

has "Set times to favor Zion." He constantly visits her with his ordinary presence, but on extraordinary occasions he manifests himself in an especial manner. By the immediate agency of the Divine Spirit He powerfully convinces sinners of their depravity and danger, and brings them into "the glorious liberty of the sons of God." He, who has promised to be with his followers "unto the end of time," evidences, to a world lying in the arms of the wicked one, that he is an unchangeable being, and now has a church in it, which is redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, by graciously blessing the efforts of his servants in the conversion of sinners. He uses, as in days of old, clay to open the eyes of the blind, by making his ministers and people the honored instruments of turning men from spiritual darkness to the marvellous light of the Gospel. And even now, through their pious exertions, accompanied by the sacred energy of the Almighty Spirit of God, they are washed, justified, purified, and constituted the heirs of immortal blessedness.

The recent revival of religion on the Bridge Town Circuit assures us that God has not forgot to be gracious. Within a few months He has been pleased to pour out his Spirit copiously and powerfully; and not to acknowledge the hand of omnipotence would be base ingratitude. If Moses sinned, by not "sanctifying the Lord in the sight of the people," may not we sin if we do not glorify him by acknowledging, before the world, the great work which He has commenced, and is now carrying on in this circuit!—All persons who have carefully noticed the effects which have been produced, except biased by prejudice or wickedness, must be convinced that they are supernatural; all professing Christians, who enjoy the life and power of godliness in their own souls, will readily admit that the work is of God, wrought by the hallowing influence of his Spirit.

In the latter part of autumn a protracted meeting was held in the Aylesford West Methodist Chapel. During the first part of the meeting the congregations were large, and the people attentive, still nothing special occurred; but it pleased God, two days before its close to manifest his Divine presence, in the conviction and conversion of sinners. The power of the Lord was present to heal. Stout hearted sinners were brought to weep bitterly on account of sin, and mourners were enabled to believe in Christ with their hearts unto righteousness. We may also add, that backsliders were reclaimed, and believers comforted. Since that period the revival has extended in an astonishing manner. A very great number have been scripturally converted to God in the Eastern and Western parts of Aylesford, as well as Cornwallis; and the work is still progressing.

Nor has the Almighty confined the special manifestation of Himself to the upper part of the Circuit; so far from this, that within a short time the lower part has been visited with the sacred "unction from the Holy One." In the neighbourhood of Mr. Vroom Jehovah has revealed himself, "as the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, abundant in kindness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin." A goodly company there, have experienced the Gospel to be the power of God to the salvation of their souls, and can testify that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin. And still more recently a revival of religion has commenced, near John Tupper's, Esq., five miles below Bridge Town. Several individuals have already testified that God, for the sake of Christ, has pardoned their sins. "Being justified by faith," they "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with" their Spirits, that they are born of God. Others are deeply convinced of their exposure to the wrath of heaven, and are exclaiming, in the bitter anguish of their souls, "God be merciful to us sinners!"

In Grenville also a few individuals have been convinced of the sinfulness of sin, and truly converted to God. These are the Lord's doings, and they are truly marvellous in our eyes! Let us, then, while we wonder, praise and adore!

Perhaps some may be disposed to despise such things, and exert themselves to prevent their progress. Their language may be, enthusiasm! fanaticism! and the like. But, would it not be better for such persons to be careful what they say and do, lest they should be found fighting against God, or touching the ark of the Lord unworthily!—We remember that they who "despised Moses's law died without mercy," and they who presumed to stop the ark of the living God, were smitten with sudden death; "how much sorer punishment," then, will be inflicted upon those who despise the operation of the Spirit of God, on the human heart, under the Christian dispensation.—Should any, who possess the religion of the Bible, be induced to speak lightly of these things, we would say, "Tell it not in Gath. publish it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the Philistines rejoice and the uncircumcised triumph."

Bridge Town, N. S., Feb. 15, 1839.

### Anecdotes.

**DUST AND FLIES.**—Mr. Cecil, riding one day with a friend, the dust being very troublesome, his companion wished that they could ride in the fields, where they would be free from dust; and this wish he repeated more than once while on the road. At length they reached the fields, where the flies so teased his friend's horse, that he could scarcely keep his seat on the saddle. On his bitterly complaining, "Ah Sir," said Mr. Cecil, "when you were on the road, the dust was your only trouble, and all your anxiety was to get into the fields: you forgot the fly was there. Now this is a true picture of human life, you will find it so in all the changes you make in future. We know the trials of our present situation; but the next will have trials, and perhaps more, though they may be of a different kind."

**SIR FRANCIS WALSHINGHAM.**—Sir Francis Walsingham, Secretary of State, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, towards the latter end of his life, wrote a letter to the Lord Treasurer, Burleigh, to this purpose: "We have lived enough to our country, to our fortunes, and to our sovereign; it is high time for us to begin to live to our souls and to our God. In the multitude of affairs that pass through our hands, there must be some miscarriages, for which a whole kingdom cannot make our peace."

This eminent man, being once observed to be more pensive than usual, some humourists attempted to amuse him. "Ah," said Sir Francis, "while we laugh, all things are serious about us. God is serious, when he preserveth us, and hath patience towards. Christ was serious when he died for us. The Holy Ghost is serious when he shineth within us. The Holy Scripture is serious when it is read before us. Sacraments are serious when they are administered to us. They are serious in heaven and hell; and shall a man that hath one foot in the grave jest and laugh?"—*Woodward.*

**BISHOP LOWTH AND MR. WESLEY.**—Mr. Blackwell, of Lewisham, was for many years an intimate friend of Mr. Wesley's. Mrs. Blackwell was a niece of Bishop Lowth. Mr. Wesley and the bishop once dined together at Lewisham, by appointment, on which occasion the bishop refused to sit above Mr. Wesley at table; and in declining this honour, to which his rank entitled him, said to Mr. Wesley, "May I be found at your feet in another world."

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