

THE MISSIONARY SUMMER.

HOULTON, July 16, 1844.

MY DEAR WIFE :

I stayed at Bro. Robinson's, the night after I left home; left there early, took breakfast with Bro. Staples, dined at Oldtown, and spent that night at Enfield. Friday, I drove fifty-four miles, and stayed at the Forks. Saturday, drove twenty-four miles, and stayed at Sister Ingersol's in Houlton. I preached twice on the Sabbath, two miles out of the village, shall have two lectures, this week, and preach in Linneus next Sabbath. Dined, to-day, with Sister Tupper, wife of widow Tupper's son. He belongs to the Cong. church; she is a very decided Baptist. She is the daughter of Deacon Noah Smith of Calais, and writes for *The Mother's Assistant* and *The Young Lady's Friend*. Her name was Ellen S. Smith. Her Father and Mother taught the first Sabbath school, in the United States, in the City of Providence. Three times he has seen his whole class converted and united with the church.

This Sister Tupper has two Sabbath schools in this place, one in the morning, at the Cong. Meeting House, of thirty scholars, which she has collected from the streets herself, and another, about three miles distant from the first, at four o'clock P. M., at the place where I preached, last Sabbath.

The Baptist Church in this place exists only in name. When I arrived here, there was no appointment made. In the morning I had twenty, in the afternoon, some more than thirty. They had received my letter, but did not know what to do as they have no head nor anything else; yet I hope to do some good, if Christians pray and the Lord blesses.

When I become settled I will tell you more about my situation.

* * * Remember me affectionately to Brother John, tell him there is a great field of labor here.

Your husband, very sincerely and affectionately,

R. C. SPAULDING.