

And now commenced a new era in his preaching and teaching. The days of scolding were over and gone. He had found green pastures for his flock, and he delighted to lead them there, and they were delighted to be led.

Now also came the beginning of a revival in that church, the end whereof has not yet been seen at this writing. Through all the days of scolding and driving, neither pastor nor people could do for the cause of the Redeemer what now it is easy for them to do. For now they have a mind to the work; and they work with a will and a wisdom new in their history. Many a dark place never ventured upon before, has now been undertaken and done. And so the wilderness all around is made glad for them, and the desert begins to blossom as the rose.

Passing now to the illustration of the progress and power gained by abiding in Jesus, the same course will be followed. The Bible, and memoirs, and hitherto unrecorded facts, known to be facts, will be the staple of our material. God grant grace and wisdom in the work! To him be glory, all the glory, and always the glory. Amen.

(To be continued.)

ANSWERS TO PRAYER.

BY THE EDITOR.



E cannot too carefully guard the truth that salvation is alone by the power of God: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Nevertheless we know that it pleases God to exercise that power in answer to prayer. I desire to present here a few illustrations of this truth which may encourage God's children to "wait upon the Lord."

Everybody has heard of the great revival of 1857-8, but probably there are many who never heard of its beginnings, and who do not know that it resulted from believing prayer. It may be profitable to recall some of the circumstances:—

In the year 1857, four young men, whose hearts the Lord had touched, met in a small school-house near Connor, in the County of Antrim, Ireland, to pray for God's blessing on the preached Word, and on the Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings of that place. Soon a few kindred spirits joined them, and for months the meetings were continued without any visible results. In December one young man was awakened, and, after a painful struggle, found peace in believing. In January, 1858, a lad in one of the Sunday-school classes was converted. Slowly but steadily the tide rose. Prayer-meetings began to multiply, and faith in the power of prayer was greatly increased. For eighteen months it flowed on in a calm, but ever-widening stream, and thousands were awakened and brought to God.

In the beginning of 1859, a young convert from Connor visited his