

history of an individual. It appears from his own statement that he was born in France, and is the son of a Jewish Rabbi. His parents used the utmost care in educating him, to preserve him from Christian influence, lest he might be predisposed to examine the claims of the New Testament. Attaining to sufficient age he travelled through the Continent of Europe, and occasionally to England, in the character of a merchant. In one of his visits to Edinburgh, he accidentally met with Dr. Adam Clarke, when an observation in Hebrew led to a conversation between them upon the evidences of the Messiah in the person of Jesus of Nazareth; and though the effect of the conversation upon him was not then visible, the truths which at that time met his ear were never lost from his memory. Subsequently he removed to the United States of America, and travelled through the Union, subject to a great variety of circumstances. The light he had received continued to afflict his mind with painful apprehensions for his spiritual safety, and these apprehensions being increased by his knowledge of the wretched, unhappy, and miserable state of his brethren, as seen by him-self, through Europe and America, he was led to the conclusion, that neither he nor his brethren could be in the favour of God, or in a safe state. With these views he arrived in Canada some months since, and becoming acquainted with a valuable Methodist family in this city he was instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly, and it soon became evident to all, that whilst he was convinced of the truths of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit was leading him to a saving knowledge of the atonement; and at an early period he was satisfied that God had, in the fulness of his mercy, justified him freely through the redemption that is in Jesus. I had the pleasure of baptizing him in the name of the Holy Trinity, before a crowded audience, who were deeply affected

by the interesting service. He continues to adorn the doctrine of God his Saviour.

In the general state of our society we have cause for thankfulness. Our congregations are good and attentive, and the word of God runs and is glorified in the conversion of a goodly number. It has pleased the Lord to bestow a very gracious influence upon the children of our Sunday School, about twenty of whom appear to be decidedly serious, and several very clearly relate the experience of those who are by faith united to Christ. It is both affecting and delightful to see and hear so many, at such an early period of life, calling upon the Lord, and, with a regularity that would be credible to adult Christians, performing the duties of religion with affection and delight. The Divine blessing has also rested upon our labours beyond the limits of the city. It is well known that we have very little opportunity of doing good in the neighbourhood of this place, from the circumstance of the surrounding population being almost exclusively Canadian French, to whom we can have no access; hence it is to us the more pleasing, that in two places, the one twelve, and the other seventeen miles distant, we have established preaching regularly once in a fortnight; and that in one of them a class has already been formed, consisting of seventeen persons, principally backsliders, who had been in our societies in Europe. The prospect in the new townships, about sixty miles distant, where a small society has been reported as existing, is far from pleasing. The pressure of temporal business, the want of the means of grace, and the general disregard of the Sabbath around them, have a most pernicious effect upon the minds of our people. They have repeatedly applied to me to intercede for them, and to advise the appointment of a Missionary to minister the word of life; but I could give them no encour-