In accordance with the strong assurances and expectations expressed in our last communication to you, and which, we are persuaded, had their origin in a divine operation, the Saviour came among us, and by His saving power wrought mightily in many hearts. The way of the Lord was prepared, and the human agencies essential to a work of saving grace were provided, as we have reason to believe, in answer to special and importunate prayer. But the prayer that breathed forth its yearnings for the conversion of souls, and also for the means necessary for the accomplishment of that result, was quickened and sustained by the sovereign and eternal spirit. Therefore, in speaking of the interesting scenes witnessed among us during the past year, we must, and would, give all the glory to the Supreme Head of the Christian Church. We have no thought of merit in any pious longings of our hearts, or any practical labors of our hands. It is the Word and the Work, the Grace and the Power of the Lord we have seen, and these alone we would magnify in every utterance of our lips as we speak of the Revival with which we have been visited since we last met you with.

While we believe that the responsibility to labor for the salvation of souls is at all times binding upon the Church and its Ministry, and that these divinely authenticated agencies in the work of saving sinners should never relax their zeal and efforts, we also hold that there are times and circumstances which and encourage extraordinary exertions to win our fellow-men to Christ; that there are set times in the divine mind to favor Zion, and epochs in the history of communities peculiarly auspicious for reaping the harvest of past labors.

In harmony with this view, and under the settled conviction that the Lord was teaching and leading us in a most providential manner, we united with several of our sister Churches in Saint John in calling to our assistance the celebrated Evangelist, Elder Jacob Knapp, whose ministry, chiefly employed for nearly half a century in Revivals, has been signally crowned with the divine approval. He labored with us day and night for three weeks, and was six weeks in the city, preaching every night boldly, plainly and pungently to crowded, but orderly, congregations. Days of fasting, humiliation and prayer were observed, and much direct, faithful labor was performed by the members of the Church in private. In the language of Scripture, "The power of the Lord was present to heal." We give God thanks and all the glory.

Forty-nine of the converts baptized into our Church were from our Sabbath School. Not a few of the cases are most interesting and promising, and nearly all of those received by us furnished, in the relation of their Christian experience, intelligible and satisfactory evidences of a genuine conversion. Some of them, which God forbid, may, in the future, develop indications that the change wrought in them was only a spurious work. If so, that will be no novelty in the history of Revivals. In the Pentecostal awakening, and in all awakenings that have taken place from that day to this, more or less of tares have been harvested with the wheat.

LETTER FROM PORTLAND CHURCH.

Many have been the changes through which our Church has passed during the past year. At the time of your last Session we were repairing our house of worship, the work upon which we completed in December last, at an expense of about \$925, which was paid at the time. In November last, our Pastor, E. C. Cady, after having served us for ten years, handed in his resignation, to take effect in May. It was his intention to return to Iowa, the home of his youth. But being unwilling that he should leave the Province, and believing him to be adapted to the work, we resolved, at our regular meeting in February, to invite him to become the General Missionary and Financial Agent of the Union Society, agreeing that should he receive the appointment of the Board, we would pay half his salary, providing the Churches in St. John would pay the other half. We are happy to say the arrangement was carried out, and Bro. Cady is at his work.

About the middle of February, according to previous engagement, Elder Jacob Knapp, Evangelist, from Illinois, came to the assistance of our Pastor. He preached every night, and almost every day, for three weeks. The even-