

knowledge, & surrounded by strong temptations, alas! many of them are too easily led astray.

The day and S[unday] School have gone on as usual with but little variation in respect to numbers. It has been more sickly than usual during the winter past, and since Oct. there have been seven deaths, all of them children, however, excepting one young man.

Here I will insert some extracts from my journal from time to time in order that I may give a more correct representation of the situation of this church and people.

Sept. 2d. Sab. preached from Zach. 9:12. The audience very solemn, many listened with deep interest, & t[he] word appeared to take effect. But, alas! they hear but do not lay it to heart, nor will they "turn to the strong holds." Baptised a family consisting of five interesting children. The father formerly unsteady & intemperate, but now I hope a new creature in Christ Jesus. He is the leader in singing & for two or three winters past has taught a singing school amongst his people. These are always interesting seasons as it affords me an opportunity to explain & enforce the obligations of parents towards their children after giving them up in the solemn ordinance of baptism, to train them up for God. Since then I have baptised 12 children including an interesting family of six. At the eve. meeting Dea[con] Chicks prayed in english (which is not usual for the members of the church.) It was Daniels prayer, contained in his ninth chap. and such was his humble manner & feeling too, that it produced a striking effect upon the audience, & some were affected to tears. It seemed rather the language of a penitent jew confessing his sins & the sins of his people, & pouring out his soul in fervent supplications for his city & people, than of a christian Indian using his words centuries afterwards.

27th. The day of the stated church meeting. Brought forward a resolution in which the members agree before taking any considerable journey to ask counsel of the church. And if they think the reasons insufficient to abandon it, but if it is approved a letter of recommendation is