

month. Greater earnestness and anxiety have been felt for some months past, but manifestations of an unusual kind appeared at one of our regular prayer meetings—five or six persons became so inconsolable about their souls that private counsel became necessary. Meetings afterwards became necessary, and all the means connected with a revival of God's work.

Every day has brought to my house some anxious soul seeking Christ, and also some one rejoicing abundantly in Christ Jesus. Within the past three weeks forty have come to me in trouble, and the work seems to be increasing, deepening and spreading through the township. Many come ten or twelve miles, staying a day or two, and going home deeply anxious, or rejoicing in Christ. In this way the community is being leavened. Our regular prayer meeting for some years past has averaged in attendance from fifteen to twenty; now, without any effort, the attendance is about seventy. This we consider large, compared with the country population.

The effect of this work upon the children has been very remarkable. They have a daily prayer meeting led by the minister, or some christian friend. Five or six of the children engage in prayer, read a chapter, singing entering largely into the exercises. Many of them give evidence of being born again. Their anxiety that others of the young should come to Christ is often very striking.

Some very striking answers to prayer have come before us. Husbands and brothers at a distance from home have been spiritually awakened, the date of their anxiety, and of the anxiety and prayers of their friends for them being coincident. Houses where family worship was never known are now delighting in this great privilege.

General Religious Intelligence.

STATE OF RELIGION—In various localities in Great Britain the work of revival is manifestly extending. A late number of the Record of the Free Church contains a letter from an elder giving a very pleasing account of the progress of revival at Yetholm. There the movement began by the ministrations of a devoted missionary. An artillery officer, who had come all the way from Gosport to see and aid the work, had been the means of good to many. Many labourers too were raised among the people themselves, for where grace really influences the heart, every believer will be a missionary in one way or another. The work extends to all classes, including the gypsies, large numbers of whom have long been accustomed to have at least a temporary home in Yetholm.

In cities the various agencies for the spiritual improvement of the people are still vigorously employed. It is pleasing to see that new labourers are coming forward from time to time. The Earl of Aberdeen and Lord Radstock have been delivering very impressive addresses in connection with Carrubber's Close mission in Edinburgh.

The energies of the United Presbyterian Church, while not passing by the fields open to them in Scotland, are largely directed to the advancement of spiritual religion and of Presbyterianism in England. There is now a whole band of ministers in London, embracing such men as Dr. King, Dr. McFarlane, and Dr. Edwards. But the efforts of the Church are not confined to London. We learn from the January number of the United Presbyterian Magazine, that vigorous efforts for the spread of religion have been made in other parts of England. "Several places in the county of Durham having been visited by