

All hearts are solemnized. God is felt as present, and a solemn religious feeling is spread through the community. This has pervaded the country from side to side, but the most of the work seems to be confined to Dr. McLeod's parish. The movement is a spiritual resurrection from the dead.— Fear has come on many souls. Levity is checked, a silent pricking of conscience is manifest; a ceasing from sin and a reverent onlooking of God's gracious work are among the undoubted signs. Our churches and meeting-houses are crowded to excess. They have become too small. Most of the people have turned to prayer, and in our public meetings many stand up to pray who had never exercised the gift before.— Young men from twelve years and upwards at all our places of worship, are remarkable for this grace of prayer; and they do acquit themselves with knowledge, humility, and earnestness. They seem to be truly alive from the dead. During divine service by the ministers there is usually great commotion, much searching of heart, deep impressions, and many crying out for mercy. On the conclusion of service numbers of persons have to be conducted away, others retire to pray and struggle in secret, and many remain to prolong the services by prayer and praise. These things continue unchanged during the last nine months. Some whole families are partakers of this new state of things; and in many families there are one or more who make mention of the name of the Lord, and often the rest are thus led to consider their ways. Religious conversation becomes general. Abominable shame in the things of God is banished. Every one now counts it a pleasure when the minister enquires into his or her religious state. They love to see their pastors. This indicates the extent to which men's minds have been softened and opened for the Gospel. Parents and children rejoice together, their hearts being turned to the Lord. On all sides is heard, "The Lord hath done great things for us. We have never seen it on this fashion."

Cape Breton has never experienced such things before. Her pastors had laboured much and long, endured many privations

and toils in the work of the Lord; they had been sowing in tears; now they are more than repaid. The Lord Jesus is pleased to place on their heads a crown of purest gold. And their own souls are also refreshed.— Never did they experience before such gracious liberty of speech. Never did their hearts so burn within them. It is a reaping time of joy. The Lord Jesus is adding to his church.

On the third Sabbath of January, at Sydney, when the Lord's Supper was celebrated for the first time, there was a great company of those whose hearts the Lord had touched, probably 150 souls. Many are now inquiring and saying, We would see Jesus. Many are now setting their faces towards Zion. Persons who never appeared at public worship and never offered a mite to the cause of Christ, are now girding up the loins of their minds. Personal and family devotion are being established where sinners lived without God in the world. They are not yet christians; they know it; but we say unto them, "Come ye with us, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." They eagerly wait on the preaching of the word, they are nigh unto the kingdom of God; and these impressions may grow till they are within the kingdom. As yet, however, it is but the spirit of fear that has worked in such cases. They are enjoying but the collateral influences of the kingdom's progress.

But these secondary efforts, what are they? They are blessed concomitants of grace. They are smoke which is never found but where fire is. They are among the gifts obtained for men. Jesus constrains His enemies to bow, extorts confessions even from those who will not "kiss Him." If evil spirits are cast out let us rejoice. If men are led to think and listen, faith may find entrance. It is no small matter that the multitude should be diverted from the absorbing concerns of this life towards a higher standard of religious duty, and a more worthy acknowledgment of the one thing needful. We live in hopes that the kingdom of God will soon appear still more manifestly. If seeds of eternal truth are cast in the ploughed up soil of so many