

and we cannot help adding, for it is true, in many cases powerfully; then followed a short prayer-meeting, and lastly a meeting for enquirers, at which all were invited to remain who were anxious about the salvation of their souls. The only innovations, if they can be said to be such, were the presentation of special requests for prayer, and the invitation given to persons feeling their special need of prayer to stand up during the singing of a psalm, after which prayer was offered on their behalf, which invitation, we may say, was on all occasions very largely responded to.

"We conversed during these three weeks with about one hundred different individuals on the subject of personal religion, and with many of them more than once, not a few of whom I am persuaded have been led to the Saviour; while altogether apart from this, widespread religious impressions have been made, the fruit of which, I believe, will by and by appear. And in a word I may say that the people of God have been, in a very marked manner, quickened and revived. A new song has been put into the mouths of many, and they have been made to feel, as perhaps they never did before, the blessedness of the man who maketh the Lord his trust.

"I will only add that the good work has not altogether ended. Three prayer-meetings are held each week, the attendance at which is exceedingly encouraging, and from what I know already I am led to expect a large addition to the fellowship of the Church.

"On the whole, then, we have reason to thank God and to take courage. We have seen enough to warrant us in believing that the Lord has come among us as He never did before. May He abide with us, and, knowing how essential His countenance with us is, may we be above all things solicitous to hold Him fast and refuse to let Him go."

The painful thing is that such a work should cease so soon through want of instruments to carry it on. Of old the oil ceased to flow only when there were no more vessels to receive it (2 Kings 4: 6), but in that case so many had been provided by borrowing from neighbours, that the widow had sufficient oil for all her need. In this case the vessels of the house were filled—the labours of Mr. Sedgwick and the workers of his own congregation were abundantly blessed—the borrowed vessels were also filled, and the welfare of the congregation has been promoted accordingly; but why did the oil cease so soon? Could no more of the neighbours have lent their vessels for a little while? Ah! they might not only have thus greatly benefitted those

whose good they sought, but some of the oil might have remained in the vessels when they were returned—the earnest of further blessing to themselves.

#### EARLTOWN.

The news of the wonderful works the Lord was doing in River John, New Glasgow, &c., reached Earltown, and, as usual, this aroused the Lord's people there to greater longings and efforts to obtain similar favours. Special meetings were held for prayer and preaching of the truth. The Rev. Mr. McColl was confined to the house by illness, and, though interested in the work and warm in his expressions of gratitude to such of his brethren as could come to be, in a manner, his substitutes, he was unable to go out and labour in it himself. The burden therefore fell almost entirely on the Rev. Wm. Grant. Others, indeed, came to his relief, but yet the labour devolving on him was most exhausting, and certainly could not have been sustained by him as it has, but for the abundant blessing which was quickly vouchsafed, and the joy which was thus afforded. No full accounts have reached me of late, but I know that Mr. Stirling has been abundant in labours there as in so many other places—happy man! and that Mr. McKay and Mr. McCunn, from River John, have both shared in the delightful toil. I was able to spend only one night there. The work still goes on, as it does also at

#### WEST BRANCH OF RIVER JOHN, AND LOGANVILLE,

which are in the same district. It is said that the work at Loganville is specially hopeful. Not far from these places is

#### ROGER'S HILL OR SCOTSBURN,

of which Rev. J. W. Fraser and Rev. Mr. Stirling are pastors. Meetings have also been held there, and at NORTH SHORE, a part of Mr. Fraser's charge. In both, the indications at the beginning were encouraging—in the latter, particularly so—and this is almost as far as my knowledge goes.

#### PICTOU.

For more than a year the ministers of Pictou town have been meeting every Saturday evening to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. About a year ago the ministers, and the Young Men's Christian Association, began a Union prayer-meeting, which continued to be held weekly. During the Week of Prayer, of course the meetings were nightly, and special meetings were held for some time after. But it was not till the end of February that, encouraged by the tokens in Antigonish, New Glasgow and River John, where God was vi-