

## ON SLOW

Could readily supply ample work for two men. Still Bro. W. C. Washington, M. A., toils on, endeavoring to sustain the numerous appointments. It is painful to one who desires to see vital religion progressing, to behold those institutions adapted and designed to promote it, occupying an unpromising position, where the Methodist ministers *only*, for years before a village was thought of in the locality, supplied the settlers with the Word of Life, but now, for want of a suitable residence for the Missionary in the village, or from some other cause, Methodism is placed at a disadvantage, and therefore shunned by some who are ready to inquire, "By whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small?" The roofed frame of a church, partly enclosed, has been standing in the village for two or three years, but for want of funds has advanced no further towards completion. We have a few interesting people in the village and at the various appointments, who cheerfully aid the efforts of their ministers to promote the work of God in their midst.

When I commenced this article I designed, more particularly, to write respecting the

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On this District, than which I think we have not within the bounds of the Conference a more spiritually successful, interesting, and promising field. There are numerous fruits, genuine converts, and faithful members, who honor their profession by consistent and devoted lives, beside some ripe sheaves already garnered in heaven amid the songs of the reapers.

Since we entered upon this Mission, two ministers belonging to other denominations have come to labor among the people, which in some respects I fear has rather tended to retard than promote the cause of Christ. It is pleasing, however, that our brethren have no difficulty in ascertaining what is their duty, as God has evidently opened for them a wide and effectual door.

From among numerous instances of religious awakenings and conversions, which have taken place, and which strikingly exemplify the power of

Divine Grace upon the human heart, I select the following :—

A Mrs. Brown, a widow, when the ministers of Christ visited her neighborhood, was much opposed to the work of God, and did all in her power to resist and destroy it. Being naturally of a strong will and warm temper, for a time she excited a most violent opposition, notwithstanding the Lord owned the labours of His servants, and a blessed revival took place. At last the influence of the Holy Spirit reached her heart, conviction seized her, she cried aloud for mercy, declaring her "sins lay like a mountain on her soul and must complete her ruin." She literally wrestled all night in prayer, and as the morning light dawned upon the land, the light of salvation broke in upon her mind, she rejoiced in the witness of her justification before God, and soon after started out to declare to her neighbours what a glorious change she had experienced. She was one of the first to join the class formed in the place.

Her death, which has recently occurred, was as victorious as her conversion was striking. With a smiling countenance she sang the praises of God while her strength continued. Shortly before her departure she called upon the bystanders to unite with her in a hymn of thanksgiving. Soon after which her happy spirit triumphantly passed to the mansions of the blessed. The scene was so overpowering that a German unbeliever present exclaimed, "Now I believe in religion! I will now seek the Lord!"

Sometime ago a gracious revival of religion commenced at one of the appointments. Satan roared against it, and raised such a tempest of opposition that it was feared everything would be torn to pieces. A young woman who, after a desperate conflict, was powerfully converted, was soon after so overcome by the persecutions of her relatives, that she turned aside from Christ, instantly she lost all comfort, and nearly her reason. As this was somewhat a peculiar case, the adversary seemed for a time to triumph, and the flame of hostility burst out with redoubled fury against the good work. Meanwhile the revival progressed, and when this person came to herself and