

The past summer has seen a Sabbath School also established on the plain where we had not before been able to make a commencement, and a respectable Bible Class of adults connected therewith.

At the west side we have had no material change since my last communication. Meetings, morning and evenings continue the same.

In July last we received into the church from this place four new members on profession. We much need a good or decent church edifice in this place, to concentrate and consolidate our cause here, and thus give it a local inhabitation and a name. This is needed especially, as the members here are from other churches, and need some additional binding power. I fear that our Missionary collections will not equal last year, as there is no money. Our progress so far here has been encouraging, considering the difficulties met, and I believe that by this the Lord gives promise of good yet to come. It does not seem that it will be given me to see it. The labor and field are great, and my health is poor. In summer I do well, but in winter colds and tearing coughs wear my body and hinder my work."

In April Mr. Hay further reports :—

"In the western part of the field the attendance and interest seem about the same, perhaps somewhat increased.

At the time of my last communication, the congregation at the Plain had been somewhat affected by the cry about the new Episcopal Minister. That excitement seems to have past. The new congregation has dwindled to a moiety, and ours has risen to its former standard.

A Union prayer meeting has been holden for three weeks, four meetings in the week alternating between the Congregational Church, Methodist Chapel, and the meeting house at Derby Line village.

The attendance has been large and some good done. My health has only allowed me to attend part of the meetings. On the whole I look on the position of your mission in this place as more promising than at any former period, since my visit to this quarter, and if my health did not require, I should not seek a removal. Such removal however will be safer now than a year ago."

These extracts from the Reports of our valued brethren, the Missionary Pastors, are respectfully and with confidence commended to the attention of all the friends and supporters of the Society. And the Committee conclude with the prayer "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us, that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations."