

deal of the current popular religious writings on the subject in debate. The arguments the first night were those of Peter Edwards against Abraham Booth, and the second night they were from another source and of another school. Upon the whole he was a respectable opponent and evinced considerable tact in the management of his points in general.

Bro. Sheppard on the other hand, besides having the right side of the subject, had the advantages of superior education and thorough acquaintance with his subject in all its details; rapid and clear in his perceptions, an accurate logician, possessing a good memory, and earnest and pointed in his address; the cause of truth was well sustained in his hands against Mr. Brown, aided by Mr. Stewart, (Presbyterian), of Mosa. I wish he may soon have another opportunity of the kind with a *learned minister*, as my countrymen say.

There are a few families about the Yeagar school house who carefully study the Bible and have learnt the value of proving all things in religion by it. I hope ere long, to hear good tidings from that settlement.

Bro. Sheppard and myself when travelling in the west, formed the purpose of visiting our Brethren in the City of Toronto and try the effect a *protracted meeting* might have in calling out some strangers that are not regular learners of the Brethren who might be benefited; but we did not succeed in that direction. The principal Brethren received us cordially and treated us with great kindness, so that although our meetings were small and none decided to submit to the claims of the Saviour through our labours, we were encouraged to find the Brethren interested in the effort, and we trust the interview has refreshed us all.

We witnessed the baptism of two Sisters in the Baptistry of the meeting house one evening before meeting.

JAMES BLACK.

Eramosa, 21st Dec., 1863.

Bro. Sheppard and myself are here at the Yeagar School House. Bro. Sheppard replied last night to a discourse delivered then and there on Infant Baptism. To-night he is to reply to another of the series on the same subject. Four baptisms in Mosa, two Baptists added, four Baptisms in Lobo.

JAMES BLACK.

## OBITUARIES.

We regret to learn of the decease of our beloved Brother, John Graybiel. Bro. Graybiel was a man of sterling honesty and much beloved. He made the good confession at the close of one of Bro. Kilgour's discourses, and was immersed by Bro. Sheppard. May the Lord bless, sustain and comfort Sister Graybiel and family. We sympathize with them.

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Bowmanville, 16th Dec., 1863.

Mr. Moorcraft, an honest, pious and worthy member of this community was interred to-day.

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## ITEMS.

We insert again the names of the Brethren whom we asked to act as agents.—J. Fox, Clarke; John Heury, Butterfield; Dr. McGill, Oshawa; Wm. Thompson, Bowmanville; Jas. Howat, Uxbridge; Wm. Kester, Stouffville; Wm. Forrester, Pickering; Richard Knowles, Scarboro'; Robt. Beaty, Toronto; Gabriel Wells, King; W. C. Beaty, Omagh; Ephraim Post, Postville; Aaron Culp, Culp Settlement; John Laws, Jordan; George Moot, Gainsboro; Hiram Wilson and Thos. Bradt, Wainfleet; A. Hendershott, Junr., Welland; D. C. Honzberger and Aaron Overholt, Rainham; John McMillan and John Thompson, Erin; D. L. Layton and Edward McMullen, St. Vincent; W. A. Stephens, Owen Sound; Alex. Fleming, Derby; Samuel Woolner, Garafraxa; Archd. Sinclair, Lobo; Duncan Campbell, Howard; D. McKillup, Albora; J. Condell, Brockville; Cecilia Pomeroy Cobourg; M. Campbell, Cheltenham; Jas. S. Carr, Dunville; Jonas Steele, Front Hill; E. E. Evans, Hamilton; H. Read, Mimosa; J. Menzies and John McKinnon, Norval; B. H. Kean, Nasagaweya; H. Hales, Port Hope; A. Campbell, Shakspeare; D. Felker, St. Ann's; Alex. Lunn, Detroit; Dugald Sinclair, Mosa; Jas. Black, Edmund Shepperd, L. Parkinson, Jas. Kilgour and C. J. Lister, will collect anywhere.

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