

enjoyed. May I be enabled to improve them wisely, and also to exercise due gratitude to the giver."

The impression he produced on others, may be learned from a notice of him which appeared in the Philadelphia *Christian Instructor*, in which the editor says:

"While preparing for his great work among the Heathen, he spent one winter in this city attending a course of medical lectures, and seldom have we been permitted to form the acquaintance of a more amiable, devoted and zealous spirit. May his mantle fall upon many."

We may remark that wherever he went abroad, similar impressions were produced.

During the following season he was duly licensed by the Presbytery of Truro to preach the everlasting gospel. For various reasons it was deemed advisable that he should spend a few months in Home Missionary labour. Accordingly the autumn of 1858 and the winter of 1859 were spent in preaching in the vacant congregations and mission stations of the Church. In this work he showed himself a workman that needed not to be ashamed. He had not been many weeks engaged in the work until he made deep impression both by his public preaching and private ministrations. In more than one place which he visited he was the means of producing a decided awakening in the community to the subject of religion. In one letter, after stating that Sabbath and week-day services conducted by him were attended by numerous and deeply attentive audiences and that an interest in religion seemed to be rapidly on the increase, he says, "The people themselves thought it a little revival," and adds, "All, old and young, are anxiously entreating me to remain with them. I sometimes wonder what is the cause of this. At times I fear it is the Devil tempting me." We know of similar effects having been produced in other places. And the remarks commonly made were that the impression he produced was not owing to any remarkable talent displayed in his discourses, but in the intense earnestness of his appeals, and from his soul-absorbing devotedness to his work.

While thus, however, labouring diligently in the Home field his heart was among the Heathen. In spring the Board of Foreign Missions resolved, that with the concurrence of Synod he should be sent forth on the following autumn. The Synod having approved of this determination he was accordingly ordained at Stewiacke as a Missionary to the Heathen on the 17th August. The event excited deep interest throughout that neighborhood, and in the midst of Hay Harvest the large Church at Upper Stewiacke was densely crowded, some having come a distance of forty miles to witness the services. The Rev. Dr. Smith preached from Psalm ii. 6, and offered up the ordination prayer, the Rev. E. Ross gave the charge to the young missionary, and the Rev. John I. Baxter addressed the audience.

We had hoped to have concluded this notice in our present No., but the recent distressing tidings from the South Seas have rendered it necessary for us to postpone the conclusion till our next No.

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