

"Sunday, February 29, 1738. It is now two years and almost four months since I left my native country, and in order to teach the Georgian Indians the nature of Christianity; but what have I learned myself in the meantime? Why (what I the least of all suspected) that I, who went to America to convert others, was never myself converted to God."

How, then, did that change come about which Wesley considers as his conversion? It was first through the influence of Peter Bohler, a minister from the ranks of the Moravians. He was in England, and Wesley fell into his company. From his conversations, Wesley came to a knowledge of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit. Let us read again from his Journal:

"Wednesday, May 24, 1738. In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart, through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

"I began to pray with all my might for those who had in a more especial manner despitely used me and persecuted me. I then testified openly to all there, what I now first felt in my heart."

From this time the real fruitfulness of Wesley's life and work seems to date. There must have been a peculiar power in his preaching, and a peculiar adaptability to the hearts and to the spiritual needs of the people, for they came to his out-door appointments in all sorts of weather. At one point a thousand would face the frost; at another three thousand listened in the rain. The fact that the hearers did not mind the weather testifies to the hunger of many thousands for the true Bread of Life.—Ex.

Summer Schools.

The summer school idea is growing. The original school at Victoria University, Toronto, will, it is expected, be bigger and better than ever. A similar assembly will be held at or near Ottawa, under the auspices of the Montreal Conference League, and probably several others in the various districts.

During the past month we had the pleasure of a call from Mr. E. R. Machum, of St. John, N.B., who is a live wire with reference to Sunday School work. He informs us that the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Conferences intend to unite in holding a school of pedagogy at Sackville, N.B., during the latter part of July, for the special purpose of training Sunday School teachers for their work. If possible, it is the intention to secure Dr. Hamill or some other expert teacher to take up Normal work for ten days, and the professors of the colleges will also take a prominent part. It is expected that there will be an attendance of several hundreds of teachers, superintendents, and workers from these provinces by the sea. The programme will be under the direct auspices of the University, in co-operation with the Standing Sunday School Committees of the two Conferences. It is a capital idea to bring the Sunday School workers and college instructors together in this way, as they can be of mutual help to one another. —Epworth Era.

The Enlarged Senior.

With this quarter begins the issue of our enlarged Senior Lesson Quarterly. Some time ago we nearly doubled the number of pages devoted to each lesson. Now we add practically eighteen pages, by adding sixteen pages to the body of the quarterly, and taking in the two inside pages of the cover. Then, counting the full-page picture and map, we have a lesson quarterly of sixty-eight pages, with five pages per lesson, thus making the largest Sunday School lesson quarterly published by anybody anywhere in this or any other land. Considering the character of the contents in connection with the bulk of the publication, it may truthfully be called "The Biggest and Best." Of course, this means greatly increased expense, though there is no increase in price. To meet this there should be at least an equivalent increase in circulation, and it is to be hoped that many new subscriptions will be sent in at once. The Senior Quarterly is intended for scholars from about fifteen or sixteen years of age up toward manhood and womanhood.