

time, until his increasing infirmities rendered it expedient for him to resign the office.

Mr. Tupper was a diligent student of the Bible. In this exercise he took real delight. Though he might not always perceive every truth distinctly, yet his general knowledge of the scriptures was remarkably full and correct. He was gifted in prayer and exhortation. His brethren were frequently edified by his public exercises. Most faithfully and affectionately did he warn the unconverted to "flee from the wrath to come," and entreat them to embrace the adorable Redeemer without delay. Toward the close of his life he often adverted in feeling terms to his approaching dissolution, and urged his fellow-men to seek for a preparation to meet him in heaven. (It may be proper to remark here, that a little before his decease he expressed a desire that these exercises should be continued by the members of the church.)

Brother Tupper retained his mental faculties in a state remarkably vigorous; but it had been apparent for some time that his bodily strength was rapidly declining. On the night of the 25th day of October he became exceedingly ill. The writer, who was from home, did not see him till the 30th. It was then evident that he was on the verge of eternity. When it was remarked to him, that he had been spared to a good old age, he replied, "I know not why the Lord has spared me so long; for I have been a very unprofitable servant. But," he continued,

"Jesus my God I know His name,
"His name is all my trust."

He presently added, "I trust the eternal God is my refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

He constantly manifested cheerful submission to the Divine will, and unshaken reliance upon the Saviour. Not a word of complaint or of fear, was known to be uttered by him. One of the Deacons of the church, residing near him, adverted with pleasure, on visiting him, to the serenity of his mind, and his harmony with his brethren, and with the people generally.

On Sabbath morning, Nov. 2nd, he requested that the family and relatives present should be called into his room, and took a calm and affectionate leave of them. He earnestly admonished us to give prayerful and devout attention to the all-important concerns of eternity. "Tell my brethren," said he, "that I die at my post. Charge my young brethren from me, to be diligent and faithful in serving the Lord." Calling one of his grandsons to him, he remarked, "You have been a dear grandchild to me. I lament that I have not set a better example before you; but I do trust that I am going to be with Christ; and how can I bear the thought that you shall not go there too?" He then exhorted him most tenderly and impressively, to seek the Lord at once with all his heart. Accusing another grandson, who had recently professed faith in Christ, he referred to the pleasure which this had afforded him, and fervently urged on him the necessity and importance of perseverance in the Christian faith. He subsequently remarked, "I am a happy man. I trust I have many relations in Heaven; that I shall soon meet them; and that there are many others of them on their way thither." At his request friends present sang the 46th Psalm—he had commenced singing it—"God is the refuge of His Saints," &c.

On Monday afternoon his eldest son arrived. At the close of prayer, our departing brother, who was then so low that it was with difficulty he could articulate sounds, gave thanks to God that when he was last at his son's house, he had been pleased to see several of the family manifesting a determination to serve the Lord. He added a few fervent petitions for his relations, and his fellow men at large, and concluded with the request, "May Zion be saved with an everlasting salvation! Amen."

On the morning of Nov. 5th 1856, being that day precisely 82 years and 8 months of age. Though unable to speak, he clasped his hands and looked upwards; and thus evidently committed his departing spirit into the hands of that faithful and beloved Redeemer in whom he had trusted more than 57 years. "The righteous hath hope in his death."

His remains were followed to the grave, on the 7th, by his bereaved widow, four children and their companions, his three surviving brothers, and only sister now living, many descendants and connexions, and a large assembly of sympathizing friends. An appropriate sermon was preached on the occasion, by Rev. Abraham Strong, from Psalm lxxiii. 26. "My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."—Communicated by Rev. C. Tupper.

Religious Intelligence.

For the Christian Messenger.

Revival in Rawdon.

MESSRS. EDITORS,

We feel assured that many of your readers feel a deep interest in behalf of the Zion of our God in this place, and will be glad to hear of our progress. It may serve to encourage churches that are struggling through difficulties and apparently almost forsaken of God, to persevere, trusting in the promises of an all-wise and covenant-keeping God.

We have been destitute of stated preaching for the year that is past, yet the monthly conference and meetings every Sabbath for prayer and exhortation, have been kept up ever since the council was here in July '55, since which, we have had no preaching. Through the past winter we kept up evening prayer-meetings once a week, and in agony of soul the prayer was offered. "O Lord revive thy work in the midst of the years" "In wrath remember mercy" Our motto has been "onward"—sometimes almost in despair, at other times we would feel some rays of hope—that a prayer-hearing God would soon appear for our deliverance.

Our spirits were revived and we were encouraged by the arduous and faithful labours of our esteemed Brother Elder James Stephens, of Horton, who spent two weeks with us in March, and one in June. Bro. Lawson, of Stewiacke, also made us a visit in July, and preached to good acceptance. He will rejoice to hear that one happy convert lately baptized, dated the first serious impressions from his preaching. Bro. Daniel Crandell of New Brunswick, in passing stopped and preached to us one Sabbath, and the Monday following. Bro. Richard McLearn, spent a Sabbath with us in August. Father Dimock, also remained here three Sabbaths.

Though we had been bowed down under the weight of difficulties and trials for more than two years, the Lord has appeared to deliver us from our captive state and through the faithful labours of his sent messengers his work was being carried on, and the way prepared for brighter days. In September the church took into consideration the propriety of holding a protracted meeting, and wrote to Bro. Stephens to the effect—that if we could depend upon him for a few weeks—and if any other ministering brethren would attend we should proceed at once. Brother Stephens gave heed to our Macedonian cry, and on the second Sabbath in October he was with us, and preached to a large congregation. Many hailed his return with joy. Bro. S. made arrangements with Father Dimock and Bro. Vaughan, to be with us the next week. He continued to hold meetings every alternate evening, and in visiting from house to house. Bro. Vaughan arrived on Tuesday and remained eight days; the meetings were now held more frequently, sometimes morning and evening. On Thursday Bro. Porter from Sackville, who was providentially this way, preached in the morning, but was obliged to leave for home on the same day. On Saturday Father Dimock arrived, and remained until after meeting on Tuesday. Bro. Reed of Yarmouth, who was passing by, also remained over Sabbath and preached. It was now apparent that good was being effected, and some were enquiring "the way to Zion with their faces thitherward"—and were almost constrained to say, "Lord I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." On Wednesday evening one manifested his determination to take a decided stand for God, and on Thursday evening another, and on Saturday we had a blessed meeting—seven more told "what the Lord had done for their souls"—and on Sabbath eight were baptized and received into the church. The meetings were continued through the week till Saturday, when four more came forward,—and were baptized on the following Lord's day.

At the close of this conference meeting, we had the satisfaction of seeing several of the brethren who had stood aloof from the church come forward and unite, agreeing to lay aside past difficulties. We are encouraged to hope that the union may continue. On the Monday following four more were baptized by Bro. Stephens, making in all sixteen. After preaching thrice the week following, he "commended us to God and the word of His grace"—and left for home. We have again been blessed by the faithful labours of our esteemed Bro. Vaughan, who spent one week with us and baptized one person last Sabbath.

One circumstance worthy of remark, is, that quite a number of those baptized have been in the habit of attending our Sabbath School. It was pleasing to hear the experience of those who

came forward, some dated their serious impressions from the labours of one Minister, and some from another—and two from different members of the church.

Dear Brethren pray for us, that the work of the Lord may prosper until all our children and neighbours shall be made to share in Heaven's choicest blessings.

CHARLES DIMOCK.

Clerk of the Church.

Rawdon, Nov. 1856.

Revival at Ragged Islands.

The following gratifying intelligence was received by Telegraph on Monday last.

"Revival at Sable, new Church, forty Members. Mr. Hobbs baptized here also, yesterday, two Captains."

X. CHIPMAN.

Ragged Islands, 8th Dec. '56.

Revival at Amherst.

The information we have received from Amherst is highly gratifying. If there exists any sympathy in the heart of the Christian, with that feeling which the Saviour tells us animates "the angels in the presence of God" over "one sinner who repents," we cannot but rejoice when we hear of sinners being converted, and added to the Church of Christ on earth. If our knowledge of the results of this change were more approaching that of those heavenly messengers, we should experience this joy more intensely than we do. Let brethren realize more fully the momentous interests which are involved in embracing or rejecting the glorious truths of the Gospel, and they will see that no work is for a moment to be compared with that of bringing sinners to Christ, and that there is no pursuit, the success of which will so well repay for the employment of effort.

Although we have not received full details of the work at Amherst, yet the fact of twenty-three having made a public profession of faith in Christ, within the past five weeks, will in itself be matter of thankfulness to many of our readers.

BAPTISMS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

PENKNAP, Westbury, Wilts.—Our pastor, Mr. J. Hurlstone, immersed ten persons in the names of the Sacred Three, on Lord's-day morning, Sep. 7. Three of these are scholars in our Sabbath school, one of whom is only fifteen years of age, and two are teachers. Among the number, was one who had resided a few years in London, and while there, had imbibed the blighting principles of infidelity. He returned to his native village, and after hearing a series of discourses on the Authenticity, Inspiration, &c., of the Bible, delivered by Mr. H., he collected all the infidel works he had in his possession, and committed them to the flames. The word of God is now prized, and a family altar erected. "Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" Truly it is the Lord's doings, and marvellous in our eyes.

NEWTOWNS, Montgomeryshire.—Mr. D. Evans, our pastor, baptized fifteen believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, nine males and six females, on Lord's-day Sep. 7. These were nearly all young persons. An appropriate sermon was preached by Mr. David Jones, of Folkstone, younger son of our late esteemed pastor. There are several more candidates before the church. If we do not deceive ourselves we believe that our pastor is in earnest, the church is in earnest, and our friends at the prayer-meetings are in earnest; and more than all, we hope, with humble reverence, that God the Father is in earnest in pardoning, and the Son is in earnest interceding, and the Holy Ghost is in earnest sanctifying.

SWANSEA, York Place.—Our pastor, Mr. Hill, baptized six believers, on Lord's day, June 1, and on the evening of the same day they were received.

BIRMINGHAM, Heneage Street.—Our pastor baptized four young men from his bible class, on July 6; and on Sep. 7, eight others—five males and three females.

BLINDMORE, (Buckland St. Mary) Somerset.—On Sep. 7, an aged female of seventy-five years, who had been long connected with the Wesleyans, having scriptural views of the ordinance of Christian baptism, came forward to shew her obedience to the divine will, and was baptized. She bore up cheerfully during the ceremony, and afterward sat down with us to partake of the Lord's Supper.

MIDDLEMILL, Penbrokeshire.—Early on Lord's-day, July 27th, Mr. Lewis, our pastor, immersed four believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; one, an intelligent young man, is a teacher in the Sunday-school. May many more thus devote themselves to the Lord!

LONGFORD, near Coventry, Union Place.—On Lord's-day, August 24th, five believers were

immersed here into the names of the Sacred Three, by Mr. Veals. One is a Wesleyan local preacher, who was convinced of the scriptural character of believers' immersion.

LONDON, Borough Road Chapel.—On the first Sabbath in September, our pastor, Mr. Keen, baptized seven believers in the Lord Jesus.

Salters' Hall.—We are in a more promising condition, our congregations having increased since our pastor resumed his labours amongst us. On the last Lord's-day in June, Mr. Hobson baptized three believers in the Saviour, and on the 24th of August, four more thus put on Christ.

New Park-street.—On Thursday evening, Aug. 28th, Mr. Spurgeon baptized sixteen believers, who were received into our fellowship on the first Sabbath of the next month.

BEAUMARIS, Anglesea.—With great pleasure we report that, on Lord's-day, Oct. 5, after an interesting sermon by Mr. W. Horgan of Holyhead, our pastor, Mr. S. Morgan, baptized five believers in the Lord Jesus Christ—two males and three females. In the evening our pastor gave the hand of fellowship to six individuals, one of whom was baptized a few evenings before.

BRADFORD, Wilts.—Zion Chapel.—Our pastor, Mr. W. Newell, had the pleasure of baptizing four believers in the river Avon, on Lord's-day morning, Oct. 12.

CARMARTHEN, Tabernacle.—On Sabbath evening, Sept. 14, our pastor, Mr. H. W. Jones, delivered a short address from, "What saith the scripture?" after which fourteen believers put on Christ by being baptized into the names of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Ten were young men, and four were young women, and they were all added to the church the same evening. We have yet about thirty candidates before the church.

"On Lord's-day, Oct. 12, after an impressive discourse by our minister, Mr. Jones, twenty-three persons made a public profession of faith in Christ by baptism, and were admitted to church-fellowship the same day.

ABERGAVENTY, Zion Chapel.—The first Sabbath in October was a good day with us, when our pastor, Mr. Young, baptized four candidates—believers in Jesus.

BURWELL.—On Lord's-day morning, June 29, our new minister, Mr. Lewis, baptized four believers, and the wife of one of the four followed on Lord's-day, Sep. 14. On each occasion we had a large concourse on both sides of the river, and along the bridge, all listening with attention, and conducting themselves with order and decorum.

EPISCOPAL.

The Tractarians are still struggling for the pre-eminence. On a late occasion, a procession of clergymen might have been seen marching up and down the aisles of a Church with their hoods turned inside out so as to show no red silk, but black, in token of the Church's mourning.

FRANCE.

The question of the baptism of infants appears to be attracting considerable attention among the Protestant population of France at the present time. Baptist sentiments appear to be extending in many parts. Much opposition exists, but this excites enquiry and discussion.

In the south of France a regular controversy has begun on the subject. Already half a dozen pamphlets have come out, and a big volume of Mr. Lengir is announced to appear before long under the title of *Essays, Biblical, Historical, and Dogmatic, upon Infant Baptism*. The idea that every one must become by conversion, and not otherwise, members of a Christian church, and that the profession of the Christian faith must be personal and spontaneous, has led, little by little, many of the best minds amongst those who are opposed to an established church, to abandon the notion of infant baptism. "Government," says the French correspondent of *The Christian Times*, "seems to be favourably disposed, and the minister is reported to have said, in reference to Independent Christians, 'Let them make themselves known to us, and we will put them on the same footing as the other Protestants!'—Romanian is still the same here. Divided, but still boasting of unity, the Holy Apostolic Church, but still manifesting a degree of worldliness which can be found nowhere else. Money! Money! Money! is the object sought. If a bishop is to be consecrated, five francs are charged for seats to witness the ceremony. If a miracle is performed, its fruits are the same. That one of Society, in which the Virgin is said to have appeared to 150 children in the mountains, is quite a California to the priest-hood! It has been estimated at 300,000 francs a-year. A miracle never so stupid, is really after all a very profitable matter to the priest-hood."