

educational privileges, it was received as an omen of good; but we were little aware of the blessing in store for us, the bestowment of which has caused many a parent's heart to "rejoice with joy unspeakable."

On the 16th ult. were the earliest manifestations of the special presence of the Spirit in our midst. The public services of the sanctuary were over, and the afternoon prayer-meeting held in the chapel was concluded, when a few of the young ladies, unable any longer to restrain their feelings, sought counsel of a Christian, whose heart the Spirit had prepared to receive such a communication, and give the necessary advice. We will not attempt to describe the scenes witnessed within those walls during the subsequent fortnight. God was with us, mighty to convict, and merciful, we trust, to save. More clearly than ever do we understand the promise, "I will pour out my Spirit unto you." Such heart-crushing convictions of personal sinfulness; such abjuring of all self-righteousness; such welcoming of Christ as the only Saviour, and such faith in believing, we have never more fully seen or heard of. It was the Lord's work.

As to numbers hopefully converted, there are at the present time more than sixty, and to a very large extent they all appear well. The Lord alone knoweth them that are his, and he will keep their feet from falling; but we will rejoice over many who afford us most satisfactory evidence of having been "born again." They delight in prayer and religious conversation; they are eager to know and do their duty; and oh! the intense solicitude felt and expressed for those who have not yet come to Christ. The cry goes hourly upward. Make them all willing to come to thee! Anticipating questions suggested by this narrative, we would return replies to the following.

"What means were the antecedents of this remarkable movement?" None other than those of divine appointment, direct or clearly implied. The Bible is not merely a "text-book" in the Institution, but is taught and studied with a view of learning what "man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man." The Bible and catechism are an integral part of the course of study; prayer and conference meetings are regularly held, though attendance is wholly voluntary. These, in addition to attendance upon religious worship, have been all the means employed. No multiplied sermons, no extra services, no machinery to accomplish a specified end, but the ordinary means of grace faithfully employed and made effectual through divine influence. If ever a 'revival' were from above, it has been this. The most indifferent spectator exclaimed, "This is not of human origin. Sermons, invitations, appeals, could not produce such results. God is here!"—This feature has afforded us great satisfaction, for we can more confidently pray, "Com-

plete. O Lord, what Thou hast begun."

"How much has early religious education to do with these results?" Much, very much.—At least two-thirds of the converts are from Christian households, where the Bible was daily read and the family altar surrounded by parent and child. Were it necessary we might quote expressions made to us by these young disciples, which would illustrate the importance of home education, and encourage Christian mothers especially in their endeavours for the early conversion of their dear children. The blade we see is, in many cases, the product of seed sown at home by the hand of parental love, accompanied by parental watchfulness and prayer.

"Are any of the young men likely to enter the ministry?" We trust they will. Several have communicated to us their wish and purpose upon this subject, which we would by all means encourage and foster. The Institution contains those whom the Creator has endowed with talents which, under the sanctifying power of divine grace, will enable them to adorn the sacred desk and bless the world. Some of the young ladies are already turning their thoughts westward, with the anxious enquiry, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

"Is not this an evident seal of the divine approbation of the Christian character of the Institution?" We think that it is, and thus is it viewed by all the Christian people of the community. With less of religious instruction and sanctifying influence, we could hardly anticipate such scenes as those which we have witnessed. Surely He would not thus bless what He did not greatly approve.

A few sentences will close our narrative. We would commend this Institution to the prayers of all who have an interest at the throne of grace. "The Lord hath done great things for us; and we would say to all who love Zion. 'Come, magnify the Lord with us, and let us exalt His name together.'" But remember the converts, and pray that they may "endure unto the end;" and remember those who are yet far from Christ, that they may accompany their Christian associates as they journey heavenward.

Let prayer be offered for the Teachers, whose position is alike arduous and responsible. It is due to divine grace to say, that with heart and hand they have united in this good work, labouring night and day, until nature seemed to be able to endure no more. But God has been their strength, and their hearts are full of gratitude and joy.

One suggestion more, and it is addressed to the readers of this narrative whom God has blessed with pecuniary abundance. It is much desired to endow this Institution, that it may retain its Christian character, and perpetuate its privileges from generation to generation. Will you not aid in this blessed enterprise? will you not help to establish that system of education here, the re-