

to the sister Presbyterian Church, which holds about 700. The whole village seemed a changed place. Where once it was impossible to get the shops closed on Wednesday evenings for the weekly prayer meeting, it was found easy to shut them every evening. Afternoon meetings were also held, alternately in the Wesleyan Church and the Kirk, and weekly meetings of Sunday scholars and of Workers. Profane swearers, immoral persons, Sabbath breakers, formalists, have all been changed, and have tasted the sweets of the higher life. That some of these will fall away is only too probable, and then the enemy will rejoice and point the finger of scorn; but others, we are persuaded, shall abide. When even one who companied with Jesus three years fell away, we cannot be too confident. But we are very certain that if the Church would only do its duty more thoroughly to those who are revived, the proportion of the lapsed would generally be found to be small. It is because Christians stand aloof from the revived ones, criticising, and eager to condemn, instead of sympathising with and edifying them, that so many who have been brought to the birth perish in the infancy of their spiritual life.

To give some idea of the amazing influence that the revival in River John has had in bringing many not only to give themselves in heart to the Lord, but to connect themselves with the Church, we have but to read the following notice that has been kindly sent us:

"The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed in St. James' Church, River John, on the last Sabbath of March. It was a season of very special interest and solemnity. Upwards of fifty new communicants were admitted,—a remarkable addition to a communion roll that hitherto had been under one hundred. During the whole of March, special services had been held, the pastor being assisted by several of his brethren. In particular, the earnest, pungent, powerful addresses of Rev. J. F. Campbell were greatly blessed, not to the congregation alone, but to the whole community. Rev. J. M. Sutherland, Rev. G. M. Grant, and Rev. A. W. Herdman also assisted."

In the other Presbyterian Church in River John, double the number of families being connected with it, an addition

of seventy will be probably made to the communion roll. The Wesleyan and Episcopal Churches have also shared largely in the blessing. When we think of between one and two hundred drawn to the Lord in one village, we have cause to rejoice; but perhaps there is still more cause for rejoicing in the fact that three times the number of Christians have been quickened and raised to a higher religious life than they had ever known before.

Pictou town and New Glasgow seem to have received somewhat similar blessings. In the latter especially, the interest was extraordinary. Every night for weeks the special meetings were held, and the Churches were always filled. (On one Sunday evening, at an union meeting, not only the pews and passages, but the stairs and the lobby at the entrance, of St. Andrew's Kirk (the largest building in the place), were crowded, and Knox Church had also to be opened. At present, only one or two special meetings are held weekly in New Glasgow, as it has been rightly judged that a time for building up should follow the awakening. A correspondent writes us,

"I should be happy to attend and address meetings every night, for it is a great and glorious work, but I am convinced that, with what has been done, work of a quieter and more congregational character is a more excellent way. . . . A great many have been attending from country districts, near and distant, during the last fortnight. And now meetings are being held in various country districts. There is a deep, earnest seriousness everywhere observable. Pictou county is revived and quickened. The work of the ministry is now easy and cheering; and one does not feel like beating the air, as at times he is so miserably inclined to think he may be doing.

"The most pleasing feature of the whole work is that so many young men have been influenced, and have chosen the part of decided Christianity. But the work has not been that of a day. Most have told me that their seriousness and interest in spiritual things have been growing and deepening for some considerable time, more particularly during the past year. We have got a set (pretty numerous) of as fine, solid-minded young fellows connected with our congregation as may be found anywhere; the real stuff on which to build the hopes of any Church or country. I believe that