

he has been obliged to relinquish; but I know also, that, but for this (humanly speaking,) he would never have been in a church. The eye lost in a faction fight—marked the former habit of the man,—the distant gaze and earnest look of inquiry, showed how these habits had been changed. I tenderly hope, that time will prove he is another gem that Patey has been the honored instrument of adding to his Redeemer's crown. There are others to whom he has been useful, but enough has been said to stimulate those that love the Lord to be unwearied in teaching His Word. Let us reflect on the example of this poor little cripple—at times suffering the greatest agony; but "strengthened with all might by the spirit in the inner man."

Those whose hearts have warmed towards poor Patey, will be glad to learn, that one kind family, on reading his story, begged that a renewed attempt might be made to secure for him the medical treatment necessary to preserve his life, offering to contribute towards the accomplishment of that object. Accordingly, Mrs. Poer directed the schoolmaster to try and convince Mrs. Downy of the necessity of giving up her opposition; and that, if she did so, there were friends who would provide for her boy. She has begged for delay during this month, (March,) and promised, that if his foot is not then healed, to allow him to be taken to the hospital, and treated as the surgeons think fit. In the meantime the family alluded to have provided him with nourishing food, and whatever else may help to restore his strength. Should it please God to bless the means, so that his health is restored, it will be a matter for consideration whether he cannot be trained as a schoolmaster, for which his talents and piety alike indicate no common fitness.

*From the Lady J. Lees, Belmullet, Mayo, February 5th, 1851.*—"I assure you the misery we witness you can have no comprehension of; and if I could show one of the objects of their charity to the committee, it would be a sufficient stimulus to them to ask all who have the means to help us. The school you have fed is doing well; the difference on the children is most perceptible; the master says it is now a pleasure to teach them. I saw them last week partake of their well cooked stir-about; it cheered us to see them, and they look so thankful."

*Feb. 19th.*—"At Penlathomas, the sole support of 27 children is the food given them at school from your funds. On receiving the last £4, I have increased the supply there, as it was painful to see the hungry child looking on when its companion received food, the receiver often asked liberty to share it with those to whom it could not be given, if each child got a sufficient quantity; but the master has put down more names the last ten days. In one of these schools, three Romanist children's names were not, when they entered a month ago,

know the names of the persons of the Trinity; nay, they were ignorant of the existence of a God; you would be much surprised to witness the knowledge they have acquired in religious matters in the space of one month."

*From Mrs. Conerney, the wife of the Irish Missionary at Sallerna, Cheltenham.*—"The poor children are cursed every Sunday for coming to learn God's precious Word in our schools. Could you see their emaciated forms and naked bodies, you would not cease begging for them. An opposition school has been set up at Sallerna, another at Cloggan, and another at Claddaghduff; though the parents have been promised work and the children clothing, yet they would not take them from our schools."

The committee commend to enlightened Protestant benevolence and patriotism the many thousands of children now acquiring a thoroughly Protestant education in the Scriptural schools of Ireland. At present, in nearly all the schools of the south and west, the one meal of stir-about, which costs 3½d. per week for each child, appears to be absolutely necessary, in order to enable a large proportion of them to attend and profit by the instruction, (those who do not require it do not get it.)

Dear children in Canada, let this story and these sad statements make you think, first, of your own mercies. You have food and clothing and instruction—are protected from harm, and are encouraged to do well by the advice and sympathy of kind friends. Thank God for all these good gifts. Think secondly, how you can aid those hungry little ones, who stand in need of all things, and who, in the midst of want and misery, are eagerly seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven. In the month of August it is intended to send what can be gathered here for the purchase of food for the Irish Bible scholars. This *Record* finds its way into many Sabbath schools. Surely each child, between this time and August, could give or gather the 3½d to feed one child for a week—52 children could feed the child for a whole year, and 50 Sabbath schools could feed 50 children for a year, causing many a young heart to sing for joy, lighting up many a heavy eye, and by retaining to the children the means of grace, bringing glory to God and jewels to Christ's crown.

**FORGIVENESS.**—How can we attain the peace of God without peace? How can we attain the remission of our sins without remitting the sins of others? How can he that is angry with his brother pacify his Father, who, from the first, forbids him to be angry?