

to the church for the sweet savor of Christ which they breathe, and they were very effective both in touching the conscience and in bringing peace to the soul. The testimony of many of the converts is that the hymns led them sweetly to Christ,—“I need thee, precious Jesus,”—“Happy day,”—“Jesus paid it all,”—“Rock of ages,”—“There is a fountain filled with blood,” and others, were the “new songs” in which those who had experienced the marvellous grace of Christ delighted to express their penitence, gratitude, affection, and joy.

It is now about two months since this work began, and, so far, it has borne fruit that gives every promise of permanency. As might be expected, some have been merely momentarily affected, and have fallen back into their former state of indifference to Christ and his salvation; but these are so far few, and are among those who have not used the private means of counsel, praying and reading the word of God, which are so necessary to the permanency and growth of gracious affections. It may be truly said that only those who have gone to the word of God for light and comfort, and who have continued in prayer, have found permanent peace. This also is true, that where dancing, card-playing and other personal and sensuous indulgences have not been sacrificed and abandoned, conversion has either been hindered or altogether arrested. It is evidently in regard to these and such like things that Christ's disciples are, in these days and in this country, required to deny themselves and to take up their cross daily.

Three tavern-keepers have abandoned the traffic in liquor to follow Christ, and many have given up the moderate use of wines and beer for Christ's sake and the gospel. Even smoking, I am happy to say, is being given up as an indulgence injurious to spiritual affections. One young convert said to me, “I have been able, God helping me, to resist another temptation and give up another indulgence of which I was very fond. I have given up smoking, twice I failed. The second time I thought; well, there are many pious ministers and christian people who smoke, why not I. So I smoked again. But I felt it did me injury; that it was not right; and, by the grace of God, this third time I have overcome the desire.” During this revival, I have been deeply impressed with the fact that all like indulgences and practices grieve the Spirit of God, and counteract his work.

As the result of this revival, many members have been added to the church of Christ. The most hopeful cases of conversion have been those who have been most carefully trained in church and home in the christian faith. They possessed knowledge, and, God giving them grace, they desired to commemorate Christ's dying love, and the churches found comfort in admitting them. Others not so well prepared are still under probation, and will in due time be gathered into the fold. The daily meetings have, since Mr. Hammond left, been given up; but there is still a prayer meeting held every morning, and a children's meeting every day, in the American Presbyterian Church, both of which are deeply interesting. The children show no lagging in their interest. After the ordinary meeting is over, which is conducted by experienced christians, the boys retire to one corner of the room and the girls to the other, and hold prayer meetings by themselves. It is pleasing to note with what simpli-