

Sunday night, about ten o'clock, by many of the inhabitants of P. and its vicinity.

" February 4th.—L. circuit. I have ridden about *twenty-six* miles to-day, from a remote part of my own circuit. Last night I spent at Bro. A. B.'s, a Scotchman, whose wife is in a most gloomy state of mind, and will receive no comfort. She has always been subject to nervous affections. About six months ago, she with all her family, professed a concern for her soul. The rest of them were happily converted to God, and she, for a time, seemed to enjoy a measure of comfort. At length she began to doubt and reason with the adversary, till she was brought to a state of complete despair. She now absolutely refuses all encouragement. She imagines that she cannot believe, and that she will be damned on account of her unbelief. She also thinks that she hears voices and sees strange sights. The case perplexes me much; but I think what I have described is the effect of her bodily malady, and that her mind will never be tranquilized till the disease is cured. Why is it that God allows a soul, who evidently seems so earnest, to go so long without the light of His countenance?

" Feb. 6th.—Yesterday I rode about *fourteen* miles, and preached twice, with some liberty, namely: at C., P., and the 8th concession of R. school-house. I spent the evening at Sister M.'s, who is the leader. She gave me the following statement, which I think ought to encourage Christians to take up the cross. Her husband is not religious, notwithstanding which she always conducts worship in her family. One day, some years ago, her husband came home intoxicated, and brought home with him four or five men to stop over night, one of whom was the late Col. P. She felt dejected, but resolved, nevertheless, to discharge what she considered her duty. She told them, if they choose to retire before prayer, they might do so. They chose, however, to stay, and were much affected. The Colonel said he never heard such praying in his life. One, a backslider, was much alarmed, and shortly after found peace with God. He is now a class-leader, as is also another of the company, who was then a wicked man. From this occurrence we learn, that we should not be lead by our *feelings*, but go forward in the discharge of our duty, 'sowing seed in the morning, and in the evening not withholding our hand, as we know not which shall prosper, this or that.'

" Feb. 15th.—M. Circuit. Since the date under which I wrote last, I have preached nine times, one sermon for each day: last Sabbath, among the Scotch on the '3rd line of L.,' with some tokens for good. Last Saturday night, I and the family where I lodged (Bro. G.'s) experienced a wonderful *deliverance from death*. The chimney was made of