

wrought on every hand. The great Miracle-worker is indeed among us, and the results of His power are to be seen in nearly every home; save when "He could do no mighty works because of their unbelief." In Glenelg there are a number of Baptist families, who have cordially joined in with us, and about a dozen of the anxious enquirers are of that persuasion. Their minister, Mr. McQuaillam, also did all he could in the way of promoting the good work.

As to results, it is too soon to speak. There are always more flowers in spring than fruit in autumn. However, we fondly look for a richer blossoming yet, even in Glenelg and East River, and I have given no report at all from Caledonia, which is one-third of the congregation, where the movement is only commencing. These may be affirmed already as manifest results, that profanity, which was rife among us, and intemperance, and social bickerings seem to be entirely swept away. There are instances of conversions among us of as thrilling interest as was that of Bunyan—Baxter—or Colonel Gardiner—but, I do not know that it would be prudent to lay them before the public.

The Religious Movement in Middle Stewiacke and Brookfield.

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When the united armies of Jehoram and Jehoshaphat were going down to wage war against the king of Edom, they suffered for want of water. Jehoram regarding this failure of water as an expression of God's disapprobation of the movement came up to consult the prophet Elisha concerning the issue of the undertaking, and what was the prophet's reply? "Thus saith the Lord make this valley full of ditches, for thus saith the Lord, ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water."

The nature and import of this command will afford a clue to the origin of the present movement within the bounds of this congregation. The channels which nature has cut through these valleys are generally well filled with water; but we fear this cannot be said concerning the channels through which the living water should flow. In this respect the past comparatively speaking has been a time of drought, because those divinely appointed sources through which spiritual blessings gain access to the heart and to the church, were filled up with the accumulated rubbish springing from worldliness, isolation, and spiritual inactivity. But once the channels of prayer, Christian intercourse and activity were opened up, the blessings came, the ditches were filled with the living streams. As in the case

cited, so here we could not see nor hear the spirit working, but yet we know that it must have been in operation, from the effects produced. No unprejudiced person can deny the fact that a change has taken place, the results of which time only will reveal. The good seed sown by faithful labourers in by-gone days is evidently now bringing forth fruit to the honour and glory of God.

At the suggestion of the Presbytery, we commenced holding meetings in Brookfield and Middle Stewiacke simultaneously, keeping them up every evening for one week. At each meeting a minister would preside, opening it with praise, reading a portion of Scripture and prayer: After which he generally selected some passage and spoke upon it briefly, urging upon sinners the immediate necessity of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus in order to salvation, and upon professors the great need of a closer walk with their God. Appealing not so much to the emotional nature as to the heart and understanding. The exercises were then left in the hands of the meeting, and the readiness with which persons took part, exceeded our expectations.

They would strike up a hymn or psalm all joining in as with one voice, then one would lead in prayer, and another would follow with a few appropriate remarks, and in this way the interest of the meeting was well sustained until the close. At the close of each meeting we held an enquiry class giving an opportunity to any who might wish to consult with us upon matters relating to their souls' welfare and spiritual interests. The ready and hearty response which the invitation met was the most encouraging feature of the movement. A large number availed themselves of the privilege, especially the young, and in some cases heads of families, the number ranging from 80 to 100. Perfect decorum, accompanied with deep earnestness, marked every gathering. The interest is well sustained, and we hope and pray that the results will prove permanent. We are indebted to Rev. Messrs. Grant and Sinclair also to Mr. Russell, Agent of Bible Society for their valued services. A testimony to the following points will not be amiss:

1. The necessity and value of personal dealing with souls. We are afraid that the past we have tried to save souls in mass rather than individually. We have loaded our rifles, carried them to the pit, and discharged them without ever hitting the trouble to ascertain whether contents struck the living targets or not. When the above duty is performed, we are apt to think our work is completed. The observance, however, of this duty singly will not ensure success. In the work