

into the harvest ; and while she is thus praying, is she doing all she can as a co-worker with God in this matter ! Brethren, might not a more vigorous and systematic effort yet be made ?”

Benjamin Franklin, of the *Western Reformer*, reports the conversion of *four or five* more.

Brother John M'Donald, of Cornwallis, (N. S.), in a letter recently received by us, reports the immersion of *two* in Douglas and *one* in Cornwallis. May the Lord bless and prosper all his faithful children.

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RELIGIOUS MAXIMS—BY UPHAM.

XVI.

THERE are many persons who would willingly be christians, and eminent christians too, if christianity were limited to great occasions. For such occasions they call forth whatever pious and devotional resources they have, or seem to have, and not only place them in the best light, but inspire them for the time being, with the greatest possible efficiency. But on smaller occasions, in the every day occurrences and events of life, the religious principle is in a state of dormancy ; giving no signs of effective vitality and moment. The life of such persons is not like that of the sun—equable, constant, diffusive, and beneficent, though but attracting little notice ; but like the eruption and glaring blaze of volcanoes, which comes forth at remote periods, in company with great thunderings and shakings of the earth ; and yet the heart of the people is not made glad by it. Such religion is vain ; and its possessors know not what manner of spirit they are of.

XVII.

A strong faith has the power to make a virtual and present reality of those things which are in fact future. Be it so that we have not the thing itself in the literal sense of the term ;—that we have not heaven ; that we have not the visible presence of Christ ; that we have not those things, whatsoever they may be, which constitute the glory and blessedness of the future world. But it is certain that in the Bible we have the promise of them ; we have the title deeds, the bond, the mortgage, most solemnly made out and delivered to us. All these things are therefore ours, if we will fully believe in the promise ; and they can all be made, in the exercise of entire faith, a virtual and present reality. A man records his notes, bonds, and bills, which are the certificates and confirmations of absent possessions, as so much property, as actual money, although it is only virtually and by faith realized to be such. He counts himself as truly and really owning property in amount and kind, which the face of his papers, of his notes and bonds, represents. And yet he has nothing but his papers, and his faith in the individuals who have signed them. How much more, then, should we have faith in *our* title deeds, in *our* bonds and testaments, which are written in the blood of the Son of God, are confirmed by the oath of the Father, and are witnessed by the Holy Ghost ! And how much more should we, having such deeds and bonds, and such inimitable confirmations of them, count God ours, and Christ and the Holy Spirit ours, and eternal glory ours.