

Church with a very small membership. And the members are so widely separated from each other, and living at such distances from the places of worship that it is very difficult for them to keep alive a religious interest among themselves when there is no one laboring with them. And when one visits a people that have been for a length of time without the gospel ministry he is almost sure to find a great degree of coldness and indifference with reference to holy and sacred duties. But the heart of the missionary is cheered when in the performance of his work he finds that his christian hearers are desirous and willing to throw off their sluggishness and again gird on the christian armor. And until this is the case with professed believers in the Lord Jesus, we cannot with consistency hope or pray for an ingathering of souls. The men of the world are not so ignorant as not to know what a christian should be. And when they see the life of Christ exhibited in the lives and conduct of professors, they are attracted and an influence is at work, which, by the power of the Holy Spirit will effect a glorious result.

But when these little churches are left for so long a time without a shepherd the labors of a missionary for a few weeks are to a great extent unavailing to the outside world. For oftentimes as soon, or shortly after, an interest is manifested on the part of the church, a coming up to duty and taking hold and laboring with us, the time allotted for our mission has passed by and other duties force us to come away.

I offer these thoughts as suggestive of my own experience while laboring with those kind people.

I had large and attentive congregations. On one occasion a large assembly of people gathered at the baptismal waters, where a deep solemnity seemed to prevail. And one young man who was determined to follow his Lord and Master, was buried with Christ in baptism by Rev. E. B. Corey.

The churches were thankful to the Board for again remembering them, and they still hope that in the future they may not be forgotten.

ISAAC R. SKINNER.

Preached 34 sermons, attended 8 prayer and conference meetings, made 134 family visits, baptized 1, distributed 280 pages of tracts, travelled 580 miles, collected \$54.97, travelling expenses \$6.80.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

LITTLE RIVER, May 15th, 1873.

R. N. Beckwith, Esq.,—

We commenced special services at Wallace Bridge on the 19th of March. The Lord was pleased to hear and answer prayer in behalf of those who had wandered and poor sinners were quickened and made alive.

We held meetings in the above named place four weeks and much good was done. Eager listeners crowded the building every