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
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him a subject of special prayer in secret. I have often prayed for him, and I will pray more particularly and earnestly than ever. Ask him to join me morning and evening. Dear Jane, may God bless you, and keep you as in the hollow of his hand; use you for his glory, and prepare you for his kingdom.

Your affectionate pastor,

JOHN H. RICE.

TO THE REV. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D.D.

Richmond, December 5th, 1821.

MY DEAR SIR,

I received a letter last evening from a gentleman in Brunswick county, which has made me exceedingly anxious indeed to engage the services of a zealous active missionary. The case is this. We have, as we have been able to employ them, sent Missionaries into Brunswick county, and its vicinity, one of the most deplorably destitute parts of old Virginia. Gradually a good effect has been produced by their labours. The last man employed by us was Mr. King, from your place. He has just finished his mission, and gone on to Carolina. He set the people to work to employ a preacher themselves. The letter mentioned in the beginning is from a Mr. Drummond, informing me that a subscription is very nearly filled to the amount of four hundred and eighty dollars, for the purpose of paying the salary of a Missionary for a year. Mr. King in his report says that he has no doubt but that a suitable man would be well received, and that three little Presbyterian churches could be organized in a few months, if the impressions now made could be kept up. This would be like planting the standard of the cross in a heathen land. Do, if you know of a man who would suit, let me hear from you immediately. Or if you do not, write, that I may not be kept in suspense.

We have some little excitement here on the subject of

religion. Sabbath week we had a communion. Fifteen presented themselves to be received on examination, and two on certificate. I baptised six adults; two were educated Baptists, three Quakers, and one nothing at all. Eight or ten more are under serious impressions, and will come forward, I expect, at next communion. These are drops. Lord send us a copious shower!

Mrs. Rice and her father had an almost miraculous escape from death the other day. They were coming from the Main street home in the evening, and while rising the hill to my house, the horse became choked by the collar, wheeled aside, and fell breathless and senseless down a precipice about fifteen feet, head foremost, and gig, and riders, and all went down together. Yet not a bone was broken, nor any serious hurt inflicted. The old Major went home in two days. And Mrs. Rice scarcely feels any inconvenience from the fall. We have passed up that hill an hundred times, and have never thought of Providence. But this event shows us what Providence can do; and makes us deeply feel for the present our dependance and our obligations. May we never forget again.

Mrs. R. joins in much love to you, Mrs. A. and the children. Give my love to the Princeton doctors.

With unabating affection,

JNO. H. RICE.

TO THE REV. LEONARD WOODS, D. D.

Richmond, December 20th, 1821.

REV. SIR,

This will be handed to you by Mr. ** who wishes to be received as a member of the Institution at Andover.

It is very highly gratifying to us, although particularly connected with another Institution, to learn that Andover flourishes. When I contemplate such a school of the prophets, rising up under the very walls of the strong fortress.