

suppress vice of every kind have been materially facilitated by the salutary example of several excellent young persons who came to the Academy in the possession of genuine piety. With the exception of these, however, none gave evidence, until very recently, of any earnest solicitude respecting the salvation of their souls. But, O, how sudden and sacred the change that has taken place! Prayer has become the chosen element of many to whom the family devotions of the lecture-room were, previously, so irksome that they would have deemed exemption from them a privilege. At the same time, it is gratifying to add, that the "godliness which is profitable to all things" has been specially manifested, on this occasion, in increased application to study and correspondent intellectual improvement.

The revival of the work of God, in the blessings of which we have been favoured to participate, commenced, as revivals generally do, in the church; and the torch which has diffused its heavenly radiance through our Institution, was kindled at the altar of the sanctuary. The first fruits of this gracious work, were two of the junior students,—both children of pious parents. Attracted by the reports of the conversions that had taken place at the chapel in the village, they obtained permission to attend one evening, and were deeply awakened to a sense of their sinful condition. Under the kind and appropriate instructions and prayers of the minister they soon experienced that the Lord is "a God ready to pardon," and were enabled to rejoice in the assurance of his forgiving love. Others, who had for some time suppressed their convictions, now yielded to them, and sought the Lord with the whole heart. The hallowed flame spread with rapidity; and the voice of fervent prayer was soon heard in every part of the Institution.

I can in no way so well delineate the characteristics of this "work of the Lord" as by briefly exhibiting some individual cases, in which, among others, the saving energy of the Holy Spirit has been displayed. In doing this, I shall, for obvious reasons, suppress names, and avoid any explicit local allusions—employing, for the sake of distinctness, alphabetical designations.

A. had been for about two years a member of the Wesleyan Society. He believes that, in the earlier period of his connexion with the Church, he enjoyed the testimony of adoption into the family of God. But he did not long retain this great blessing; and, although his association with the people of God continued, it was no longer with him "as in days past when the candle of the Lord shone upon his head." On entering the Academy, coming from some distance he thought he might very conveniently withdraw from the church by concealing the fact of his membership. He did so, and, as a natural consequence, gave up, almost entirely, attention to the private means of grace. In this state he found no rest. He has been led deeply to mourn his departure from God, who has heard his cry and restored to him the joy of his salvation.

B. is a youth of superior parts and an amiable disposition. When at home, about two years since, he felt for a time much concern for his soul; and at a protracted meeting went forward to the altar among the penitents, but did not obtain the blessing of pardon.—His convictions soon wore off; and he remained, till the revival commenced in the Academy, in a state of indifference. Awakened anew, and much more powerfully, he earnestly sought redemption in Christ. The indications of his conversion to God are most clear and satisfactory. May the Lord, who has blessed him, make him a blessing!—Amen.

C. is the son of parents whose example, instructions and prayers have concurred to train him in the way in which he should go. But, without the divine blessing, the best means are inefficient. That blessing has not been withheld. He was the first, I

think, to experience salvation in the present revival. It seldom occurs that the convictions of one so young are so poignant as his were. His deliverance was correspondingly blessed and triumphant. He appears to walk closely with God.

D. is also the son of pious parents, who have been for many year members of the Wesleyan Society, and whose letters to me evince their deep solicitude for his salvation. Their prayer is heard, and they have their heart's supreme desire concerning their son. He was the subject of serious impressions at different periods, and particularly about four years ago; but his good desires and purposes were evanescent as "the morning cloud." Deep for a season was the distress of his mind, but the "Sun of Righteousness" arose upon him, "with healing in his wings," and dispelled his guilty fears. Soon after, he was tempted to question the soundness of his conversion. The temptation excited him to greater importunity at a throne of grace, and resulted in the confirmation of his faith, and the more entire decision of his character.

The effusion of divine influence on the young ladies resident in the Academy has been equally copious and efficient. I select a few instances from many:

A. has been for several years convinced that religion is the one thing needful, but has lived without its enjoyment. Soon after the revival commenced, she became deeply concerned to obtain the divine favour. In her distress I was called to visit her, I found her surrounded by pious female friends who were pouring out their hearts before God in her behalf. She painfully felt her situation as a sinner. Her mental anguish was extreme. She wrestled with God in "mighty prayer." She seemed to think that the crisis of her eternal destiny had come; and, exhausted with devotional effort, she would occasionally stop. These pauses were to my mind even more impressive than her most fervent cries for salvation. I feared that, in the apprehension of the trembling suppliant, the night of despair was setting in, to extinguish the last lingering ray of hope. But blessed be God, by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, she was enabled to "obtain mercy, and find grace to help, in her time of need." The shadow of death that environed her soul was turned into the light of the morning. Her eye beamed with joy, her whole countenance appeared as if irradiated with heavenly lustre. She holds fast her confidence, and will, I trust, adorn her profession.

B. was present when the preceding conversion took place. She entered the room without any anxiety on the subject of religion, but the spirit of God took the veil from her heart, and gave her a clear perception of her need of pardoning and regenerating grace. She began to "call upon the name of the Lord." Encouraged by what He was doing for her fellow-students, she resolved to continue her supplications for mercy, until, like them, she could say, "O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me." Through the efficacy of the atonement, she had "power with God, and prevailed."

C. for a time withstood the affectionate remonstrances of her juvenile friends, and the indirect but potent appeals for her conversion to God. At length, at a prayer meeting she was constrained to cry for mercy. She felt that, in order to obtain a manifestation of the forgiving love of God, it behoved her to give up every thing wrong;—that, without this, she could not exercise the faith which saves. This she was willing to do with only one reservation. The pleasure to be derived from novel reading, she thought she could not resign. But finding that, while she regarded even this unhallowed practise in her heart, the Lord would not hear her prayer, she determined to abandon that also, and was immediately enabled to "believe in the saving of the soul."

D. writes to me, "I ever bless God who has received a new heart. There is a deep peace in my soul, but the sense is their out of that blessing. I was led, not to let my soul. A Lord blessed was his child. But I must attend, I feel that my affliction has wrought a character of by whose power, Lord, ye his his command his word. ministers of all his work the Lord, O Christian salutation the Gospel."

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