untouched by law or gospel, have spontaneously sought to confess Christ, some in very juvenile years, all willingly submitting themselves to whatever tests of preparedness their pastor or elder might prescribe, if only permitted after trial to gratify their desire of enrolling themselves among Christ's disciples.

Especially has that Scripture sign of conversion, "Behold he prayeth!" been realized in numerous instances. To one of these I can hardly but allude, though rather against my resolution to make no individual references: A father of a family, himself long of devout habits, told his pastor, I daresay not without tears of joy, that going one day to his apartment at an hour (besides morning and evening) when he is accustomed to repair to the throne of Grace, he found one of his family in possession of the room on knee before God; he quietly withdrew to another apartment, there another of his family was similarly employed; approaching the door of a third room, he had the happiness of finding himself prevented by a like welcome hindrance, and "no place left to pray."

I shall say little more, but that while having as much Scottish caution and spiritual discernment as keep me from counting all gold that glitters, or accepting mere passing excitement for a religious work, I have the greater confidence in this revival from what I saw of the Christian wisdom and discrimination, the tenderness yet fidelity also, evinced in the pastor's treatment of cases exceedingly varied in character; as well as the whole tone of humility in his recitals, and his spirit of watchful earnestness in waiting for results. God alone giveth the increase; but His presence is the more easy to be recognised, that the instrument is no boaster; and that his godly simplicity, and fervour in aim and action, are so much like what the Master may be expected to honour. Under almost overpowering labours, occasioned by calls, which he was glad to meet for personal converse both with fearing and rejoicing members of the flock, it was just what I would expect, where the enlargements of the Spirit are being imparted, that he has been able gratefully to testify that never did he feel preaching so easy as when his labours were so multiplied!

Yet this communication, would be less useful than I wish it to be, if I closed it without adding, that the enemy of souls already seeks to sow his tares, and hinder the work, occasioning to the spiritual labourer a burden of solicitude, which others, yea all God's remembrancers at the throne should help him to bear. The fact itself is, perhaps, as really as the Spirit of prayer, a sign as in early times of something going on that the devil counts worthy of an effort at counteracting. I understand most is feared from wild doctrinal speculations plausibly spread as snares before less mature converts; Universalism, for example, and other less serious, but still fitted to divert the mind from what belongs to vital godliness, &c. Surely many will seek that from this and every other snare they may be kept by Divine power. May God prevent the boar out of the forest from wasting his vineyard, or even the little foxes from spoiling the tender grapes!

I should add that not having visited Dalhousie Mills, although the above remarks are indeed the result of my inquiries about that branch of the congregation, as well as the others, I had not the opportunity, as I would have much liked, of cheering on the more youthful labourer there, Mr. Grant, also one of our students, of whose efficiency as an aid to the pastor I had very favourable accounts.

Though it is another subject, yet a kindred one, I might tell you of my observation at New York and elsewhere, of the state of religion or the fruits of revival in the neighbouring Union. The most candid lament that the results of the seeming work of God a few years ago have not realized anticipations. Yet that some good fruit has remained is happily apparent; admitting that the revival was from the first (and I, for one, always thought so), described by many in exaggerated terms. I was glad to see that the Fulton Street noon prayer meeting holds on respectably attended, I cannot say numerously, though