

duty, in the circumstances, to give him all the encouragement I could, although he had no particular connexion with our Station, but belonged to another Church. Accordingly, he began at the other end of the island by reading the Scriptures in the houses of the people, and by praying and delivering addresses. He was opposed at first, and, I believe ridiculed by not a few; but he persevered, and an impression was made. The first symptoms of success appeared among the young. They gave up their Sabbath profanation and vain amusements, and began to read the word of God, and to pray. At this stage of the work, the brethren of the Independent and Baptist persuasions came into the island, and continued preaching every day for a considerable time, and greatly helped forward the religious awakening which had been begun. The effect was soon visible. Our prayer meetings on the Tuesdays and Wednesdays were crowded. I addressed, or lectured, or preached, constantly at these meetings, in which, feelings of deep solemnity prevailed, while the most marked attention was manifested. Our place of worship on Sabbath was filled all day,—forenoon and evening,—to overflowing. On the Thursday evenings, I went to a village about three miles off, to make known to the people, who were anxious to hear, the word of salvation; and here, I believe, by means of the exhibition of the truth as it is in Jesus, much good, by the blessing of God, was done. Not a few of those who had been awakened came to me for counsel and spiritual direction under their impressions. With these I conversed and prayed, and these exertions also, I have reason to believe, were attended with a beneficial effect. Some of those whose minds were impressed with the word, were truly in an awful state—almost bordering on despair.

“I may now mention,” continues Mr. W., “a few facts, which show the great change which has taken place in this island within a few months. In my intercourse with the people, one person exclaimed, in my hearing, ‘alas! alas! we were living like the brutes, there were no prayers here.’ Another told me, that in the agony of his mind, he tried to pray again and again, but he could get no relief. He then said to himself, ‘I will go to the word of God, and I pray that the Lord himself may direct me.’ He was directed in the course of his reading, to that passage where it is said, ‘If God be for us who can be against us,’—and from these words his mind found relief. Another person who had threatened to leave his family because some of the members of it had begun to disturb the house with prayer,—at last burst into tears on hearing his own son, a boy, praying before him; and he is now a praying man himself. Swearing, and Sabbath breaking have been discontinued. The young have formed themselves into praying Societies, throughout the island; and on Sabbath mornings, the boys meet by themselves, and the girls by themselves, for the purposes of praying in the different houses in rotation. One half year ago, the worship of God was observed in few families in Lismore; and now, I learn, there are few families, if any at all, in which