

of strong drink itself it is far more difficult to convince them of their error than it is of the use of ardent spirits, and whilst many will readily abandon the use of the latter they appear exceedingly reluctant to give up their tobacco.

Since making my last communication there have been four deaths among the members of the church. These gave not only at their death but also in life very satisfactory evidence of having passed from death unto life, that death was their gain and that they had gone to that blessed world where they are secure from the power of Temptation & Sin.

I have baptised during this time 18 children and six adults by a profession of faith. Five have been excommunicated and one of them restored to full communion & fellowship with the church.

The Sabbath School embraces a greater part of the congregation who assemble voluntarily with the Children at the interval of public-worship on the Sabbath to receive instruction from the holy Scriptures. The day-school has continued with some interruptions and the cause of education is making progress.

The latter part of last winter (1837) a season of protracted-worship was held, which continued eight days. The trials which the church experienced in consequence of the murder abovementioned and some other cases of discipline rendered the preparation very difficult. But by the blessing of the Great Head of the church upon this little branch to purge itself from such as brought a scandal upon His cause they succeeded and the result was very salutary and issued in the hopeful recovery of one in particular who had greatly offended. The meeting was thus preceded by faithful and thorough discipline in the church, by individuals settling many little differences which they had amongst themselves, and then by an open confession of faults one to another and praying for one another and all humbling ourselves before God on account of our sins and departures from Him. I was aided in the meeting by a brother who was at that time laboring at Green Bay among the white