

the time, and we are willing to go anywhere for the blessed Jesus. It is perfect glory in our souls. We are going to have special prayer for you and the Band movement at large to-night at our prayer-meeting.

GEO. REID.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

Culverlands, Golden Road,
Clifton (Eng.), Jan. 26, 1886

Dear Mr. Savage,—I was so glad to get yours of Dec. 27, and to hear that the Lord is still prospering the work on all hands. He has not forgotten us in this corner of His vineyard. The last two weeks have been rich with blessing. A real work of the Holy Spirit is being done. We are having meetings for young people in Clifton, amongst the upper classes; and the boys' and young men's services have been most touching. When I get back to work in Canada I shall try to have more of these meetings, especially for young men. They are most fruitful. We have to work on different lines with different classes of people, and with this class we have to be most careful; but last Saturday evening, while speaking to them from Ps. xl. 2, 3, the power of the Lord was present to wound and heal. More than a score remained behind, inquiring "what they must do to be saved," most of whom went away, after conversation and prayer, rejoicing in Jesus as their own Saviour. Oh, how grand to see these young fellows deciding to spend their lives in His service! What an influence and power they must be in a few years either for good or evil! How I long, nevertheless, to be again in the dear old Band work! With all its difficulties it is a most blessed work, although it seems sometimes to me to be too awfully solemn work for me to dare to touch, and yet I cannot help it. I must preach, and tell others of this great salvation. "Knowing, therefore, the terrors of the Lord, we persuade men." O for more power to plead with poor dying souls, as ambassadors for God! But what manner of persons ought we to be? Do continue to pray for me, that I may be enabled to live and preach always in the power of the Holy Ghost.

Many thanks for sending me dear Bro. Lamb's letter. May the Lord greatly encourage and bless the dear fellow, and give him companions and help in the work. It is too much for one alone, and "He sent

them out two and two." I have not heard from my boys with dear Moody. They are so taken up with the rich blessing the Lord is giving them, that I suppose they have little time to think of an absent comrade. Am glad to hear of dear Hugh and Jimmie Sergeant and all the other dear comrades. However, many are drafting off to the ministry. Band work seems a regular nursery for it; but I wonder that some don't think of missionary work and fields.

Remember me in Christian love to dear Glover and to all the comrades. May they "live for God;" for we are not our own, but bought with a price—and what a price! I must close now, with many prayers and wishes for you and all your fellow-laborers.

"Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee."

Yours, in the bonds of the gospel,

HANDLEY BIRD.

HARMAR, Ohio.

I have been wanting to write you ever since I received your last, but you did not give me your address, so I have been postponing until now. We expect to close our services to-night, and I know you will rejoice when I tell you that over 260 have been hopefully brought to Christ. Our meetings have been the talk of the community, and the influence and fire has spread back across the river into my own Church at Marietta, and a gracious work is now moving among them. The Congregational minister has attended and helped, and so will have a large number of souls as the result. About 125 have come into the Methodist Church, which had been almost deserted before. They had talked of dropping this station entirely, and letting the Methodists go to Marietta, but things are now greatly changed.

I have just been reading "Incidents by the Way," and am grieved to find that the wolves have scattered and destroyed so many flocks. I feel more than ever the importance of having each professed convert truly regenerated by the Holy Spirit. If the work is of God it will not be so easily overthrown. I see more and more how the devil is aiming at the overthrow of the kingdom of Christ; and to match him we must be "wise as serpents"—as the old serpent himself; and this wisdom must be heavenly wisdom. I have continually to throw myself at His feet, and beseech Him to teach me Himself. You see God has led me here—yes, and He has used me as I was never used before. He gives me access to the