

sad, quiet voice they had said that still all was darkness—there was no light. But, one by one, a sense of Christ's pardoning love had come to them, and that evening they sat together talking, we fancy of the gracious Saviour and his love to *them*, with the calm and the light of heaven on their faces. And these were only four out of many. The exact number we think it better to reserve for the present, till the fruits be apparent; but a large number, both European and native, profess to have given themselves to God. Of course there is anxiety for them. We know too well the human heart, and the devices of Satan, and the temptations of this land, not to be anxious. But we remember two verses one of themselves quoted in an inquiry meeting, John x. 28, 29. We give ourselves unto prayer, and we know that the Saviour is also the keeper of Israel.

In many ways the work of awakening here is similar to the work in Scotland and England:

1. It has been in connection with a forgetting of denominational differences and a hearty co-operation of all parties.

2. It is quite as much a reaping as a sowing. It is the gathering in of the fruits of the labours of missionaries and ministers through months and years. We could easily give individual examples but forbear. Sowers and reapers, we rejoice together.

3. As yet, that is, at first, those brought in already belong more or less to the Church of Christ. They are church-goers, children of professedly Christian parents, Sabbath scholars and such. We know of movings among the heathen, however, too, and hope soon to see many of them, both red and white, seeking the things that are above.

4. There has not been any excitement. The Spirit of God has been dealing with exceeding great gentleness. "*It is easy to be saved just now.*" There has been deep anxiety, but only once have we heard in the midst of any general exercise the sound of sobbing. The earnest, often pale and anxious face, has told of the deep desire within, but visible motion has been singularly absent. We know some will think lightly of the work for this reason. But this is almost the universal experience; and sincerity is not to be measured by display, nor depth by noise.

5. It has been a time of much prayer, and much answer to prayer. If any one were to say to us that prayer was a mere fancied good, answer to prayer only a misreading of the course of nature, we would look at him with no little pity and tell him, "*We know better.*" Not unfrequently a request for one evening has been followed on the next by a request for thanks to be given for the answer already received.

6. The blessing has been mostly experienced by young people. Some of the older people have accepted the Saviour, but the vast majority of the awakened have been young men and women, boys and girls.

MISSIONS OF UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

INDIA.—MEDICAL MISSION, BEAWN.—Dr. Somerville writes encouragingly as to his visit at Beawr. The cases he had recently dealt with were 1228. His statements give a vivid and interesting view of the value of medicine as an auxiliary to mission work. Of the patients treated eleven per cent. were Mahomedans. He says:—

"During the period of which I write, many opportunities have been afforded us of visiting at the houses of all classes, and of carrying the gospel message (with our medicine) to many who otherwise would probably never have heard it. Amongst the banya class this has to be done cau-