

up to the work of preaching till he became of age, two years after his conversion. He had a good experience, as all ministers have, who are Divinely inclined to the ministry. It may do us good in this our day, when true conversions are not very numerous to learn from his own words something about the nature and feature of his religious experience. Deliverance came at a prayer meeting held at the house of George Oxley. "We continued singing and praying about two hours when it pleased the Lord to reveal his ability and willingness to save me; so that I could cast my soul upon Him, while our friends were singing—

' My pardon I claim,
For a sinner I am,
A sinner believing in Jesus' name.'

I could then claim my interest in His blood, and lay hold of Him as the hope set before me. 'The Lord my righteousness.' Instantly my burden dropped off; my guilt was washed away; my condemnation removed, a sweet peace and gladness were diffused abroad in my soul." That is a good specimen of what the Methodist understands by conversion. All are not alike in every particular, but the result, peace with God and a comfortable assurance of His love are always the same. When he began preaching in 1781, the Lord abundantly blessed his labours in the conviction and conversion of souls.

Thus was Methodism introduced into Cumberland County at least three years before anywhere else, in what is now the Dominion of Canada. Newfoundland alone was a few years in advance. Nor was there any organized Methodism in Boston. This