

WORKINGHAM, BERKS.—On Wednesday, April 24th, Mr. George Woodrow was publicly recognised as pastor of the Baptist church in this place. Mr. Davies, of Bracknell, (Independent) commenced the morning service by reading the Scriptures and prayer. Mr. Steane, of Camberwell, delivered an admirable discourse on the nature of a Christian church; and by a luminous train of argument justified dissent from the established church. Dr. Cox of Hackney, gave the charge, which was founded on 2 Cor. iv. 2: "By manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." Ministerial fidelity he enforced in a very impressive and affectionate manner, urging the claims of truth, and the necessity of an impartial and fearless exhibition of it, and dwelling with much earnestness on the condition of perishing sinners, and the importance of a minister bringing home the truth by pressing appeals to the conscience, as one who habitually regarded himself as under the immediate inspection and cognizance of God. In the evening Mr. Stoughton, of Windsor, (Independent,) preached to the church and congregation from 1 Tim. iii. 15, pointing out the obligations of the members of a Christian church to their minister, to each other, and to the world; and enforcing with much simplicity and interest the necessity of union, effort, liberality, prayer, and co-operation with the pastor in every work of faith and labour of love. The weather was highly favourable, and the chapel was well filled, a considerable number of friends from neighbouring towns being present, and manifesting a lively interest in the prosperity of a church which promises to exert an important influence on the villages by which it is surrounded. In several stations opened for preaching the gospel by the late respected pastor, Mr. Coles, and where the gross spiritual ignorance prevailed, the seed which has been sown is beginning to spring up, and to encourage the expectation, that this moral wilderness may yet blossom as the rose, and become as the garden of the Lord,

TORQUAY, DEVONSHIRE—On Thursday, May 2nd, a neat and commodious chapel for the use of a congregation of Particular Baptists, was opened for divine worship. The attendance was numerous, and the collections liberal. On the following Lord's day the ordinance of baptism was administered by Mr. Cross to three candidates for church membership, in the presence of a crowded and attentive congregation.

BOXMOOR.—On Wednesday, June 12, the Rev. F. W. Gotch, A. B. of Trinity College, Dublin, was publicly recognized as pastor of the Baptist church, Boxmoor, Herts. In the

morning the Rev. Edward Steane, of Camberwell, delivered an introductory discourse on the principles of dissenting churches. After a statement by the pastor of the condition and prospects of the church, and of his own views and feelings with regard to the work of the Christian ministry, the Rev. W. Tomlin, of Chesham, commended him and the people of his charge to the blessing of God by solemn prayer. The services were well attended, and deeply interesting.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, PORTMANON, SHEFFIELD.—This place of worship has been erected for the use of the second Baptist Church at Sheffield, under the ministry of the Rev. D. Rees. The dimensions are, 63 feet by 42 feet inside. Underneath the chapel are school rooms and vestries. The whole cost is £1600. The chapel will seat about 750 persons, and the school rooms will accommodate upwards of 400 children.

GILLINGHAM, DORSET.—A neat and commodious Baptist chapel was opened for divine worship in this village on Thursday, April 25th, 1839. The congregations were good, and the prospect of usefulness is encouraging.

OBITUARY.

Died, July 8, at his residence, Strangeway's Terrace, Truro, the Rev. Edmund Clarke, Baptist Minister, aged 42 years, deeply regretted by a large circle of warmly attached friends. Mr. Clarke's early years were devoted to the study of the law with a respectable attorney of London, who formed so high an estimate of his worth, that he offered him a share of his practice, and repeated his offer more than once on subsequent occasions. The law was, however, under a strong sense of duty, resigned by Mr. Clarke for the Christian ministry, upon which he entered as pastor of the Baptist Church, Truro, in 1819, where his labours were greatly valued by his flock; while the consistency of his deportment, and the untiring zeal with which he laid himself out in promoting the temporal and spiritual welfare of his fellow-creatures, secured for him, in a high degree, the respect and confidence of the public in general. In 1831, declining health compelled him to retire from his pastoral duties; and although, some time afterwards, a favourable change enabled him to resume them, it was but for a brief season, and, in all probability, at the expense of strength which his shattered constitution could ill afford. But his sufferings and labours have been brought to a close; and, after a life honourably and usefully spent, he now enjoys that rest which remaineth for the people of God.