

to join with the opposers in the discussion of false issues—debates and strifes of words which gender evil spirits and lead from the truth. O for the spirit, the courage and diligence of Nehemiah, promptly to say, “We are doing a great work—we cannot come down”—believe the *facts*—obey the *commands*—rejoice in the *promises* of the gospel and then we will think and talk over these other themes and see if they possess any real value—if they are worth a moment’s consideration.

We trust that our next quarterly report will be still more encouraging than our last, that all who love the Lord and apostolic truth will be more and more sensible of the value of a zealous co-operative effort to sound out the word of the Lord.

W. W. E.

Since our last report Bro. Barnaby has cheered us in our efforts to disseminate the truth, by the intelligence, that, to the little flock at Deer Island, eleven more had been added by immersion, and prospects still encouraging. May they be kept by the power of God until the day of final and complete redemption.

Several dear friends and kindred, in the flesh and in the Lord, have recently been added to one of the churches at Eastport.

One of our pioneer evangelists, brother G. Garraty, is now in the city, waiting an opportunity to ascend the river by steamer to visit his family. Very reluctantly he left his field of labor, the condition of his family demanding his presence for a short time. He left a vigorous congregation of the Lord at Gardiner, Me., numbering *twenty-two*—fourteen of them men. Interest in the cause unabated. We hope that his temporary absence may prove a great blessing to the little flock, by calling into the work their gifts; and by teaching them that self-reliance which is always necessary to constitute an efficient congregation of the Lord. Yet his speedy return is desirable, for the benefit of those who have not yet obeyed the gospel.

Brother G.’s anticipations of a general dissemination of apostolic principles, through the valley of the Kennebec, are sanguine. May they be more than realized.

In order to this, the disciples who have enlisted, must constantly realize that all, by whom they are and may be surrounded, will look upon them as exponents of the principles received and defended.—Their life and conversation therefore should constantly be a manifestation of the virtues of Jesus—an exhibition of the fruits of the Spirit, “against which there is no law.”

W. W. E.

St John, April 15th, 1853.

EVANGELIST’S REPORT.

Brother Donald Crawford, under date of April 4th, writes from Digby Neck as follows: “Your letter pleased and distressed me. [I had written that it was the desire of the committee that he should visit the congregations in Nova Scotia and co-operate with them in the