

you had heard the kind and powerfully melting language which, one after another, his brother constables poured upon him to convince and subdue him, you would have rejoiced, I am sure. It was really wonderful. They triumphed, and with tears the prodigal returned. But part of the sentence was, that he was to leave the settlement for a short time, as I could not allow him to be seen in our midst. The day after, a deputation of constables waited upon me to beg for this part of the sentence to be cancelled. They came direct from a meeting at which he had been called, and after hearing his sorrowful words and good resolutions, they promised to use their influence to obtain permission to remain at the settlement, but not to go from his own house for some time, or until I gave him leave. Having pleaded so well and so earnestly for him, I consented to their proposal. About three weeks after this he came to me, in company with his accuser—his bosom friend—saying that he wished to see my face, and speak before all the Christians that night. So after the adult school was over, I ordered all to leave the room who were not Christians. This was done, and the penitent then came in, and made a very affecting speech indeed. It was very wonderful to see and hear him, a naturally proud and a very influential man, from his eloquence and general character. He bitterly deplored his sin, praised God for His mercy, thanked me and all his friends for the trouble we had taken with him, expressed his sorrow and shame that he had given us pain, and disgraced the name of Christian, and resolved, in God's strength, to lead a new life, and be more watchful. He then warned all present against sin, begged them to watch and pray, confessed he had found the hiding of God's face more bitter than death; and again and again besought them to avoid all manner of sin, and the first approach of it. The Christians then shook hands with him, and some I have no doubt were in tears. Thus the wanderer was restored."

One of the surest signs of the healthy state of any church is the Missionary spirit manifested by it, and it is pleasing to know that even in this early stage of the work these signs were not wanting. We find Mr. Duncan recording, in a letter from which we have already quoted, "Several young men with me are likely to become very useful in the Mission work around when the doors open for them." And the following letter,