

and that these should be united prayer meetings, because they belonged to different denominations. This they agreed to do, promising to begin on the following Monday; but they afterwards found it too long to wait till Monday, (the 12th,) and accordingly commenced on Wednesday (the 7th,) to hold meetings every night, which they kept up until Monday, the 19th April. A spirit of inquiry has been awakened among the people; numbers attend upon the prayer meetings who were careless and indifferent in former times; and several persons engage in prayer, and take part in the religious exercises of these meetings, who were never known to do so in days gone by. "According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, what hath God wrought!"

GARDEN OF EDEN.

On Saturday, the 3rd April, some of the elders from Blue Mountain went down to the Garden of Eden, to stir up the minds of the brethren there to hold special prayer meetings. These meetings have been kept up without intermission on every second night during the month of April, and are attended by all classes of the people, both old and young, who seem to take a deep interest in spiritual and eternal realities. At no previous period in their history did the people of this station manifest such a spirit of earnest inquiry; such eagerness and thirst to hear the gospel. We hope that many of them seek the way to Zion with their faces thitherward. It would be a difficult matter in former times to collect any number of the people for prayer; now, however, they gather of their own accord to hold prayer meetings, whether they have a minister with them or not.

BARNEY'S RIVER.

At Barney's River special meetings were held on Monday, 29th March, Wednesday, 31st, Thursday, 1st April, and Friday, 2nd April, in different sections of the congregation. And when the meetings were begun at Blue Mountain, prayer was offered up particularly for Barney's River, that the spirit of grace and of supplication might be poured out upon the people of that place. The spirit of supplication has been poured out upon them, for never at any former period in their spiritual history did they manifest such earnestness and perseverance in prayer; and we hope the spirit of grace is also at work among them, causing many of them to turn to the Lord and seek Him while he is to be found. On Sabbath, 4th April, when both ministers were absent, the one at Lochaber and the other at Blue Mountain, some of the people of both congregations met together for united prayer, and agreed to hold a series of nightly meetings for some time. When the two minis-

ters returned home they found the people engaged in earnest prayer together for the outpouring of the Spirit of God. These meetings were kept up without intermission till Friday, the 30th April, and have been attended by an always increasing audience, who seem to drink in every word that is spoken to them about the Saviour, and the salvation of their souls. The meetings were held sometimes in the one Church, and sometimes in the other, and the two ministers have been co-operating as if they had belonged to the same Church, instead of being of different denominations. A spirit of peace and harmony seems to prevail, and to pervade the whole population. Middle walls of partition have been broken down, and the people appear to realize the great truth that in Christ Jesus "there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision, nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but Christ is all and in all." A number of young men have become anxious inquirers after salvation, and hold prayer meetings by themselves. One of these meetings is kept near the Church; another in the school house at Smithfield, three miles further up; and another is kept at the Marsh Settlement, seven miles above the Church. Young men who were never known to pray take part in the exercises of these meetings. The one absorbing subject of conversation with all is the kingdom of God. It is difficult, yea impossible, to tell how many have been brought to the Saviour, and it would be injudicious to do so if we could; but we have no doubt that many have found the pearl of great price, for whose sake they have sold all they had in order to buy it. The heaven has been hid among them, and we hope and pray that the work will go on until the whole mass shall be leavened. A large number of those who were baptized since 1850, thirteen, fifteen, and twenty years ago, young men and young women, both at Barney's River and Blue Mountain, are among the inquirers after salvation. Indeed the work is chiefly, though not exclusively, confined to that class.

D. B. BLAIR.

Laggan, Barney's River, 7th May, 1875.

News of the Church.

WE are happy to learn that Mr. Pelletier has arrived, and has commenced evangelistic work among the French miners in Pitou County.

THE Presbytery of Truro met at Dert River for visitation of the congregation of Upper Londonderry. The finances appeared in a more satisfactory condition.