

D. writes thus to a pious female friend :—" I shall ever bless God for pious parents. About a month since, I received a letter from home that pricked me to the heart. There was one sentence in particular that affected me deeply. It was—'We have taken a great deal of pains to educate our children and fit them for usefulness, but the only return for our solicitude and expense is their backsliding.' This caused me to awake out of that lethargy in which I had long been reposing. I was determined when the revival commenced, not to let it pass without obtaining some good to my soul. At a Prayer-meeting at Mr. Beatty's, the Lord blessed me, and gave me the assurance that I was his child."

But I must close this communication, already extended, I fear, beyond reasonable limits. The subject is my apology. The cases I have adduced do not afford an adequate idea of the extent of what God has wrought; but they will serve to illustrate the character of the work. To Him alone be the glory; by whose power it has been effected! "Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excel in strength; that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominions; bless the Lord, O my soul!" With the warmest Christian salutations, I subscribe myself your brother in the Gospel.

M. RICHEY.

(We present our readers with the following account of a very gracious revival of religion in the Leeds West Circuit, with a sincere desire that its perusal may stir up the truly pious to increased exertions to promote the cause of God among ourselves. What He has done in other places for the conversion of souls, he is able and willing to do among us, if similar means be employed. "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise on the earth." (Is. lxii. 6. 7.)—It is matter of devout and joyful acknowledgment, that God has not left us without faithfulness of his power to save, and approval of our efforts to extend the interests of his kingdom: but a more general quickening of the Spirit is requisite, a more earnest and agonizing Spirit of interceding grace, the exercise of a more constant and vigorous faith in the divine promise, are necessary, on the part of spiritual Israel, if, on an extensive scale, we would see the prosperity of Zion. May our faith be increased, our hope encouraged, and our energies stimulated by the following narrative of God's marvellous doings in our Father-land.)

ED. WESLEYAN.

LEEDS WEST CIRCUIT.—A revival of an extraordinary character has taken place in this circuit. We give the following details, from the letter of a private friend,—a lay-member of the society:—

"Previous to the last December quarter-day, it appeared to be difficult to maintain our ground in point of numbers; for although we obtained an accession of few members from quarter to quarter, yet there were not more than sufficient to replace the deficiency occasioned by deaths and removals; the latter of which, in a large town like Leeds, divided into two circuits, and surrounded with populous villages within a very short distance, amount to a considerable number every quarter; and the balance of persons removing from and to the town, for various reasons, is, I believe, always against the society. At the quarter-day, when the ordinary business of the circuit was dispatched, our worthy superintendent Mr

Anderson, wished the brethren to give their views of the state and prospects of our societies, and offer such suggestions as might tend to promote our spiritual prosperity. To this request several of the brethren freely responded; but, in all that was said relative to the past, there was no reflection cast upon any one but the speaker, who, generally, reproached himself. The observations made were well calculated to humble us before God, and to open to us more clearly the source from whence our help must come; and I believe we separated with our minds made up to devote ourselves to God more fully by prayer and persevering labour in his service.

"The effect of our united supplication was felt at the Renewal of the Covenant, in the various chapels throughout the circuit at the commencement of the new year; and our rising hopes brightened into an expectation of better days. After the close of the first evening's service at Wesley chapel, the preacher gave a suitable address to the congregation, and then requested any who had determined to devote the new year to the service of God to meet him in the vestry, and tender their names voluntarily, as candidates for admission into the society,—when nine persons gave their names, and began to meet in class. In the meantime a prayer meeting was carried on in the chapel, to which the parties returned, and there continued in earnest prayer till several of them obtained the blessing of pardon. Similar measures were adopted at Holbeck on the following Sunday, when eight volunteers presented themselves in the vestry; at Hunslet, 7; and at Oxford-place, 14; and again about the same number at Wesley chapel. The first great manifestation of an approaching Revival of Religion occurred at Holbeck on the 11th February, under a sermon addressed to young men, from "Remember not the sins of my youth," when, on that and the succeeding evening, not less than eighty-one persons offered themselves on trial as members of the society. But on the following Saturday evening it appeared, from a return made by the leaders, that ninety-six had actually begun to meet in class during the week! So it has been generally found, that whatever number, at any given place, have pledged themselves to meet in class, they have redeemed that pledge, and others have come in addition to them. In this manner the work has gone on from that day to this; in some places thirty, forty, and fifty, or sixty names being received at each meeting; and in one instance upwards of 100. The names so obtained are handed to the ensuing leaders' meeting connected with that chapel, entered into a book kept for that purpose by the secretary, and duplicates of them are written on slips of paper, and handed to the leaders, special care being taken that only such leaders receive them as have small classes, meeting near the residences of the new members.

"Our numbers for the last quarter stood as follows: new members, two hundred and forty-eight; on trial, six hundred and ninety-four; making a total of nine hundred and forty-two; and being an addition, during the last quarter, in the west circuit, of more, I believe, than were ever before added in both circuits in any year since the commencement of Methodism in Leeds. This is the work of God: it bears evident marks of his hand. The impression induced Mr. Anderson to suggest to the leaders' meeting the propriety of celebrating our March quarter-day as a day of thanksgiving. With this every body agreed; and according to previous announcement, a meeting for praise and prayer was held in Oxford-place vestry, at six o'clock in the morning of Wednesday last, 28th March. The local preachers met in the forenoon, and the usual circuit business was transacted after dinner. At five o'clock, about 150 officers of the various societies in town and country assembled in the large vestry of Oxford place Chapel, when the local preachers and leaders from different parts of the circuit, gave a brief sketch of what the Lord was doing