

## VICTORIA.

IN a note received from our excellent Teacher at this Mission Mr. R. G. SINCLAIR, he adds the following:—"You will no doubt be glad to hear that under the zealous efforts of our minister, Mr. WALTON, affairs generally are looking more hopeful, the faithful are edified, backsliders are recalled, and many of the careless are crying out on account of their sins."

*From the Rev. J. WALTON, dated February 14th, 1877.*

I am happy to be able to inform you that our work for God in this place is already bearing fruit. At our watch-night service there were deep impressions made on some hearts, and my own soul deeply humbled as the past was prayerfully and solemnly reviewed.

We began the year with strong determinations to live in a spirit of prayer, looking constantly for a revival of the work of God amongst us. I became increasingly burdened for souls, until on Sunday morning, 21st January, the feeling was overwhelming, and my opening prayer ended in sobs and tears. Many were similarly affected. The Holy Spirit was largely poured out during both services.

We commenced a series of special services at once. A spirit of religious enquiry was soon manifested, but we suffered on account of not having praying people, only two or three at most being able to engage in prayer.

I visited "from house to house," singing, praying, and exhorting the people to turn to God, and, by the blessing of the Lord, we met with considerable success. A violent snow-storm, and consequent bad roads, making it almost impossible for persons to walk after dark, compelled me to close after three weeks of the most exhausting labour it has ever been my lot to pass through. So lively were my impressions of the awful state of the unsaved, I could eat nothing for three days, and could only sleep for a few minutes at a time, my soul at all times groaning and agonizing for sinners.

It has been the most delightful and yet solemn experience I ever passed through, and it abides with me still, though not so keenly and deeply as at that time. I still feel an intense longing for the salvation of souls, and desire only to live for this great object.

At our Quarterly Meeting on the 11th, there were about sixty present. I had great liberty while discoursing on the privileges of believers. The power of God was very present, and we had over twenty clear testimonies of the saving power of the Gospel, some of them telling for the first time of "joy and peace in believing." There were twenty-two partook of the sacrament—ten of them for the first time. Some of the communicants were so affected they could with difficulty get the bread and wine to their lips. My own soul was "filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

When I came here in September last, there had been no class-meeting since the departure of Bro. Campbell. We have now a class of twenty members, most of whom have been converted or reclaimed from a backslidden state since my arrival. "My soul doth magnify the Lord" for His blessings, and the gracious answers He has given to my prayers.

I am looking for greater things in soul saving, and for deeper revelations of God's will to my own soul. I need hardly say we are both contented and happy, and I believe both myself and wife will bless God through all eternity for sending us to the Victoria Mission.