

during which time I visited Hodgdon, Belfast, Smyrna, and the Foxcroft settlement, and preached five sermons.

The interest of our meetings, I think increases \* \* \* The Sabbath that it rained and you went to meeting, only half a day, I preached in Limerick, and Bro. Nickerson and his wife came from Linneus, thirteen miles, and brought a babe, seven weeks old.

God blessed that day to one man, who had not spoken of religion, or prayed in secret, for thirteen years; he commenced praying in his family, that night. Next Sabbath after, I preached at Linneus, with a very full house, had a third service in a school-house near Bro. N.'s; he confessed and wept, and four of his children did the same. We went from this place to his house, and had a prayer meeting, himself and four of his sons prayed.

We have begun regular prayer meetings at his house, for each Tuesday evening. Two persons rose for prayers during the day time.

Next Sabbath, I preach, two miles out of the village, in Houlton. Last Sabbath, in Belfast, then came back, seven miles, to tea; then three miles further, to an early service, at Foxcroft, where I preached, in the house of a Mr. Keen.

Next Sabbath, which will be the first day of Sept., I shall preach, also, in Houlton village, in a new school-house, just finished, near the Unitarian Meeting House. We have had no place here before; hereafter I shall preach half the time, in *this place*, so you will know when I preach in Houlton, as it will be once in two weeks. I have been here seven Sabbaths, and I have only eight more to stay; then I do hope to see my dear wife and children again.

Elder Kendall has been here and called at the places, where I have preached; and he told me that I was very well received, and he wanted to engage me to spend the winter here. He says the Society would be glad to appoint me, and that it would be best to remove my family here; but I shall do as my wife and children think best about it. I want you to attend the Association at Bangor. \* \* \*

Your sincere and affectionate husband,

R. C. SPAULDING.

P.S. Please direct the letter which you will write to the Sisters to me, in Houlton; write a whole sheet. There is an in-