

church was so crowded on Wednesday evening that the meeting had to be held in Mr. McKay's church every night afterwards, and even that soon became too small, the attendance increasing till it was computed that 900 were packed in it, some in the aisles, some in the vestibule, and, on the last night Rev. Mr. Grant was there, even in the vestry, and the floors of the church actually began to sink, so that it became necessary to introduce props before another large meeting could safely be held there. The number of enquirers increased, till from one to two hundred remained every night, and enquiry meetings had to be held in the afternoons. Special meetings were held for young men, (at one of which the Y. M. C. A. was resuscitated) for children, and for those newly brought to the Saviour, and in every meeting the Spirit's work was seen. Services were also held in some of the neighboring school-houses. Of course it was impossible for the resident ministers to carry on such work unaided, but help was readily obtained. First, Rev. Mr. Stirling was with them for a week; it was afterwards my great privilege to have a share in this blessed work for over a fortnight at one time, and again for a few days. Other brethren also assisted.

What, then, were the means employed in these meetings? Were they such as to stir up mere human excitement, and attract crowds of thoughtless persons just as any other novelty might, but send them away without any real spiritual benefit? While the sound principle was at the outset adopted, to refuse no instrumentality which God manifestly was blessing, as a matter of fact the means employed were almost exclusively those commonly used in the work of a faithful ministry. The plain, simple, earnest and pointed preaching of the truth, and personal dealing with enquirers. In the evening the regular course was first a service, as ordinarily conducted, except that several persons took part, then a short prayer-meeting, to which almost all the congregation remained, then an enquiry meeting, to which all were invited to remain who were unsaved, and who desired to come to the Saviour at once. Hymns were, to some extent, sung, as they are in all our Churches, but the psalms and paraphrases more frequently, and one noticeable result of the revival was the increasing love for these. Tracts and books which clearly presented the truth were also given to some. In addition, many individual believers, both those newly brought to the Saviour, and those of longer standing, were diligently labouring to induce the careless and others to attend the meetings, and to heed the things which belonged to their peace.

Earnest prayer was also being continually offered in private and public, and many sent in requests for the prayers of God's people, on behalf of themselves and their friends.

And what, then, were the results? In a general way it may be said that Christians were revived, increased in grace, received a new baptism of the Holy Ghost, and brought forth more abundantly His fruits; and that many others passed from death unto life. How many, it would be impossible for any but the Heart-searcher to say, but some idea may be formed from the fact that at the communion in the Kirk on Sabbath, March 28, there were upwards of fifty new communicants, and that there are two other Churches in the place of equal size, that is, each seating about three hundred, and a fourth (Mr. McKay's) seating twice that number, and that all participated in the blessing, although perhaps not all equally. These new disciples were from various classes and ages, from the little child to the infirm old man, from the poor to the substantial if not wealthy, from the ignorant to the professional gentleman, from the openly profane, drunken, "wild," scoffing profligate on the one hand, and the moral and amiable skeptic on the other, to the person of irreproachable life, attentive to religious duties, supposing himself to be a christian and thought by others to be so, perhaps even a communicant. The attendant circumstances also were various, as in all the Lord's works. Sometimes there was deep distress as when of old the demon was cast out at the foot of the mount, and again the transition from death to life was as easy and gentle as when the daughter of Jairus was raised. It mattered not; one thing only was important—that the dead should hear the voice of the Son of God, and therefore live. Not, therefore, the circumstances, but the evidences of the change were regarded.

What, then, were these? Not in every case did the same attract one's notice, but generally the answer might be in the Inspired Words, "Love, joy, peace," &c., "*Joy and peace in believing,*" repentance, love and new obedience, love to enemies, forgiveness of old wrongs, healing of old quarrels, love for the Word of God read and preached, and new insight into its teaching, love for the brethren, love for the souls of the unsaved, were some of the fruits quickly brought forth. Another was the opening of the purse. In Mr. McKay's church the collection for the Home Mission was taken after this work had continued for some time. It amounted to nearly double the sum raised last year. Another sum of about \$130 was spontane.