

Providence in very comfortable circumstances. Though successful in his earnest endeavours after temporal good he had not been equally so in reference to his spiritual concerns: but God in His providence has called him. He was returning to his home from the western extremity of our city when he became suddenly powerless in his arms and hands, riding at the time in his own conveyance he attempted to step out of it in order to walk, hoping thus to recover himself; in attempting to do so he fell to the ground, and was soon discovered in that posture, and found to be incapable of rising; he was raised and assisted in reaching his home. Learning of his condition I was soon with him. I found him extremely reserved, but quite willing to listen to my instructions. I have regularly visited him every week since the occurrence. My latest visits have been most satisfactory. I am quite assured that he feels deeply his need of the Saviour and is feebly seeking Him. The wife and daughter of Mr. S— are exceedingly anxious in his case, and pray for him ardently. I deem his case to be a dangerous one; my duty to be to cry, 'Eseape for thy life.'

"In reference to our coloured people I may be permitted to observe, that although the principal part of that large influx (occasioned by frequent drafts for national and military purposes) have returned to the States, now that the war is happily terminated; yet the number of the poor and ignorant has increased upon our hands, many being financially incapable of returning to their homes which they so lately deserted."

"Dec., 1865.—I cannot report numerous satisfactory cases of conversion among our coloured people; a fact I deeply regret, but I am happy to add in many instances my visits have been apparently useful.

"My cottage lectures are held in a part of the city where a number of our poor coloured people reside. They have always been interesting. At times our place of worship has been filled to its utmost capacity, more frequently, however, the room has comfortably accommodated all attendants. This place was chosen on account of the woman of the house being an invalid, and utterly incapable of attending public worship, as she has been for years past. Her sufferings at times are intense; beside confinement to the house, she is obliged to use crutches in moving from the chair to table or bed. She is a fine example of fervent, uncomplaining piety, that piety which triumphs in the flame.

"Another case I will record is of a Mr. —. I paid this man and family several visits ere I learnt their spiritual condition. I was sorry to discover that the family altar had been thrown down: that in heart and life he was a backslider. I urged him by manifold considerations to return to the service of God. After much entreaty his wife expressed a willingness to read the Scriptures morning and evening in the family if he would then call upon God. To this Mr. T. consented. I have pleasure in announcing that at my last visit his wife informed me the engagement had been kept.

"In carrying out the visitation from house to house I am constantly finding cases corresponding with the above: cases even of parents professing to hold a connexion with the Church of Christ and yet never holding family worship, their religion consisting in simply going to a place of public worship. A few weeks since I found in one dwelling, containing two families, ten unbaptised children, and, strange to record, the parents were avowed believers in our Church doctrines. I have visited those families thrice in reference to this neglected privilege. On Saturday last the head of one of those families promised distinctly he would bring his children for baptism.

"Since my last report the Coloured Baptist Chapel in Terrauley-street has been really closed by the mortgagee. The pastor left some time since. The congregation is scattered. I am anxiously looking after those poor sheep, and I trust they will all be folded elsewhere.

"I am frequently invited to visit the poor neglected and afflicted ones at their homes. With this I always comply; and occasionally I meet with 'Israelites indeed,' who thankfully and heartily accept my services."