

evening a special prayer-meeting was held on their behalf, that grace might be given to those who took on them the name of Christ, so that they might continue steadfast unto the end and adorn His glorious gospel in all things. Day had not begun to dawn on the following morning when a large concourse had assembled themselves together, lining, for a considerable distance, the margin of the bay, and Mr Knibb commenced the deeply interesting service by a verse or two of the hymn:—

“Sinners, who have found Salvation,
Through the Lamb’s atoning blood;
Hear the voice of Revelation,
Tread the path that Jesus trod.”

The two hundred and thirty-four persons then received, at the hands of their Pastors, that impressive and significant ordinance which was designed by the Saviour to be to the end of time a memorial of his sufferings and death, and on the part of his followers a vivid emblem of a death unto sin, and a life unto righteousness. During the time occupied by the baptism which was about 40 minutes, a verse of a hymn was occasionally sung. The persons baptized were divided into two groups, and the voices of either party as heard by the other, sounded sweetly along the shore. The hundredth psalm was sung at the conclusion of the service, and prayer again offered that the solemn and interesting engagements of the morning might meet with the approval and benediction of him, who, by his own sacred example as well as precept, had said with the voice of authority and love, “Thus it cometh us to fulfil all righteousness.” On the following morning, Lord’s day, the newly-baptized, in the name of the church, received the right-hand of Christian fellowship from their pastor, and were admitted into full communion by partaking of the ordinance of the Lord’s Supper.—*Ib. May 5.*

ST. ELIZABETH’S.

On Saturday morning, May 1st, the ordinance of believers’ baptism was administered at Bagdale Ford, to forty-nine persons, by the Rev. J. May. During the whole service, which was particularly interesting, the greatest solemnity of feeling was manifested by those assembled to witness the solemn rite, and it is hoped impressions were conveyed to the mind that will never be forgotten. On the following day, the newly-baptized received from their pastor, on behalf of the church, the right hand of Christian fellowship, and were admitted to the communion of the church worshipping at Bethsalem. Thus the Lord appears to be smiling upon his infant cause

in this parish, not suffering his word to return unto him void.—*Ib. May, 12.*

BAPTISM AT PASSAGE FORT.

The ordinance of adult baptism was administered at Passage Fort by the Rev. James M. Phillippo, on the 13th ult. to 28 individuals who had, for some time previously, given evidence of “Repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Among the number was Mrs. Hume, (wife of the Rev. William Hume, of Spanish-Town) formerly a member of the Independent Church at Hastings, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Wm. Davies.

Mrs. Hume’s views, with regard to the subjects and mode of baptism, underwent the change which she now publicly avowed, for a considerable time before she devoted herself to Missionary work, but owing to circumstances, it was thus delayed until after her arrival in Jamaica.

The solemn ceremony was performed in the sea near the mouth of the River Cobre, in the midst of a great number of spectators. Some hundreds crowded the beach, and multitudes were in canoes, which formed a semicircle by the place of baptism.

The candidates were at the water’s edge at the early hour of five. The morning was beautifully fine—the sea calm and peaceful—reflecting, as it were, in its glassy bosom, the mountains rising in all their grandeur before us, whilst the behaviour of the spectators was solemn, in unison with the feelings of the candidates, and suited to the occasion.—*Ib. May 19.*

BLACK RIVER.

On Lord’s day morning, 6th inst., the ordinance of Christian baptism was administered to 35 persons, by their pastor, in the Y. S. River, Middle quarters, after having given satisfactory evidence of a change of heart. Considerable interest was excited, and consequently numbers thronged the banks of the river, at an early hour, all intent on witnessing the solemn scene; and throughout the whole of the service observed the utmost silence and seriousness. Many who had never witnessed a baptism—among whom were persons who entertained ridiculous notions respecting the mode of administration—were present on that occasion, when an opportunity was afforded them of obtaining a scriptural view of the matter.—*Ib. May 26.*

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