

ed that a good work is going forward in the capital of Ireland. That conversions are taking place in greater numbers than usual hitherto, that a deeper seriousness prevails among the people, that ministers themselves, when they are at all in earnest, preach more directly and fervently, and to larger numbers, are facts attested beyond the possibility of question. At the same time, there is no overwhelming popular movement, and there have been no marked or decided "bodily manifestations." There are, however, it is believed, by those most intimately conversant with the state of things in that city, two features of its condition on which the eye of faith and hope may satisfactorily repose. The first is the amount of energy and earnestness that is infused into the various congregational operations, in preaching, Sabbath-schools, and young men's associations. Here it is that the real steady work of grace is being carried on, and the truth brought into contact with the heart and conscience. The second is, the amount of prayer now offered up in meetings held for that specific purpose. "I have a list before me," says a friend, to whom I am indebted largely for the above information, "of fifty of those meetings, most of them unconnected with congregations, and many more, congregational and otherwise, might be added. A gentleman, for instance, throws open his drawing-rooms; the young men of a congregation meet by themselves in one place, the young women in another; in others, the young men of large commercial houses by themselves; and others, an increasing band of God's people, are crying unto Him for the blessing that has gladdened so many hearts. A feeling of expectation of great things grows in many minds, and if the whole movement is regarded by some as savouring of excitement and dissent, it is looked upon by others, and these the bulk of the Christian people, as to be earnestly sought and heartily rejoiced in as a great good from the hand of the Lord."

In some more southern districts there are pleasing indications of a revived religious interest. In common with several brethren appointed to that duty by the General Assembly to visit the south and west, for the express purpose of communicating information in regard to the work of grace in

Ulster, I had, a few weeks since, an opportunity of addressing large and attentive audiences—the work assigned me being in the counties of Wexford, Waterford, Tipperary, Limerick and Clare; and though there did not appear to be any decided awakening in these districts, the interest created, and the sympathy evinced by all denominations in the statements submitted, could not but be regarded as a token for good.

Thus it is that the work of grace is spreading and perpetuating in our land.—This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. Our country, so long depressed, has of late years been emerging with unprecedented rapidity into a condition of extraordinary temporal prosperity, and now, by the visitation from on high, which has descended upon her, she has been lifted up into a new position before the nations. May not all that has been witnessed among her people be but the commencement of a mighty wave of life, that shall sweep on in swelling majesty, till it has laved the shores of every continent and island of the sea, and carried as in a spring tide of salvation, the healing waters of salvation over all the earth?

FROM WALES.

There is scarcely a county in the Principality of Wales, says the Rev. John Venn, of Hereford, in which there has not been, in the course of the last two years or so, a work of grace more or less remarkable.

In some counties the work has truly been marvellous and glorious beyond all precedent. In others it has been confined to a very limited district, and left the great body of the people untouched.

There have been no great leaders in this movement, and no organization. No preachers of burning zeal and stirring eloquence have gone about awakening the population. The Spirit of God has wrought in a more unusual, and in, as it would appear to us, a more sovereign manner.

Sometimes a whole congregation has been deeply moved "under the ordinary ministrations."

Sometimes at a prayer-meeting, especially a "united" prayer-meeting, the spirit of conviction has come down upon almost every heart. "The second week in January," writes the Rev. E. Edwards, Baptist minister, at Llanelly, "the memorable week of universal and united prayer, was a season of wonderful power in this place. Two of the meetings