

but at the same time that its success has not been in proportion to the labours bestowed. It has generally been rather the seed-time of hope than the harvest of a blessed realization. Nevertheless the servants of the Lord have not laboured in vain nor spent their strength for naught. On the contrary, we now behold the blessed results of their labours, their tears and prayers in the conversion of many precious souls.

The Lord has manifested his mercy in several instances to this people, especially about five years since, during the ministry of Rev. Robert Young; but the work at that time was neither so rapid nor extensive as at the present. For the last three years, the work has evidently been on the decline, and seems to have fallen to its lowest ebb about six months since. At that time my feelings of discouragement were great, such indeed as are known only to those who are similarly circumstanced. I almost regretted that several months must elapse before I could remove from a station, where my labours appeared to have been so little owned of God, to the salvation of my fellow creatures; and concluded that one only means remained to be tried in addition to those already in operation, and that was, to besiege the throne of grace, with all the power of prayer. Accordingly we arranged for a few friends, chiefly young men, to meet at my house every Monday evening, to unite in prayer to God for this special object. We were much blessed in our own souls, and greatly encouraged by seeing a few individuals brought to God. Still our cry was for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, to revive the work of God in Windsor. I was much blessed in my public labours, especially about a fortnight before the present work began, while preaching from *Zacharias iv. 6-7*, "Who art thou, O great Mountain? Before Zernhale thou shalt become a plain." We hailed these manifestations of mercy, as the droppings which usu-

ally portend a gracious shower, and encouraged each other to perseverance; but the manner in which it pleases God to manifest his power and love is always a subject of admiration and gratitude, and cannot fall to call forth the unfeigned homage of those especially, who have been made the subjects of his saving mercy. Such is the case at present: business calling me to Halifax the first week in the month, I found it impracticable to get back in time for the Sabbath-day labours, and therefore prevailed with my young friend, John McMurray, to come up and take my place. His very youthful appearance, solemn manner, and energetic appeals made a deep and powerful impression upon the congregation. Advantage was wisely taken of this, and a prayer meeting held immediately after the preaching, at which time three persons professed to have found peace with God. The next evening 5 more were blessed in a similar manner, and the evening following a much greater number. Prayer meetings were held every evening of the week, and the Lord was present to wound and to heal, so that it is supposed that about fifty persons experienced a blessed change that week besides a great number who were in distress of mind. What hath God wrought! To his name be ascribed all the glory. From that time to the present moment the work has been advancing, so that we now number nearly eighty persons who enjoy that peace which passeth all understanding.

Fifteen of the above persons were in society previously, but did not enjoy a sense of their acceptance with God at the time; seven or eight were backsliders from God and his church, but are now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of their souls. Persons of all denominations and ages have been subjects of this blessed work. In these meetings for prayer, were to be seen aged persons with streaming eyes, and the youth of tender age, with every intermediate gradation, uniting to sing aloud the high praises of our