

enough. Filled up with such work as has been described the summer and autumn months passed by. All classes of society shared in the blessing. At the first it was the laboring classes who seemed to be most favored. By and by, the rich and respectable received the blessing in as large a measure; while among the young it was a season of decided and most special quickening. There were doubtless some extravagancies and abuses in such a time of excitement. But then, after all, were like the dashes of foam on the surface of the swollen current, which by its overflow left behind a scene of spiritual verdure and fruitfulness.

At the close of the year the writer says: "Up to this day there is a continued earnestness, and a growing zeal. Some have shown that their profession was false, but their number is small now, and their evidences in the main were never clear. The actual good is less noticed by men because the larger proportion of the real converts were not openly immoral before. The greatest blessing is not the blessing seen, though there is enough to disprove every doubter. Sabbath Schools have been increased and invigorated. A town mission has been instituted. Prayer meetings are very numerous, and family worship generally observed. Church accommodation has been almost universally found insufficient, while the off-setting resorts of pleasure are greatly deserted. Though the bursting rush of the life spring is lessened, its calm deep flow runs on in a widening stream."

This is an attractive picture, one we desire to see realized in all our Churches. And have we not the same treasury of grace open to us? Can we not reach the same sources of revival and spiritual life? "There are two ways," says the same writer, "of closing a revival story. On man's side, the fittest response is a universal doxology; but the word of the glorified brings a lesson to the heart. Gently reproving past indifference, He says, 'O ye of little faith, wherefore did ye doubt?' Here is another plea for unfeigned confidence. Who will not profit by the lesson and answer to the call?"

That season of revival in the north of Ireland must always hold its place as a special work of grace, one wherein most manifestly before all men the power of the Divine Spirit was gloriously displayed. As only one result of it, in the space of about six months there were added to about three hundred Presbyterian congregations not less than eleven thousand communicants. This was but a portion of the whole, for every other evangelical denomination shared in the blessing; though none apparently in such large and full measure as our own beloved Church. (*The remaining portion of the lecture, dealing with the work of revival in Scotland will follow.*)

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LETTER FROM THE REV. G. L. MCKAY.

Tamsui, Formosa, China, Oct. 4th, 1872.

REV. WILLIAM REID,

MY DEAR SIR,—I have just received two letters from you, one came by the English and the other by the American mail. I am glad that you have some money on hand for circulating the scriptures in China. There is not in the whole empire a district more needy than Northern Formosa,