

## **AMERICAN MISSION, 1829-30.**

Various communications have come to hand from our Missionaries in America. Br. Wm, Knowles writes as follows.

DEAR BRETHREN—I am happy to inform you that the work of the Lord is still going on in this city, (New York,) and the Lord is opening our way before us, and prospering the work of our hands. Since I wrote to you before, we have opened a place called Bloomfield, which is about 18 miles from New York. We have already 20 in society, and the people are coming forward every time we visit them; and we are about commencing a new chapel in this place. We have collected about two hundred dollars, and expect it to be completed in a short time.

### ***OPENING of the CHAPEL at NEW YORK.***

I am happy to inform you that we opened our new chapel in this city, on the 27th of December, 1829. The congregations were large, and the collections liberal, This chapel has cost about six hundred and eighty dollars; we have 600 dollars on interest, and from present appearances, we judge we can clear the debt in about three years; and it is made over to the body of the Primitive Methodists. And what is better than all, the Lord crowns it with his presence. My worthy brother: Morris, from Philadelphia, preached at the opening, and gave great satisfaction. The Lord was with him.

On New-year's eve, we held a watch night in the new chapel. We had a powerful time; the people declared it was the best watch-night they ever saw. And on New-year's day, 1830, we held a lovefeast in it. 'The speaking was short, pointed, powerful, and with great liberty. And I suppose more than fifty blessed the Lord for pardoning mercy; and many great sinners who have been converted since we landed in New York, blessed the Lord, with tears running down their faces, that ever the Primitive Methodist preachers landed on their shores.

After the speaking I gave it out for the mourners to come forward to be prayed for; and three came forward with broken hearts, and the Lord spoke peace to their souls. And thus he is carrying on his work.

We have some thoughts of either buying or building another chapel at New York. We have had great difficulties in regard of preaching places. But, thanks be to God, we have now a large preaching place on the North side of the city, another on the East, and another in the center: and the smallest of them will contain three hundred people, They are well attended, and the Lord is constantly saving souls. We have enemies on every hand; but, thanks be to God, we are not without friends; and we build ourselves up with the thought of having the prayers of above thirty thousand Primitive Methodists. And I know the Lord does and will hear those that call upon him with all their hearts.

W. KNOWLES.

### **LETTER. 2.**

*New York, February 23, 1830,*

Dear Brethren and Fathers in Christ,

It is with much pleasure I take up my pen, hoping these lines will find you in good health; as they leave me and mine. And I am happy to inform you that the work of God is still on the move, and the Lord is bringing sinners to himself. This is a source of comfort to me in a strange land. And I have no doubt this will cause joy among the brethren at home.

We held our Qr. Day on the twenty third of February; and found an increase of sixty members this quarter, although we have not been able to Mission-very extensively on account of the rivers being frozen up.

Our temporal concerns were better than we expected ; and especially considering the severity of the winter in this country. You will be surprised when I tell you that we are under rents in this city to the amount of five hundred dollars a year.

W. KNOWLES.

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