

Part of "Lord, I hear of showers of blessing" was then sung, after which Mr. Hunt offered up an earnest prayer.

Rev. Dr. Marrable, rector of St. Michael's, prayed for a blessing on the work that has begun, and that God would draw His own saints into nearer communion and fellowship with Him.

After a few verses of "Lord, I hear of showers of blessing" had been sung, there was an interval of silent prayer, which was followed by Mr. Sankey leading the assembly in prayer.

Rev. Mr. Wilson, President of the Primitive Methodists Conference, continued in supplication at the mercy seat, and after Mr. Sankey had rendered, with much pathos, "Nothing but leaves," pronounced the benediction.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

TO THE SESSION OF

Dear Brethren:—At the General Assembly in June, instructions were given to the Committee on the State of Religion "to mature, and set in operation as soon as possible, a scheme for special evangelistic services."

It is, however, within the knowledge of the committee that much has already been done in this direction by the Committees on the State of Religion in several of the Synods. In some of the Synods questions for the eliciting of necessary information, and directions for the holding of evangelistic services have been forwarded to every session within their bounds. In some congregations evangelistic services, or continuous meetings for prayer, praise, preaching of the Word, and conference with those seeking guidance or instruction, have been held, and a rich blessing has accompanied efforts thus put forth in dependence on Divine grace. While we rejoice in thinking of thousands in Britain, let us not forget to give thanks to God for hundreds in our own land who have, as a result of such services, been brought under the power of the truth as it is in Jesus. In some localities that have not yet been so signally blessed, a spirit of inquiry is awakened, an interest in spiritual things unknown before is manifested, and the prayer is going up from many hearts, "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in Thee?"

To the sessions of congregations in which such work is in progress, we would say, "The Lord bless and prosper you in this work." Wait not for instructions, or for any action on the part of the committee, but go on prayerfully and hopefully in the work to which the Lord is calling you. We would suggest, in this connection, that this work should be carried on under the careful and continual supervision of sessions, and, as far as may be, without any marked or undue deviation from the modes of gospel ministration in ordinary use in the Church.

To sessions that are desirous of securing help for the commencement or prosecution of such work, we would say that on application to the Convener of the Committee on the State of Religion *in their own Synod*,* they will be told of brethren willing to go to their aid for such time as may be deemed desirable.

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Synod of Hamilton, Rev. Thos. Lowry, Brantford, Ont.

Synod of London, Rev. J. W. Mitchell, Mitchell, Ont.