

the Prodigal Son to them, and afterwards made remarks thereon. This had an effect, for the tears came streaming down her face, while the husband sat in the most solemn silence. I now prayed with them, after which I bade them good-bye, hoped that God would help the interview thus closed to their good.

BOLTON, ETC.—I was in Bolton and Grass Road, where I had two meetings; the distance is about 9 miles apart. The meetings were not largely attended, there being but 8 persons present at the first, and 10 at the second. I preached on the necessity of knowing God's word in order to be saved. Was at Granby; congregation 22 persons. In the afternoon I went to Shefford Mountain, where I held a preaching service followed by a prayer-meeting—attendance, 10 persons. At Adamsville, preached and held a prayer-meeting—attendance 15. Three of the persons joined in the prayer-meeting. Was again at Granby. The attendance was rather large. I preached from Daniel xii. 10: the necessity of being co-workers with Christ in order to the redemption of our race. We had a good prayer-meeting at Bolton. Considering the importance of visiting, I have followed it very closely. I have visited in Adamsville, 10 families; Shefford Plain, 7; Granby, 8; Waterloo, 11; Bolton, 13. These are families beyond our own people. They are, in this sense, on new ground.

FROM LATER COMMUNICATIONS.

KNOWLTON.—In Sutton I have preached during the month 5 times; 3 times in the open air, and visited some families. *West Broms*, preached once and gave tracts. The people seemed much interested. *Bolton Mine*, I preached in the open air to a very large company. After the service they came to speak to me on the subject of religion. In this way we conversed for a long time. They wanted to know if confession to the priest was enjoined in the Bible. I told them no, that it was not in any Bible, Protestant or Catholic. "Well," but they said, "if that be so, the priest must have told us what was not true." I said to them, you must judge for yourselves.

Potton, preached once, and visited for 3 days, distributing tracts. May the Lord bless the work!

SINGULAR CONVERSATION.

In visiting from house to house, I had many conversations with the people. In one house the man said, "The Protestant religion was too late to be good." I asked him to explain his meaning. He then asked me, where was my religion before Luther? I showed him my Bible and said, Sir, my religion and that of every good Protestant, is now, and has always been, within the covers of this book. This book is our guide, and St. Paul says, "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." He said, "Don't you think that our religion is in the Bible, as well as yours?" I said, No, sir, you cannot show me in any place in the Bible a sanction for praying to the Virgin Mary and the Saints, purgatory, works of supererogation, confession in the ear of the Priest, transubstantiation, and many other things that are preached in the Church of Rome. "Well," he said, "you have no sacraments; you do not believe in the real presence when you go to communion, and you use common bread and wine." I said, You will not blame us for doing exactly what our Divine Master did. I then read the passage, 1 Cor. xi. 23, 26. I said, now, Sir, you see he (our Lord) did distribute it in both kinds, bread and wine, saying, Do this, as oft as you do it, in remembrance of me. "Yes," said he, "but did He not say, that 'except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you?'" I said, Yes; but he said also, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life;" and we are no more to understand Him in a strict literal sense in this than when He says, I am the door; or, I am the way; or, I am the vine. Our blessed Lord had a spiritual meaning in what He then said. Besides, the psalmist says, in prophesying of Christ, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy One to see corruption." But this would not be the case were