

Meetings, at the commencement of this year, in connection with our Lancaster congregation. This resolution was carried into effect. Meetings for prayer were commenced, which, at the outset, were better attended than was expected. The Pastor of the congregation addressed the people on subjects corresponding to those suggested by the Evangelical Alliance for the occasion; and prayers were offered by office-bearers and members of the Church.

Thus matters went on till Thursday, Jan. 7th, when evident tokens of the Spirit's presence were manifested. The minister, seeing many of his hearers impressed with the truth, intimated his willingness to wait after the meeting in the church, and converse with individuals anxious about their salvation. The result was, three individuals availed themselves of the opportunity; two of them were members in full communion. The following evening other anxious persons joined them, and thus the good work went on, gaining more and more interest, and making deeper and deeper impressions, until it drew the attention of the inhabitants of the place, and became the conversation almost in every family. People came out to see and hear in masses, many of whom were not in a church for years before. Many of those who came, when they 'had seen the grace of God were glad,' others were amazed and doubted, some mocked, and others believed. The church became so intensely crowded that the door and windows had to be thrown open as if it were mid-summer; and so eager were the people to hear the Word, that when no entrance could be had into the house of God, they would wait outside, about the windows and door for hours in the frost and snow.

Anxious inquirers also increased in numbers; so much so, that both minister and elders, and other godly people were strained to their utmost in their efforts to converse with them. *One*, and sometimes *two*, o'clock of the morning would arrive before a few words of truth could be addressed to each anxious individual. But though the meetings were held to such late hours, for the space of two months; yet to the praise of God be it recorded, those actively engaged were not exhausted. The pastor was able to attend and address each meeting, after spending a portion of the day in conversing with inquirers who came to him for his counsels, or visiting some families in distress of mind in the surrounding neighbourhood. To him the promise was indeed fulfilled, "As thy day is, so shall thy strength be."

Dalhousie Mills has also enjoyed a portion of the blessing. On the arrival of Mr. Grant, a student from Knox College, whose services are of much value, it was resolved to wait and plead with God in our Church there, for the outpouring of the Spirit on that place. Nor did we wait long. We 'being found in the way,' the Lord visited us. On the very first meeting, tokens were given of the presence of his Spirit. Meetings similar to those at Lancaster were held, till the roads became impassable, but the result was very cheering. Many have been led to cry out 'what must we do to be saved,' and many give hopeful evidences of 'having found Him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets did write.'

But I must conclude, my sketch is longer than I intended it to be. As the result of this season of grace in both congregations, I may state that a very large number of people, comprising old and young, have according to their own profession, obtained peace in believing; people of God have been wonderfully revived; parents that never bent their knees before their families in prayer have now altars for the God of Jacob in their houses; local, or district meetings for prayer have been got up by the people themselves, their number I cannot at present tell, pupils in some day-schools spent their hour of play in the woods, pouring out their hearts together in prayer to God, and reading His blessed Word, and others of them spend an hour together in the school-house, in the same spiritual exercises, after their thoughtless companions are dismissed. Individuals long at variance with one another have made up their differences, and the Bible is read, and the preaching of the Word is attended to in a way never witnessed before in this place. Such then, dear