



## RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT IN MITCHELL.

It is known to many of the readers of the RECORD that God has been graciously pleased to visit the town of Mitchell with a remarkable manifestation of His presence and power in the salvation of sinners. In this blessing the C. P. congregation of the town has largely shared, though the work has not been confined to it. Special services have been carried on continuously in the Bible Christian and Wesleyan Methodist churches as well as our own. The work may be traced back to the week of prayer, though evangelistic services were not commenced in the C. P. Church till the middle of February. During the week of prayer, Mr. Mitchell was assisted several nights by the Rev. Walter M. Roger, and the interest of the people was awakened by the accounts which he brought of the work which had been going on for some time in Edinburgh. It was not, however, till toward the middle of February that there was anything to warrant Mr. M. and the Elders associated with him to entertain the thought of holding a series of special meetings. At that time they proposed to unite with the Churches already named in a series of union services. Two union meetings were held, but as one of the Churches did not go forward in the union movement, it was thought best to carry on work separately. The first meeting of the C. P. congregation, by itself, was held on the 19th February, and from that date meetings were, for about three months, held every night without intermission. Already upward of three hundred have united with the Churches of the town, or have indicated their intention of doing so when the opportunity is presented. Among those brought to lay hold of Christ as their Saviour are found representatives of probably every class, creed and condition in the town. It may be of interest to the readers of the RECORD to have some of the characteristics of the work noted specially as concerns the C. P. congregation. Perhaps the most prominent is that it has been a season of much and earnest prayer. The people of God have found delight in gatherings for prayer, and there have been many of them. A general prayer meeting was held every morning from 9.30 to 10.30 a.m., another for boys, a third for girls in the evening, and a fourth during the after meeting, besides others occasionally. Special requests for prayer were presented at the morning prayer meeting and during the evening service, and many striking answers have been received.

Another characteristic has been great anxiety on the part of parents for the salvation of unconverted children, and of brothers, sisters and friends for those near and dear to them out of Christ. Many of the requests for prayer have come from such. Whole families have been brought to Christ in this way, and thanks have been publicly rendered to God for the answers vouchsafed. The agents employed in the preaching of the Word have been exclusively Ministers of the Gospel and students in divinity, and these, with rare exceptions, connected with our own Church. Christ has been the great theme; much has been said of Him as the sinner's substitute. Prominence has been given to the truth that He saves from the power as well as the guilt of sin, and not a few have been brought to rejoice in a full salvation.

Another striking feature of the work is its completeness; very few have been brought under conviction who have not been led to lay hold more or less fully on Christ and the blessings of salvation. Much has been done among the S. S. children, and two daily prayer meetings were carried on by them with very little, often no assistance. The work has not been confined to those directly connected with the congregation. Many have been