

## Sheffield Circuit: Extract of J Brook's Journal. 1822

SATURDAY, December 29, 1821, I preached for the last time at Bradwell, to a crowded congregation. Many tears were shed, and many souls were blessed, I feel it the greatest cross I ever had, to leave this dear people. I never saw such a work before: in the space of twelve weeks nearly two hundred increase, and a new chapel nearly built.

January 1, 1822. Came from Bradwell branch to Sheffield to labour a quarter if the Lord spares me. I felt much cast down, thinking it was not the will of God. However, I endeavoured to cast my care upon the Lord. We held a watchnight in the chapel in Sheffield. It was a refreshing season to many souls. The power of God came down, and the meeting continued till about two o'clock in the morning. About six precious souls professed to find the glorious liberty of God's dear children. During the week I visited my sister, who is at the point of death, but happy in the Lord. She is an old methodist.

Sunday January 6. Attended the class at nine, at Mar. After brother Sellers had spoke a little we began to pray earnestly for those who had not liberty; and one soul found glorious liberty. Another woman between seventy and eighty years of age was desirous for God to make her happy; we prayed with her for some time, and God Almighty shed his love abroad in her heart. In the afternoon, preached at Pigbourn to a large congregation. Afterwards held lovefeast. The power of God was felt: one young woman professed to find the evidence that she was now a child of God. A poor backslider was in distress; he prayed much, and the Lord blessed his soul. At half past six I preached at Mar, and held a prayer meeting. One soul professed to find liberty. Bless God, it has been a good day.

Wednesday 9. Preached at Arksey. After preaching we held a prayer meeting, then a class meeting. One or two were in distress, and one poor woman found liberty. Glory to God.

Sunday Jan. 13: Held lovefeast at Doncaster. Some hundreds attended, and it was a feast indeed; much simplicity and power, pointed speaking and a great many tears shed. A number were under conviction; three or four found liberty; one professed to find full sanctification.

Monday 14. Doncaster. This has been, to my soul, one of the best days I ever spent. I visited the people from house to house accompanied by brother Waite, class-leader. I was remarkably blest while talking about religion and praying with the people. One woman we prayed with professed to find liberty. In the evening, preached, had a good time; held prayer meeting at brother Woodward's. The power of God came down in such a manner as I scarcely ever known before; and four souls found full sanctification, and one professed to find the evidence of being a child of God.

Sunday January 20. Worksop. This morning attended the prayer meeting. One aged poor woman professed to be blest. In the afternoon held lovefeast. A number in distress; four or five professed to find the liberty of God's dear children.

Monday January 28. Chesterfield. Had a blessed day to my soul. Visited the people assisted by two of our sisters. Administered the sacrament to two of our sisters who were afflicted, but very happy in the Lord, and wept for joy. At one house, one young woman professed to find liberty. Preached in the evening.

Sunday February 10, Preached at Thorp at half-past ten; and at half-past one held lovefeast. One backslider in distress; and one spoke who was awakened last Lord's day under the preaching at Hoyland, and found liberty on Wednesday night.

Monday 11. Visited some of the people at Thorp, and found the backslider had prayed till God had set his soul at liberty. Tuesday 12, I preached at Elsecar to a great company. Held a prayer meeting; one woman professed to find the love of God shed abroad in her heart, and joined the society. Wednesday 13. Visited the people at Elsecar. Two souls found liberty.

Sunday February 17, Preached at Rotherham, and gave the sacrament. It was a solemn time, two souls professed to find liberty. Monday 18. Preached at Hough, one soul in distress. Tuesday 19, Preached at Swinton, and held prayer meeting, one soul found liberty. Wednesday 20, Preached at Wath. One soul found liberty, three joined the society. Praise the Lord.

Sunday February 2. Preached at Wicherly, and held lovefeast. It was a good time, three souls found liberty, and two professed to find full sanctification.

Sunday March 2: Attended prayer meeting at Hampole at half-past eight; had a melting time. Two souls professed to find liberty. Preached at ten to a large congregation. At half past two, preached at Pigbourn, and held prayer meeting. One soul professed to find liberty, and another was under conviction. Praise the Lord.

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Reference

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