

in his heart, the mere credence of scripture doctrines, though it may exercise a salutary restraint over his conduct, keeping him from the commission of gross crimes, will not avail to the obtainment of the divine favour or securement of actual salvation in time or eternity. Something more than an historic faith is necessary to salvation: there must be a sincere repentance of sin accompanied with an actual trust in Christ for pardon, followed by forgiveness, regeneration and peace. Then the Gospel is felt to be the power of God unto salvation. The privileges of the Christian religion should be rightly apprehended, industriously sought, and joyfully obtained. Without this, there is danger. He, who neglects this course, is exposing himself to an endless punishment: "he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." May the class of persons now addressed be persuaded to seek the establishment in their hearts of that kingdom which "is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost"! Thus they shall know from happy experience that "the doctrine" is of "God."

They who have felt the Gospel to be the power of God to their salvation should prize the christian system above all price. What wonders has it wrought within you? From what bondage and misery has it delivered you? What happiness has it conferred upon you? With what glorious hopes hath it inspired you? Then love this religion—adore this religion—obey this religion—recommend this religion. Exemplify its power—exhibit its influence, in your tempers, words, and actions—so that whilst you have the "witness in yourselves," that it is divine, you may, by your walk through life, be living proofs to all, that the religion of Christ is not a "cunningly devised fable," but a sober and blessed reality. Then "wisdom will be justified of her children";—and you will have the honour of demonstrating practically, that "revelation has done that for man, which neither reason nor philanthropy could effect."

Guysborough, October 3, 1838.

REMINISCENCES.

THE RISE, PROGRESS, AND ESTABLISHMENT, OF WESLEYAN METHODISM, IN THE GUYSBOROUGH CIRCUIT, NOVA-SCOTIA.

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INTELLIGENCE having unexpectedly reached this place, of a Wesleyan preacher being stationed at River John,—a letter was immediately penned, to be forwarded, in hope that some arrangement could be made with him, to receive a visit during the autumn. But, ere it was despatched, to the further surprise and great joy of those, whose most lively interests were in spiritual things,—the Rev. Mr. Webb, accompanied by Mr. Hennigar, arrived at Guysborough, on the 1st day of August, 1828, and were gratefully received, and accommodated under the roof of Mr. F. Cook. On inquiry, it was found, that Mr. Webb had been sent out the autumn previous, express for Manchester; but on his arrival at Halifax—for reasons which need not be mentioned—he was sent to Prince Edward Island, and then to River John. This intelligence seemed only to reveal with increased clearness, another ray of the divine power and faithfulness, while the dawn of a brighter day was manifestly beginning to appear. The public Court House was obtained, as the most commodious place for wor-

ship, the ensuing Sabbath, where a large congregation assembled. In the morning, the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus was expounded by Mr. Hennigar; and in the evening, by the Rev. Mr. Webb, the solemn declaration explained—"For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceaseth for ever." Psalm xlix. 8. The ensuing week, subscriptions were entered into, and a meeting held,—at which some of the most respectable gentlemen of the town, (members of the Church of England) attended—to make arrangements for the erection of a Wesleyan chapel. After a visit of eight days, in which every thing seemed to facilitate the one thing to be accomplished, Messrs. Webb and Hennigar returned to River John; the former, to make arrangements with the people, for the probability of his leaving them that winter. In a short time, a letter was received from the Chairman of the District, with the cheering intelligence, that the Rev. Mr. Webb was to return to Guysboro', and remain till the following spring: in the interim, to superintend the building of the chapel—which was accordingly done. The ground on which it was erected had been presented as a gift, by the late Thomas Cutler, Esquire. The building was solemnly dedicated to "Him, who dwelleth not in temples made with hands", November 1st, 1829. Service commenced at 11 o'clock, by singing an appropriate hymn to the divine glory; followed by the lessons, selected from the 6th chapter of the 1st Book of Chronicles, and 132nd Psalm—preparatory to which, the attention of the congregation was arrested for a few moments, to some impressive and congratulatory remarks, by the Rev. Mr. Cranswick, in reference to the solemn occasion, on which the people were assembled. At that part of the first lesson, where it is written,—"And Solomon kneeled down upon his knees," the congregation were directed to kneel, and continue in that supplicating posture, until the close of this awfully sublime, comprehensive, and affecting prayer! which terminated in extempore supplications, responded from aspiring hearts, then bowed at the footstool of divine mercy. These devotional exercises were succeeded by an impressive discourse, calculated to inform the judgment, awaken the conscience, and affect the heart, by the Rev. Matthew Cranswick, from the eighth verse of the second lesson,—"Arise, O Lord, into thy rest: thou and the ark of thy strength. Let thy people be clothed with righteousness, and let thy saints shout for joy." Service was continued in the afternoon, by an appropriate and interesting sermon,—delivered by Mr. Hennigar, from 2nd book of Chronicles, 4th chapter, 24th verse: "If thy people Israel be put to the worse before their enemies, because they have sinned against thee, and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this place, then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel." And in the evening, by a very able discourse, from the Rev. William Webb,—"The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." 69th Psalm, 9th verse. The whole was crowned by the divine blessing, in the administration of the Lord's Supper to eight repentant or believing souls. There was a leading feature in the services of this memorable day, which could not but arrest the attention of the reflecting mind, and which, to the pious heart, in the exercise of faith, seemed as an assurance of the divine favour, a pledge of mercy yet to come;—it was, that united "spirit of interceding grace," which manifestly possessed the souls of those ministers of the sanctuary, in behalf of the congregation then assembled; the inhabitants of Guysborough in general; and the building dedicated in particular,—that the divine blessing might rest upon them! the divine mercy in the gift of salvation be eventually received, and that the divine power of the Most High might overshadow. And truly it hath pleased the Lord to hear and fulfil the petitions of these his servants:—"the grace of God which bringeth salvation," having been revealed in the hearts of many since that day, through