

classes. Young people especially, are deeply impressed, and are assembling by themselves for prayer and the reading of the scriptures. May he who has begun the good work carry it on, and cause the 'wilderness and the solitary place to be glad; and the desert to rejoice, and blossom as the rose!'

Mr. Wood, in a letter dated the 17th April, gives the following interesting account of the movement which has taken place in the island, and of its happy effects as connected with the prosperity of the Station:—

"In regard," says he, "to the rise and progress of this hopeful revival, it will be expected that I shall say a few words. Although it is difficult to speak on such a subject, and much caution is requisite in attempting to connect causes with their effects, it can scarcely be doubted, that the prayer meetings which have been kept up in connection with this Station, and the preaching of the gospel, have in no small degree been blessed of God, as the means of paving the way for bringing about the present state of things. The influence of both, under God, in regard to subsequent events, is, I believe, generally acknowledged. I perceived for some time a growing earnestness in religious feeling on the part of the people, and more particularly in the case of those who took part in the devotional exercises, in which they were in the habit of supplicating the outpouring of the Spirit on this spiritually 'barren island,' (as it was called) 'from end to end, and from side to side;' and, looking to what has occurred, we have reason to believe that the Lord has graciously heard these prayers. It was my practice to open the prayer meeting with an address founded on some passage of the word of God; and on these occasions, when the truths of God's word were thus familiarly expounded, and brought home to the conscience, I observed a deeper interest and attention than formerly. In connexion with this, I perceive also, at this time, another favourable symptom which deserves now to be noticed, viz., a gradual increase in the attendance upon divine ordinances in the sanctuary on the Lord's day.

"While things were in this situation, and these pre-disposing causes were thus in operation, the revival was led to assume a more visible form, and to manifest its reality, by means of the exertions of a young man, belonging to the island, whose own heart had been touched by the truth. I had several conversations with this young man relative to the spiritually dead state of the island, and we both lamented the general carelessness of the people. Feeling a deep concern for their condition, he expressed a desire to come forward and address exhortation to the people in different parts of the island, on the subject of religion, in the hope of doing good. He was encouraged to make this proposal from the apparent success of another individual whom he mentioned similarly situated with himself, who, in some instances, had been supposed to be useful. As he gave evidence that, though illiterate, he was both pious and zealous, and as he spoke the Gaelic language with great fluency, I considered it my