

explored, they were prepared to profit by them, and the sickle was not put in till the harvest was fully ripe.

Our special meetings may be said to have commenced on Saturday, March 13th, and were continued then every night for three weeks, when they were brought to a close, not so much from abatement of interest, as from sheer physical inability to carry them on. The attendance from the outset was large, averaging, I should say, upwards of five hundred every night, the church generally being filled to its utmost capacity. We had also meetings for prayer during the day which were well attended. For the first week I was alone, though most effectively assisted by my elders and others of the congregation. We had the timely and valuable assistance of the Revd. Alex. Girding, (who was with us about a week) and the Rev. H. B. McKay, the Rev. J. Campbell, and the Rev. John Munro, who came to us one and all in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace, and whose services we desire to make special and grateful mention.

And now a word as to the means employed at those meetings. They were in no degree of a sensational kind. First of all, the word was preached, plainly, faithfully, and we cannot help adding, for it is true, in many cases powerfully; then followed a prayer-meeting, and lastly a meeting for enquirers, at which all were invited to join who were anxious about the salvation of their souls. The only innovations, which can be said to be such, were the presentation of special requests for prayer, the invitation given to persons feeling a special need of prayer to stand up during the singing of a psalm, after which prayer was offered on their behalf, which invitation we may say was on all occasions largely responded to.

Finally; what, it may be asked, have been the results? Here I must speak with caution. As I said before, a correct judgment on this can only be formed after the lapse of some considerable time. It should not be forgotten, either, that this is a small community—the only resident minister being myself, and hence the same comparative estimate cannot reasonably be looked for as in larger places. Still, with all these abatements, I am persuaded much good has been done. First, the large attendance night to night, the deep solemnity prevailing, and the avidity with which the word was listened to, are in themselves signs of good. Then, though the enquiry meeting was not so largely resorted to here as elsewhere, yet I may mention that we had during these three weeks with us one hundred different individuals on the subject of personal religion, and with some of them more than once, not a few

of whom I am persuaded have been led to the Saviour; while altogether apart from this, widespread religious impressions have been made, the fruit of which, I believe, will by and by appear. And in a word I may say that the people of God have been in a very marked manner quickened and revived. A new song has been put into the mouths of many, and they have been made to feel as perhaps they never did before, the blessedness of the man who maketh the Lord his trust.

I will only add that the good work has not altogether ended. Three prayer-meetings are held each week, the attendance at which is exceedingly encouraging, and from what I know already I am led to expect a large addition to the fellowship of the Church.

On the whole, then, we have reason to thank God and to take courage, we have seen enough to warrant us in believing that the Lord has come among us as He never did before. May He abide with us, and knowing how essential His countenance with us is, may we be above all things solicitous to hold Him fast and refuse to let Him go.

Revival at and around Hopewell.

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In reference to the Revival movement at Hopewell of which you desire an account, the following brief statement will give you an idea of its character and results. It may be said to have begun by setting apart the afternoon of the 1st Sabbath of March in the church for special prayer for the outpouring of the Spirit and a revival of religion among us. At the conclusion of the usual evening prayer-meeting of the same day the people agreed to meet for prayer every evening during the week. In connection with these meetings it was evident that a deep and wide-spread interest in divine things was felt by all who attended. The subject of religion became the all-absorbing topic of conversation. Every person appeared anxious about his soul's salvation and an assured interest in Christ. The meetings were continued every night for five weeks. Frequently at those meetings as many as five or six hundred would be present. The religious exercises were portions of Scripture read and expounded, short addresses, prayers and singing. Psalms, Paraphrases, and Sankey's Hymns were sung. The Rev. Mr. Macrae of St. John spent a few days among us with good effect, assisting at these meetings. On the second Sabbath of April the communion of the Lord's Supper was observed conjointly by the two congregations of the place. This was the largest, most solemn and interesting communion ever held in this