

movements. They were not jealous of each other. They did not envy one another. Each "stood in his lot," and "repaired over against his house," or went forth to the common field, "bearing precious seed," contented with his position and thankful for employment. The annual gatherings were for the most part distinguished by the outpourings of brotherly love, and in the transaction of affairs there was continual proof of the truth of the saying, "Union is strength." If now and then differences of opinion appeared in reference to minor matters of policy, they did not cause estrangement—for Baptists know how to respect the freedom of the brethren. But if opposition showed itself, or the cause which they loved so dearly was attacked, differences were at once laid aside, and the whole body clustered in one strong phalanx to meet the foe; while on other occasions individual zeal undertook the defence of our principles, and successfully repelled the assault of the adversary, or carried the war into the hostile camp.

Nor must we omit to record the goodness of God in preserving the lives of his servants till the churches had acquired stability and the work could be safely handed over to worthy successors. The patriarchal men who laid the foundation lived to see the superstructure rising up in goodly proportions and massive solidity. Many of their coadjutors, who are now no more seen among us, were also permitted to render lengthened service to the cause of God. But few were called home till they had spent a considerable number of years in the ministry. The following is a list of departed brethren, specifying the date of death, the age, and the time which each spent in the vineyard of the Lord;

- May 27, 1818,—James Manning, aged 54,—26 years.
 November 1827,—Enoch Towner, aged 72,—29 years.
 Oct. 11, 1830,—T. H. Chipman, aged 74,—51 years.
 Dec. 7, 1831,—Thomas Ansley, aged 62,—28 years.
 Dec. 13, 1837,—John Craig, aged 87,—33 years.
 Feb. 6, 1838,—John Burton,—aged 78,—44 years.

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