

**BARNESLEY CIRCUIT.**  
**Extract of Eli Barrowclough's Journal, 1821.**

ACCORDING to the appoint- Barnsley I was appointed to travelment of the Circuit Committee at in Barnsley Circuit.

March 22, preached at Royston, at this place there is a good work, about fifty in society. When speaking to them I felt much of the power of God; believers rejoiced, sinners cried out for mercy, mourners were comforted; and four-souls were brought to experience the pardoning love of God O bless the Lord for what he has done at this place.

March 25, preached at Thorns and Wakefield. I had a precious time at Thorns, the power of God was felt, and some received the divine blessing; souls also were convinced of sin. Preached at Wakefield at two and six. Here I had much of the divine presence; many cried out for mercy, but did not fully get into liberty. Praise the Lord for what he is doing at this place. The work of God is going on well.

March 28. — At seven o'clock preached at Osset. There is much persecution at this place. Before I could preach I was obliged to read the licences twice. But, blessed be God, he was with us and that to bless us; the power of God came down, and three souls got into liberty. There is a great work at this place. The next day I visited most of the members, and found some of them very happy in God, and others groaning for redemption.

March 29, preached at Florton at seven o'clock. Here I had a good time, and some good was done. The work is going on well at this place; thirty-six in society.

March 30, preached at Kirkburton, at seven o'clock. Here there is much persecution; but the Lord is reviving his work. I visited most of the members, and found them going on well. twenty-four in society. Praise God for what he is doing at this place.

April 1, preached at Newsom at ten and two. Here the power of God came down, two souls were brought to cry out for mercy; I met the society, and joined some few members. There is a loving society: their souls are happy in God; sixteen in the whole.

April 2, preached at Upper Longley; found it a hard time; but, after preaching, we had a prayer meeting, The power of God was felt and some souls blest. I formed a class after the meeting, and I hope a good work will follow.

April 3, preached at Thong. Here I am at a loss to describe with my pen what my eyes saw, what my ears heard, and my heart felt, while preaching. Many souls cried out for mercy. After preaching we held a prayer meeting, which did not break up until five o'clock in the morning. Nine souls were brought into gospel liberty. Praise the Lord. The day following, we had prayer meetings in different parts of the town. When I was called to visit them in their different houses, I found them crying out for mercy, by their looms and jennies; could work no more till they were made happy in God. While I beheld with my eyes, my heart was affected; and I was blest in my soul while praying with them. All were affected, Both young and old shed tears, In the course of the day four souls got liberty.

Preached again on Wednesday night. The power of God came down while speaking; one man was converted to God; another fell down and cried out for mercy. The Lord heard his cry, and set his soul at liberty. After preaching held a prayer meeting. Two souls got liberty. The work continued all the week; no less than forty souls were born for glory, in the same week; and the work still

continues. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes. May the Lord carry on his work, till every soul be converted to God.

April 5 preached at Upper Cumberworth This was a good time and the work of God is going on well. Here is a great increase to our society.

Sunday, April 8, preached at Gawthorn in the forenoon; and in the afternoon, held the lovefeast. So many attended that we were obliged to have it out of doors, It was a good time; six souls were born again.

Friday, April 14, preached at Skelmanthorp. The power of God came down; three souls were brought into liberty. The work is going on well at this place.

Thursday 19, in the evening preached at Cudworth. The power of God came down, and one soul got into liberty. Praise the Lord.

Sunday, April 22, preached at Holylandswain at ten o'clock in the forenoon; I had much of the divine presence, and felt it to be a profitable time, when holding forth the word of life, exhibiting a risen Saviour to a ruined world. Held a lovefeast in the afternoon. It was a good time. A great number attended. There was much of the power of God; one woman cried out, in the midst of the people, for mercy. The power of God came down, and she was brought into liberty. After that the work broke out, and six souls were brought into liberty. O praise the Lord for the work that is going on at this place.

Preached again in the evening to a large congregation out of doors, several were convinced of sin, but did not get into liberty.

Friday, April 27, preached at Wombwell. This was a good time; the power of God was felt; and, in less than an hour, six souls were brought into gospel liberty. Praise the Lord. My heart is full, the Lord is with me; bless his holy name, may I ever preach Christ and him crucified. May God make me humble.

Sunday, April 29, attended a camp meeting at Upper Thong. It was supposed that upwards of twenty thousand people were present. But here we met with much persecution; the devil roared. But, blessed be God, he made bare his arm in the salvation of precious souls. In the course of the day, seven souls were saved from their sins. There is a glorious work in this place: in the last week above eighty souls were born for glory.

April 30. In the evening preached at Overton, after preaching, met the class, the power of God was with us, one backslider was restored. Praise the Lord. E. BARROWCLOUGH

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## References

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