

province of Ulster, in Ireland. Shortly afterwards the teachers resolved to have a prayer-meeting for the parents of the children. Though at the first meetings they had only three of those whom they desired to have present, they were not discouraged, but went forward. Soon the little school-house would not contain the numbers that flocked to the prayer-meeting. I refer to this in this connection to show the importance of the Sabbath-school and of the prayer-meeting in connection with the Sabbath-school.

Most of the Sabbath-schools in Ulster since the commencement of this revival have been largely increased in numbers. Some of them have been doubled, others trebled, and I might almost say quadrupled; in fact I know of one in Linen Hall Street Presbyterian church, Belfast, of which the pastor wrote me since I left, "We had an average attendance before the revival of 100, and now we have an average attendance of 400, and of these 400, 150 are adults from 18 to 75 years of age. Many of those who were converted during the revival not being able even to read the word of God for themselves, are sitting down at three-score and ten as little children, to learn to read for themselves the message of their heavenly Father." * * *

THE CHURCH'S FAITH IN THE SCHOOLS.

There are many points of interest I am passing over in this necessarily brief and running sketch. As a general conclusion of the Christian community, looking over the history of the movement in the country, I may say decidedly that *in Ireland the church's faith in the Sabbath-school cause has been greatly increased* by reason of the facts brought to light during the progress of the present glorious revival in Ulster. In the *first place*, a large number of the converted have received their early religious impressions in Sabbath-schools. It is a remarkable fact, too, though some have not observed it, that the prayers of some who have offered prayer for the first time, are strangely eloquent and mature both in thought and expression; but it has been ascertained that many of these have been in earlier years in the Sabbath-school, and been early instructed in the truths of the gospel. Although as they became larger, they had left the Sabbath-school, and had grown up in the follies and vices of the world, yet these early impressions and instructions, had never been entirely effaced, and by the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit, they were all brought out in the new creature to the glory of Christ and the good of others. And in the *second place*, large numbers of children and youth have been brought to Christ during the revival, ranging from eight years of age and upwards. A very large proportion of those brought to Christ in the revival are from among the young. Now the church's faith, in Ireland, in reference to the conversion of children, I know, from personal observation and authentic information, was before this exceedingly, even remarkably, weak. They did not expect men or women to be converted till they got to a certain age, and then they looked for them to join the church as a matter of course. But now the Spirit has been manifestly moving on the hearts even of little children, and very babes in years are speaking for Christ, and offering prayer in public assemblies to the astonishment of multitudes.

Rills from the Fountains of Israel.

A YEAR'S MERCIES, SORROWS, AND SINS.

Let me invite you to "*remember all the way the Lord hath led thee*" during the past year.

Remember His *mercies*—calmly review, as far as you can, what God has given you these bygone months. How has it been with your bodily and mental health? And, if good, have you considered what a gift it is to be spared the tortures some endure—the restless feverish nights—the long weary days—the unceasing pain—the no-hope of relief in this world? Have you considered the mercy of not being