

came forth with a burning pain through his temples, warning him that the Destroyer was seeking also his life; yet he walked like the three Hebrews through the furnace of fire unscathed.

But all this was nothing to a resolution he made, and immediately carried into execution—to go through the privations and dangers of a quarantine with a plague-smitten crew. He had only witnessed the evils of a lazaretto as a visitor; he determined to know them as a fellow sufferer. Going deliberately on board an infected vessel with a foul bill of health, he set sail for the Adriatic. To us accustomed to the ordinary exhibitions of benevolence, this seems like insanity. But Howard, like one greater than even he, “Counted not his life dear to him, if he could fulfil the ministry which he felt he had received from the Lord.”

A SHORT VISIT WESTWARD.

The brethren in South Dorchester (near Aylmer) are not behind in zeal and activity. Already they have a very creditable House in which they meet and worship. Last January some six or eight or ten met together in that vicinity for the first time: now they number some eighteen or twenty, and enjoy the religious convenience of a meeting House. Receiving a pressing invitation to be present when they had their first meeting at their new meeting place, we hastily left home and journeyed in that direction a few days previous to Lord's day the 22nd of August, and laboured there on the said 22nd. The audiences were very good for a region where there is not a village. We consider the brethren in South Dorchester have an influence in the community enjoyed by few little companies of the same number, and their prospects in almost every respect are anything but discouraging. Their new House will greatly add to their standing and power in all that country.

We were delighted to find brother E. Sheppard in the enjoyment of health, and in the enjoyment of such a field of labour for his spiritual activity and healthfulness. He is exerting a decidedly favourable influence in the advocacy of the great cause of truth and virtue. He is a good preacher, for he lives as well as speaks the gospel. All such brethren should be highly and heartily esteemed. It is what we call piety—it is excellence of character—which constitutes the soul and heavenly essence of Christ's religion:

In Norwich, the Lord's day previous to our appearance in South Dorchester, brother Sheppard immersed a young man—a son of brother