

late commercial difficulties, is that they afforded an occasion through which the potent spiritual influences might work upon the soul; those influences being both directly divine, proceeding immediately from the Holy Spirit, and indirectly divine, because the result of human agencies divinely appointed and divinely blessed. Commercial distress has often occurred before, but no such spiritual refreshing has followed. And the present awakening is not confined to one period of life, to a single class in society, to a limited section of the church or to places only where the pressure of the times has been felt. It is shared in by old and young, by rich and poor, by the dweller in the country as well as the excitement seeking citizen, by the members of each religious community. Neither has the check to business been followed by the same results in England, France or Holland, although the commercial crisis was severely felt in each of these countries. This revulsion therefore cannot account from the revival in America. Besides it is not of the nature of worldly sorrow unless attended by the benign influences of the Holy Spirit, to produce a spiritual change, for "the sorrow of the world worketh death," it is only "good sorrow that worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." We must look deeper therefore than to a superficial monetary depression for a satisfactory, I may say, philosophical solution of this moral problem. And while we recognize the adaptation of the various means employed by the Christian Church, such as ministerial conferences for mutual exhortation, humiliation and prayer—visitation from house to house—tract distribution—and meetings at mid-day for prayer—we cannot fail to recognize the hand of the Lord working wonderfully through those means and making the people willing in the day of his power.

In England there is a full in the political world, in consequence of the parliamentary career holidays. It is not unlikely that the struggle for ascendancy will take place upon the India Bill of the present government which is almost universally condemned but so opposed to many of the liberal party appear to the return of Lord Palmerston to power, that it is doubtful whether they will vote against the second reading if they think that the defeat of Lord Derby's government would lead to that result. Should the India Bill pass the second reading, it must undergo a complete transformation in committee in order to make it at all acceptable to the majority.

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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.
SAINT JOHN, N. B., MAY 5, 1858.

On the Giving Hand.

God our Heavenly Father is always giving to his dependent creature man. The light that shines upon us, the air we breathe, the food that nourishes, the apparel that covers our nakedness, together with all temporal favours flow from the fountain fullness of his divine beneficence; and no less are we indebted to his goodness for the spiritual provisions encompassing our path; but His disposition to bestow his mercy in simple fullness is much more apparent sometimes than others. Such is the case at present. Copious showers of saving influences are descending in answer to prayer upon the thirsty hills of Zion. Never in the history of man were there so many confirmations as now of the truthfulness of the passage, "If ye being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." It will be seen by the extracts which we furnish from our American exchanges with what readiness God has answered the requests of his praying people. Ungodly husbands, wayward sons, sceptical parents, and impatient relatives have suddenly been converted in answer to believing prayer. What encouragement for Christians to continue their supplications before the mercy seat.

"The happy gates of gospel grace
Stand open night and day;
Here we may come and seek supplies,
And drive our wants away."

Come believing to this infinite store house of redeeming love, and plead for the redemption of fathers, brothers, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, friends and foes, that are now living under the curse of violated law. We have no power to rescue them from the yawning pit, but our Father in heaven has; let us come to him in their behalf. Come as individuals, come as churches, come in the name of Jesus, and the desired good will be imparted.

In this day of wondrous mercy all Christians and all Christian churches should seek for a special blessing from the hand of the Infinite One. Too many of our churches in the Provinces remain cold and unmoved. Dear brethren, God is speaking to you not in anger but in love. Think not that he is at a distance from you. This moment is the angel of the covenant saying to you, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me." Jehovah waits to be gracious, and if all are not blessed with the healthful influences of his forgiving love, to them and not to God the fault belongs. It may be the door to which he is knocking for admittance is barred and bolted by worldliness, by pride, by disunion, and by sins of yet more crimson hue. Let us as individuals and as churches examine this matter in the light of the inspired directory, and hasten by penitence and prayer to unblock the door, and let the King of Glory in. There is no time to be lost in a work of such moment: what is to be done should be done quickly. Soon it

will be said by tens of thousands now under a dispensation of hope, "the harvest is past the summer is ended and I am not saved."

Acadia College.

The undersigned, having been appointed a Committee for the purpose of obtaining an increased annual income, have to state that they have forwarded Circulars and subscription lists to upwards of a hundred Pastors of Churches in the Provinces comprised in the Convention. The amount of subscriptions promised by those Churches from which they have received replies, including some of the wealthiest in the Denomination amount at present only to the sum of £150. They have now to inform the Denomination, that unless the subscriptions shall reach the sum of at least £500, at the time of the Anniversary, (June 4), it does not appear to them possible to sustain the College. The friends of the Institution will therefore see the necessity of prompt and liberal action.

J. M. CRAMP.
A. W. SAWYER.
Jas. R. FITCH.
Jno. CHASE.

Wolfville, April 24, 1858.

What say you Christian friends to this declaration? Shall the College opened by the prayers, and benevolence of the Fathers be shut? Acadia College closed for the want of funds in the presence of sixty thousand Baptists! Who that loves the denomination can think of such a catastrophe and not feel his cheeks crimson? Manning, Harding, Crandal, Miles, Very, and Chipman would cry out from their seats of glory SHAME, SHAME, to their successors in the spiritual battle field. Acadia the birth place of souls, and the Alma-mater of many of our devoted ministers converted into a reproach and a by-word to the denomination which gave it form and life! Surely this cannot, must not be. We call upon the Baptists of these Provinces to arise in their strength, and by their free will offerings to the treasury of this honoured Institution save it from ruin and themselves from withering disgrace.

To our Agents and Pastors.

Thankful to you dear friends for past favours, permit us to inform you that the income of the Visitor for the last two months has fallen far, very far short of its expenditure. Will you allow this state of things to continue? If so you require no prophetic eye to foretell the result. A simultaneous effort must be made to collect and remit outstanding debts at once, or the consequences will be of the most serious and damaging character. Will not the friends of the Visitor rally to its support in the hour of trial? We believe they will; and if they could only understand the financial pressure that is felt in consequence of unpaid dues, we are sure that help would come at once. We are contemplating change and improvement which render payment all the more urgent.

Rev. William Fitch our General Agent contemplates visiting King's, Albert and Westmorland Counties to settle up accounts, collect dues and extend our circulation; but let not local agents or subscribers wait for his coming. To delay action in this matter is to increase burdens already too heavy to be borne. We have faith in our friends that they will cordially co-operate in this time of pressing need.

In our Obituary list will be seen the death of a beloved son and daughter of T. C. Wheelock, Esq., of Wilmet, N. S. The son was taken ill on Saturday evening and died the following Tuesday. His sister was so deeply affected by her brother's sudden death, that her slender constitution yielded to the power of sisterly grief which in eight short days resulted in death.

Deeply do we sympathize with our old friends in this bitter bereavement. When we knew the son, he was a promising youth and was buoyant with hope for the future. The daughter Adelaide, handsome, refined and lovely, was the favorite of all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. We are happy to learn that she met death with a calm reliance upon her Saviour, and in the full hope of a blessed resurrection. They were buried side by side in the Nictaux Cemetery, and their funeral services were attended by large congregations of people.

Our prayer is that this painful stroke of a righteous Providence may be sanctified to the afflicted parents that they may bow in profound submission to the Great Supreme, who "is too wise to err and too good to be unkind."

THE WAY OF LIFE, is the title of a new paper just issued in New York. It is one of the fruits of the present great revival, and is designed to advocate the cause of evangelical Christianity without reference to sect or party. Its principles are truly catholic, and it is designed to be emphatically the organ of the "Young Men's Christian Association." The numerous extracts which we furnish from it in our present issue show the ground which it takes on the subject of religious revivals. We give "The Way of Life" a cordial welcome into the family circle of the religious press, and bid it God's speed in its important mission.

Packages of the sermon preached in German Street on the death of Father Crandal have been forwarded according to order to Joseph Crandal, Esq., Moncton; to John S. Colpitts, Esq., Salisbury; to R. E. Stoves, Esq., Hillsborough; to Rev. Levi Marshall, South Branch, Sussex Vale; to Rev. William Coleman, Harvey; and to John Ford, Esq., Sackville. Persons in those sections wishing to obtain copies can do so by applying to either of those gentlemen. They can be obtained also by application to the Colonial Book Store, to Barnes & Co., or to the office of the "Christian Visitor," Saint John.

BAPTISMS.—Rev. Dr. Clay baptized four candidates on Sabbath last, one a convert from Romanism, Rev. S. Robinson baptized four, Rev. E. B. DeMille five, and Rev. J. Goucher seven, in all twenty. Rev. Mr. McLeod also baptized several. Thus the good work is still progressing. May the Lord grant a more copious refreshing from his presence.

Letters enclosed by Rev. A. Hunt, received and mailed as directed.

New Books Received.

The second volume of sermons by the late Rev. John Harris, D. D., has been kindly to our address by the publishers, Gold, Lincoln & Co. This book contains fifteen sermons and four addresses delivered on special occasions by this eminent preacher and divine. These sermons have reference to "God's regard for man," "The worth of the soul," "The consecration of man's whole nature," "God's glory the end of life," "Exhortation to Christ an excellence," "The intercession of Christ," "The epistle to the church in Smyrna," "Vital Christianity both exclusive and comprehensive," "The oracles of God," "The word of life spoken in God's temple," "The Christian ministry," "The importance of an educated ministry," "Christ precious to the believer," "Jacob's dream," "The servant of Jesus Christ," "The idea and aim of the Christian Ministry," "The capabilities of the Christian Ministry," "The good soldier of Jesus Christ—His last discourse."

These in regard to arrangement, composition, and matter, are model sermons, and should have a place in the library of every Christian minister. We hope they will be widely circulated in the Provinces.

LIFE THOUGHTS GATHERED FROM THE EXTENSIVE DISCOURSES OF HENRY WARD BEECHER.

This is a new work issued by Phillips, Sampson & Co. It is rich in variety, abounds with original thoughts, and is full of pith and power. Here are a few paragraphs extracted from this interesting book, which will give our readers some idea of its style and character:—

"One man's heart beating against yours may be little to you; but when it is the echo of a thousand hearts, you cannot resist it. A single snow-flake, who cares for it? But a whole day of snow-flakes, obliterating the landmarks drifting over the doors, gathering up the mountains to crash in avalanches, who does not care for that? Private opinion is weak, but public opinion is almost omnipotent."

"Some men are like pyramids, which are very broad where they touch the ground, but grow narrower as they reach the sky."

"People say, 'How fortunate it is that things have turned out just as they have—that I was prepared for this.' As if God did not arrange the whole! One might as well say, 'How fortunate it is that I have a neck beneath my head, and shoulders under my neck!'"

No man need fear that he will exhaust his substance of thought, if he will only draw his inspiration from actual human life. There is an inexhaustible God pour depths and endless variety of truth; the true thinker is but a short-hand writer endeavoring to report the discourse of God. Shall a child on the banks of the Amazon fear lest he should drink up the stream?"

The popularity and usefulness of Mr. Beecher will doubtless secure for this work an extended sale and it seems to us adapted to do great good. It is replete with sentences s yings, abounding with metaphors drawn from the observations and experience of every day life, for the purpose of unfolding and applying the truth to the understanding and to the heart.

These works are for sale at the Colonial Book Store in this city.

REVIVAL PROGRESS.

Extracted from the Way of Life.

MEMORANDUMS OF THE UNION MEETING IN JOHN STREET.

Upon one occasion, a gentleman said that he had come there to complain of the John Street meeting. He had been accustomed to call upon business men between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, but for a series of weeks his business had been annoyed by disappointments. Upon asking for parties whom he called upon, he was invariably told that they would be in as soon as the John Street meeting was out. Now he had got into the way himself, and he begged co-operation for a meeting in Brooklyn.

One gentleman desired to remind the people that they must beware of depending upon the excitement attendant upon a great revival to sustain them in their profession as followers of Christ. They must cultivate faith, and unite it with their actions.

The Rev. C. E. Harris hoped that in future the influence of the present revival upon little children, such as attend the Sabbath school, would not be overlooked. He cited instances, showing the value of youthful co-operation.

Roe Lockwood, Esq., charged all persons standing up to signify their desire for an interest in prayer, to feel as conscious of individuality in that act as if they were standing before the judgment seat of God.

Mr. Wallace Jones, of La Crosse, gave interesting information of the progress of the Revival in Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburg, and other Western towns and cities. He related some affecting incidents in connection with the work, and said that the entire evangelization of the entire West would be accomplished before the interest would exhaust itself.

A merchant, about forty years of age, said that within the last twelve days he had been converted, after some years of consciousness of duty, although he had neglected doing it. He had fully dedicated himself and all he had to the work of saving souls. He spoke in glowing terms of the happiness he now experienced in contrast with his former miserable condition.

Among the requests not the least striking was that from a widow desiring to return thanks to God for the conversion of her son. This is the same widow who had formerly asked prayers for her son who had cursed her, and subsequently for his conversion, as he had repented his rash conduct. He is now a hopeful convert.

Tuesday, April 20. Meeting was conducted by R. Tennent Shaw Esq.

THE STRIVINGS OF THE SPIRIT.

An elderly gentleman requested prayers for the only son of a widow, he has now gone to California. He desired that the vessel would leave much sooner than it did, as he said he felt impelled to attend this meeting every day he remained here, and he wished to leave this place as he could find no peace. The day the vessel sailed, however, he seems to have changed in his feelings, and regretted that he must leave the daily prayer meeting, and so great was his agony that (as the vessel left the wharf) he tore his hair and exclaimed, "Oh! I will be lost; I will be lost."

RESULT OF PERSONAL EFFORT.

Bro. Pardee stated a case of peculiar interest. "An inebriate came to one of our city mission schools and took a seat among the congregation without knowing why he came, only he felt that was the place for him to go. During the meeting a young man spoke to him about his soul, and after the meeting, went with him to his home, and after reading to him a portion of Scripture, this poor man begged him to pray; at the close of the prayer he cried aloud for mercy with all the earnestness of his soul; suddenly he stopped and, with faltering tongue, exclaimed, 'I feel

—I feel—that God is here! I feel it in my heart. Here, blessed God, I give myself to Thee, and from that hour he has been rejoicing in hope of eternal life."

Bro. Marsh, from China, said: "We have labored for many years without any signal blessings as the result of our work, but the Lord is now moving among us, and we hope for a gracious outpouring of his spirit."

A PRATYNG WIFE.

A gentleman stated the case of a young man in Boston, a treasurer of a large public institution who has recently experienced religion. He was asked how he had been led to the Saviour, and he answered, "When I went home I always found my wife at prayer; at one time in the garret, again in the cellar, and again in the family circle, and everywhere I found her she was always praying for me."

ANOTHER.

A letter was read from a man who was five years a pickpocket, and in his own language he says, "I would have been one yet but for the prayers of a Christian wife." In the letter before referred to, he says, "I think her sighs and tears induced me to call on you. Since that time I have been an honest man. Many times I wanted bread, and my wife and children could not sleep for hunger. My companions urged me to join them and, starvation stared me in the face—no food—no coal—none but my sufferings. But amidst all you kept me up. Had I not met you I must have perished or continued a thief. I can never forget your prayer and good advice. I repeat, these things made me resolve to reform. I have stolen nothing for four months. I go to church, and the more I go the more I want to. I hope God will forgive my sins. I am more happy than ever. I went to church last Sunday, and the Minister knew all about me. I had to change my seat. All he said was addressed to me."

MEMORANDUMS OF THE MERCHANT'S UNION PRAYER MEETING AT NO. 69 BROADWAY.

An old gentleman said that a prayer meeting for business men was a correct idea. Prayer was his business; he had followed it for a long time. It was everybody's business to pray. They were about their business then. As business men, how sweet it was to grasp an hour from the turmoil of the tumultuous world, and to spend it in happy, holy remembrances of what the Lord had done for the sons of men.

A gentleman said that he had been on a tour through the Eastern States, but such a scene as he then looked upon he never expected to see in the city of New York. It was refreshing to him, as a business man, to meet with his friends in that way to commune with the Spirit of the living God.

A gentleman said he was glad to see the business men of our country taking part in the work of the Church militant. Two weeks ago he came from Ohio, since which time the Lord had converted his soul. He related an incident of a lady of education and refinement, the wife of an eminent physician: Some days ago a young man called to see the Doctor in behalf of a friend, who, being absent, the young man felt disappointed, and broke out in a tirade of oaths and curses. The good lady immediately said: "My dear young man, you are in need of a physician yourself; your soul is in a diseased state." The conversation continued for some time. At length the young man left, promising that Christian lady to pray for his mother who was in a neighboring state. He gave up his waywardness, prayed, and immediately received evidence of pardon.

A gentleman desired to say to those who were in quest of peace, and who tried to stifle the restless soul by profession, that they must unfold themselves in heart and ask God's blessing, or they never could have peace. Otherwise they would be like the merchant who, upon finding an error in his ledger, feared to investigate the whole book on account of the new and terror-stricken revelations which might be made. He warned them to flee the dangers that lurked around men of business in all the walks of life. He urged upon them to flee to Christ where there was no danger.

A gentleman said that an ungodly member of the press had told him, on the day previous to that meeting, that the religious revival was as dead as Julius Caesar. He could inform his ungodly friend that this was not so, for the work would go on through the summer months and progress, even to the dawn of the millennium.

Chauncey Schaffer said the time which they had been together had seemed to him a very brief hour. He was impressed with the idea that great blessings were always connected with great judgments. He had made enquiry of an aged citizen of New York, and in his history of the city he said that this had been the case. In such circumstances God would find many in this city who would be almost saved. He had been informed by the late Edward Sandford, that after making out a will one day, the old gentleman who was to sign it, upon rising from his seat to transact that duty, fell dead on the floor. So it would be with many. They would put off the finishing stroke of ratifying their wills until it might be too late. He urged upon the meeting the importance of permitting the influence of religion to permeate the whole business atmosphere in which they moved—to let every dollar and every leaf of their ledgers tell that Christ was in the heart directing the pen, and consecrating the pocket. He spoke of the importance of performing individual duty. If every man would feel conscious of this principle, and set in accordance with its dictates, the nations of the earth would soon rejoice in Jesus Christ. Christianity had seen its darkest day, and men had begun to see the fruits of their labors even in their own time.

MISSION PRAYER MEETING.

An interesting Mission Prayer Meeting was held corner of Avenue C and Twelfth street, on Sunday afternoon last—Lucius Hart, Esq., presiding. The meeting was opened by singing the 38th Union Hymn—

"Come, my soul, thy suit prepare,
Jesus loves to answer prayer."

The 55th chapter of Isaiah was read, and remarks thereon made by Mr. Hart to an attentive audience. Prayer was offered by Mr. Atterbury, when the meeting was opened for exhortation or prayer. Whereupon a reformed sailor rose and said—

"I wish to testify to the power of prayer. For nine years I was from home, 'mid dangers seen and unseen, such as the poor sailor only knows. I was reckless and sin-hardened.—One day the vessel in which I was sailing came into our harbour, and for a few hours I was home again. It had been for years supposed that I was dead, yet an attached sister never had given me up, but constantly told her mother that 'Joseph' would some day come home again; and also that she expected to see him a Christian before he died. Her faithful appeals to me to leave my sins and cling to Jesus; and her promise, upon leaving home again, that for every line I wrote she would send me six, made me feel that no longer must I stay away from my sister's Saviour, which resulted in my falling upon my knees between the guns while my mates were swaying in their hammocks, and I gave myself to Jesus, and to-day I rejoice, with the whole family of mine, in the love of Christ. Mothers, sisters, pray on! hope on!"

At the close of the relation of this affecting incident, the 204th Union Hymn was sung:—

"Who can describe the joys that rise
Through all the courts of Paradise
To see a prodigal return,
To see an heir of glory born?"

After further services, in which Messrs. Seymour Waterbury and Father Lyons took a part, the meeting closed by singing that beautiful hymn on Exhortation to prayer—

"What various hindrances we meet
In coming to the mercy seat;
Yet who that knows the worth of prayer,
But wishes to be often there?"

This meeting is held under the auspices of friends from Rev. Asa D. Smith's congregation in Fourteenth street, daily from twelve to one o'clock.

COLORADO PEOPLE'S MEETING.

Colored people's Union Prayer Meetings are held every day at noon in Spring Street Hall, and in the Congregational Church, Sullivan street, every evening from five to six o'clock.—The meetings are well attended, and great enthusiasm characterizes the movement.

STUYVESANT INSTITUTE MEETING.

A number of young men connected with one of the up town churches have taken charge of the meeting at Stuyvesant Institute. The enterprise seems to go well in their hands. The meeting is held from five to six o'clock every day.

DUANE STREET CHURCH.

The noon Union Prayer Meeting at Duane Street Methodist Episcopal Church continues to be well attended and an extensive interest prevails.

GREENWICH STREET MEETING.

The meeting at No. 27, Greenwich street is held at noon every day, and is well attended by all classes in that neighbourhood. Many sailors and boatmen have been led to entertain serious thoughts of religion by their attendance upon these meetings.

CENTRE STREET MEETING.

The Union Prayer Meeting held in Centre street has been attended by encouraging congregations, and the influence of the enterprise has been the means of happying a large number of poor persons who live in the neighbourhood, and who have attended the meetings every day since they were first established.

THANKSGIVING DAY IN JOHN STREET.

Wednesday, the 14th of April, having been set apart as a day of thanksgiving at the John Street Union Prayer Meeting, a large congregation assembled. The Hon. Edward A. Lambert conducted the exercises. As soon as the meeting was thrown open

A young man said, he had reason to thank God for His goodness to him. God had raised him from a sick bed, and although he had resisted many offers of salvation, yet he had been led to seek the Saviour, and had found him.

A gentleman said that the people in the country would unite with those in the city in praising God. In the town of Danbury, Conn., and vicinity, there had been five hundred conversions, and the work was still progressing.

Another related several instances of conversion which had been brought about by apparently simple means. One had said to him, "You asked me to go into the Sabbath-school." Another had said, "You asked me into the prayer-meeting." And another had told him that he had taken a common tin-pot to a poor dilapidated tinker to be mended. While the tinker was at work mending it, he asked, "Are you a Christian?" He replied he was not. "Well," said the tinker, "you ought to be." And all the time the tinker was at work he kept charging home upon this young man the necessity of conversion. That young man was the child of pious parents; had heard many a sermon; but he said he never heard such a sermon as that.

Another said he felt it a privilege to thank God for what He had done for him. He, like many other young men, was going the downward road, but God in great mercy arrested him in his course, and turned him to the Saviour. He hoped to be faithful for the rest of his life.

Another said he was glad to testify that he was a young convert, and loved to sit at the feet of Jesus. He had but lately found out how delightful it was to serve God.

Another said he was one of those who had long resisted all the efforts of parents and friends to bring him to Christ. He had resolved that he would not be a Christian; but on last Friday he went into a prayer-meeting, and with others rose for prayer; and now, said he, "I feel that I am a Christian; I do love God, and I wish to be one of his own children. I ask you all to pray for me. Oh! I am so happy that I want to tell everybody of it, and I want all my friends to be happy too."

A sailor said: "I am a poor sea-faring man, and yet my heart is full of praise to God. The Bible is the first book that I ever bought, and on that account I often suffered persecution from my shipmates, who laughed and asked what was the use of the book to me, as I could not read it; but blessed be God, who gave me an interpreter to its truths. I have followed the sea for the last twenty-two years; I have been through some terrible scenes in that time; I have had to leave four ships and struggle with the waves for my life, but God has picked me up. I don't wonder, my friends, that you rejoice to-day; but let me tell you, that's the time to prove the love of a Saviour when he can pick you up from the middle of the Atlantic."

An old sailor said: "I am a young convert, though I am old in years. I can feel with my brother who has just taken his seat, for I have been a sailor for forty years. About two years ago, I heard a sermon in this church from the text, 'Grieve not the Spirit,' and something said to me then, it would be the last call I should ever have from the Spirit of God; and now I can stand up before you, and thank God for his goodness to me. The only thing I regret is, that I did not give my heart to God in my youthful days. When I look back upon my past life, I am surprised that I should have been spared, sinful as I was; but God did spare me, when I have had to strip off my clothes and swim fifteen miles for my life. He preserved me in a little boat fourteen feet long, in the Western Ocean; and now I feel the love of God in my heart."

A clergyman from Long Island said that while Christians were rejoicing they must keep the fire bright in their own hearts, and pray while they rejoice. He said: "The other day, on Long Island, where there was but one praying man within four miles, and where there was no regular meeting, I found a poor man out; gunning and sailing, who perhaps had not been to church in twenty years. I persuaded him to go to a prayer-meeting in a little school-house not far from that place, and the other day he came to the store to procure some clothes to go to meeting with. Hearing that I was sick, he came to my house, and went for me to point him the way to Christ. Before he left the house, he felt so happy that he forgot all about the clothes, but went home to his wife, and the first thing he said was 'Let us pray. I cannot read a word but hereafter, dear wife, you must read and I will pray.'"

George H. Stuart, Esq., President of the Philadelphia Young Men's Christian Association, said that it was worth coming all the way from Philadelphia, even if one had to come on foot, to be present at this meeting and hear the testimony which has been offered there that day. In his city the work was going on; Thursday they were to have a day of fasting and prayer, in view of the many souls in that city who were yet out of Christ. The Christian Association of that city had extended an invitation to the brethren to open their engine

houses for prayer meetings, and the invitation had been kindly responded to, and two such meetings had already been established. In order to continue these meetings through the summer, they had procured a large tent capable of seating three thousand persons, which they intended to dedicate to the service of God about the first of May, at which time they should be happy to see a delegation from New York. All the lumber had been given, and all the carpenter work for seats, etc., had been gratuitously performed by young converts who had been brought to God during this Revival. It had been decided to postpone the annual Sabbath School celebration, lest it might interfere with the work now going on in the schools.—From one of the schools fifty had united with the church on the previous day. A little girl, thirteen years of age, came to him, and wanted him to go and see her father. He was unwilling to leave her join the church, thinking she was too young; but she said that she felt the love of Christ in her heart, and wanted to commemorate His death with the rest of her companions.

The Rev. Dr. Skinner of Union Theological Seminary, said that he felt he could say, in the words of old Simon, "Now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, for my eyes have seen the glory of the Lord." Many of us had never expected to see such a state of things as now exists in the churches. We give thanks in the autumn when the harvest is gathered in, but what is that harvest of souls now being gathered into the garner of God? How much more should we offer thanksgiving and praise now.

A gentleman from New Haven said, that the increase was increasing in that city; almost entire classes of students in the College had been converted within the last few weeks, and good news was coming in from all the country round. Those in the country would mingle their praises with those in the cities.

Mr. Lambert requested all those present who had been converted within the past few months to rise, that it might be seen how many there were. A large number rose, the majority of them being young persons.

The Rev. Dr. Skinner offered the thanksgiving prayer, and after singing the Union Hymn in concert with the other meetings, the benediction was pronounced, and the congregation dispersed.

Wednesday, April 21st. The meeting was conducted by Daniel T. Macfarlan, Esq.

A brother said we should praise God not only for temporal, but for spiritual blessings obtained through the Sacrificial blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A very young man said, "I feel that I have given my heart to God. I am weak. I know not what to say; but to you who are not reconciled to God I say, seek ye the Lord—do not think you are too great a sinner, Christ died for the chief of sinners."

A gentleman advanced in years said, "Four years since, I asked for prayers in this place for my family, and in answer to those prayers two of them are now converted to God. One of my dear children, a youth of fourteen, gives bright evidence of a hope in Christ."

A young convert said, "I listened a few weeks ago to a sermon from the text—'The harvest is over, the summer is past, and my soul is not saved'—and the thought rushed upon me, my soul is not saved. But now, thank God, I feel that hope which the world can neither give nor take away."

Another brother said, "This has been a day of praise and thanksgiving with me for ten years for blessings both temporal and spiritual. Out of eleven children in my family, nine have been converted to God."

A brother from Providence, R. I., said,—"There are many very interesting cases in our midst. One is that of a man who was called the Prince of Rumblers, but God had called him by the spirit of his grace, and he has destroyed his liquors and given up the business. His own language is, 'No man knows better than I the road to ruin.' Another case, from the same locality, was that of a Judge of the United States Circuit Court, the grace of God had touched his heart, and he is now burning with zeal for the religion of Christ."

THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN OUR COLLEGES.
A brother said, "Two weeks ago, in Yale College, two students made a bet of one hundred dollars that they would go through this revival unmoved; but before the week passed, both were converted to God."