

During this period, too, *five* valuable members have been dismissed to unite elsewhere, and not one has been added to our membership, nor has the church been in a live spiritual condition. Still we have had no unhappy feuds and contentions, no cases of manifest defection, no diminution of Sabbath congregations, or attendance on means of instruction, and, within the last few weeks, there is a degree of religious interest in one part of the field, two or three miles from Danville, which leads us to hope that souls will come to the fold of Christ.

I have great pleasure in hearing a few of the youths in that neighbourhood say that they have chosen Christ as their master.

The church in Little Warwick has maintained regular Sabbath services in the capacity of a Sabbath school and a prayer meeting, and thus far we have had much occasion for gratitude in seeing how the Lord has led them on. Two members were added to their communion on the last Sabbath, and God was worshipped in their comfortable house, erected for a school, and adapted and used as a place of worship, just now finished.

I have recently passed a Sabbath with the church at Inverness, and had a most precious though solemn parting, meeting with our friend and brother, A. McKillop the student, who, six days after, passed away to his long home. It was a privilege to visit such a death-bed. For the last three weeks I have attended fully as many public services as there have been days—part of these at home and part abroad, and work is still multiplying rather than being finished.

We have some hope that our labour will not be wholly in vain in the Lord. Our 25th Anniversary, observed in November last, was a pleasant and I believe profitable convocation."

In April, 1858, Mr. Parker further reports:—

"In reporting for the four months now closed, I would say they have been months of labor, and months of comparative prosperity. Seldom have I attended more services for preaching and prayer in the same period than during the months just past.

In a small section of my field, embracing two School Districts, a noiseless and solemn work of grace has been in progress, and a small number of persons led hopefully to embrace Jesus as their Saviour. Sixteen have confessed Christ before man, and become members of the church in Danville. Yet in the village and its immediate vicinity, the community have been but too little moved. Our weekly prayer meetings, and the Sabbath school prayer meeting, exhibit some signs of improvement, though less marked than we could desire. The brethren, I hope, are dwelling together in unity. Other denominations are bestowing more labor in the field than in former years; but our Sabbath services are scarcely lessened in number or interest.

Could I see a revival of benevolence and consecration, in reference to the support and spread of the gospel, according to the New Testament standard, my heart would be doubly glad.

The little church in Warwick, C. E., is holding on its way, and the wilderness that blossomed a year ago is not disappointing our hope. Three have been added to that little band, and meetings are so conducted and sustained among themselves, when destitute of preaching, as to gladden our heart and encourage our hopes; yet we have asked too little, and received too little in these times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."