

HARROW.—I came home yesterday, April 8th, after assisting Rev. W. W. Edwards eleven weeks. We made progress slowly, seekers coming forward two and three at a time. God gave us a "calmly fervent zeal," and about 180 have professed a change of heart, of which number some 130 have united with our Society. Some have not yet decided. Over thirty of the converts belong to Baptist families. I will not soon forget the kindness of this dear people. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Z. S. FLEMING.

Band Correspondence.

LETTER FROM NIPISSING.

North Bay, Ont., April 2, 1886.

Rev. D. Savage,—

Dear Bro.,—You have doubtless looked for information from Bros. Reid and Sargeant since they came to me, but looked in vain, as I found it difficult, if not impossible, to give you such a report of their work as would prove satisfactory to you.

I have been highly pleased with the young men. Their undoubted piety and their indefatigable labours render them objects of admiration or hatred, according to the standpoint from which they are viewed. They have received the heartiest sympathy and support from the most pious people of the community, and they have met the most determined opposition from the proprietors of bar-rooms, billiard saloons, skating rinks, and gambling dens, and I am sorry to say that, some nominally Christian churches have disapproved and misrepresented their methods. The fight on North Bay continued for two weeks, and although the services were generally marked by gracious effusions of the Holy Spirit, which greatly quickened and purified working believers, the results, in respect to the number of conversions, were not what I expected. There were twelve persons who presented themselves as seekers, and I have reason to believe that seven or eight of the number were saved. The congregations in attendance were generally large, but only a few persons among them were present every night. This fact, together with the powerful opposition experienced, limited the success of our efforts.

After earnest prayer for Divine guidance it was decided that my colleague, Mr. McKechnie, should proceed to Thorncliffe, distant four miles, with the evangelists, and

commence operations there, while I should remain at North Bay to continue the services as Providence might indicate.

At Thorncliffe evidences of a gracious work were present from the beginning of their labours, and soon it developed into a glorious revival which resulted in the conversion of many interesting and influential persons, through whose consecrated lives and faithful testimony we trust God will save many others.

We intend, if God wills, to close this special service on Sunday night next, and on Monday to open a campaign at South East Bay, where we have been refused the use of the public school-house by trustees who represent denominations of Christians who have occupied our churches in this district in the absence of any of their own. Such conduct is not likely to promote organic union of the Churches in question with the Methodist body.

Some very earnest prayers were offered last night that God would open a door for his servants which no man should be able to shut. The labours of these dear young men have been attended with the most blessed results among the officers and members of our church, as well as among the people outside of the fold. And we look for better things to come.

The Rev. Mr. Somerville, of Mattawa, is in correspondence with me in view of securing their assistance on his charge later. I should like to have your approval before sending them to him. I am watching the progress of these evangelistic efforts with the deepest interest. Should God place on our hands, among these young converts, persons fitted for Band work, and call us to organize in the Montreal Conference a system of evangelism such as you have inaugurated, I should greatly rejoice.

In writing to you last I overlooked one point named in your letter. I was returned to this charge last Conference for a second term of three years, owing to the exceptional nature of the work and my supposed fitness for it. If, therefore, I should conduct myself properly I may remain here next year.

I shall be delighted to receive a visit from you next summer. I know of no place where a hard-worked minister could go "apart to rest a while" with greater advantage. I am expecting several to visit Lake Nipissing next summer. Why not have a representative gathering of evangelists here for consultation. Think about it.

Yours truly,

S. HUNTINGTON.