

his house at Mr. Manning's service. Captain Lovitt, Mrs. Harper, Mr. A. Magee, and a colored sister — Amy Nickson — all opened their houses to the preaching of God's word. As a result of these services, a revival followed and many began to inquire what they should do to be saved. The preacher pointed them to the Lamb of God as the only remedy, and several professed conversion. Two of Captain Harding's daughters and his son George were among the number — the latter being the first person baptized by immersion in this city.

REV. JOSEPH CRANDALL'S VISITS BETWEEN 1805
AND 1808.

After Edward Manning, came Rev. Joseph Crandall in the power and spirit of the Gospel. His ministry was the means of doing much good. Captain William Harding and his wife, William Stenning, and others were baptized by him. These early baptisms occasioned much excitement in the city. The people flocked in large numbers to witness them. Some went to pray and others to mock and blaspheme; but on the part of others this administration of the ordinance in its primitive form led to the prayerful examination of the Word of God, and the general result was a conversion to Baptist sentiments and practice. In the absence of a stated ministry and house of worship the converts met in each other's houses for mutual exhortation and prayer. These meetings were