

COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEW YEAR.

“Spared by the mercy of Almighty God to see the commencement of another year, and not knowing whether I shall not be called to give an account of my stewardship before it is done, I desire in humble confidence to commit my way unto the Lord, having his promise, ‘I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.’ May He warm my heart with the glow of hope, brighten my prospects in dark seasons, and quicken my lingering footsteps in the way of life.

“*January 2nd.*—I set out this morning purposing to spend the day with my poor friends at Jegoggin, in their chapel or school-house, but in this I was disappointed, as, after breaking my way through the deep snow as far as the Bay, where I had hoped to find a boat in waiting, there was a regular gale of wind, which prevented my crossing, though after waiting an hour a boat hove in sight, coming down the same side on which I was. On their reaching me I was assured by them, that in consequence of their being no track on the other side through the deep snow, it would be so very late in the day before I could reach my destination, even if it were practicable, that the people would not expect me. I was therefore reluctantly compelled to return home.

VISIT FROM A SUPERINTENDANT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

“*January 22nd.*—To day a Superintendent of two of our Sunday-schools visited me, to tell his joys and sorrows, hopes and fears. ‘My whole mind,’ he said, ‘is in the work; I try everything I can think of, to get the scholars to attend, and to study their Bibles and Sunday lessons; and I often talk to their parents, about the fine chance they have of getting their children taught in the Sabbath Schools, but some do not appear half as anxious as the youngsters; sometimes I am cast down when few attend, and then again when they all attend, I take courage; and yet,’ said he, ‘they do attend as well as they can, so many this winter cannot get anything to put on their feet. And I have cause to thank God, that in their houses, the Scriptures are read, and family worship kept up, when it never was before you came about, but song singing and idle talk was common.’ I was glad to find this poor, but, I trust, truly excellent man, so earnest in the work. I have every reason to believe, that he is endeavouring to adorn his profession. He is very exemplary in his family, and useful in the neighbourhood.

CIRCULATION OF BIBLES, TRACTS, &c. GOOD RESULTS.

“The Bibles, Testaments, Prayer and Hymn Books, together with the *Libraries* placed at several of my stations, and the