

**Transcription of extracts of his journal published in the Primitive Methodist Magazine**

**NORMAN ISLES MISSION  
(Sunderland and South Shields Circuit)  
*Extracts of G Cosen's Journal***

September 16, Preached in the morning and evening at St. Heliers. In the afternoon held a prayer meeting, and formed a new class. This has been a day of the Son of Man with power. Three were added to the Society.

17, Visited and prayed with a few families. In the evening preached at a place called Millbrook, two miles from St. Heliers, to a crowded congregation who felt the force of the truth. After the preaching service, we held a prayer meeting, many cried out lustily: one, a lady of great respectability, cried out vehemently for hours, and when requested by her companions to go home, she exclaimed, "Oh no!—No! no!" She at last received some comfort; but not a clear evidence of pardoning mercy.

18, Visited and prayed with a few families, preached in the evening to a large and attentive congregation.

19, Visited and prayed with a few families. In the evening preached at St. Aubin's, to five or six hundreds, while hundreds were unable to obtain admission. The Spirit of the pentecostal day was amongst us, and great effects were produced,

20, Visited and prayed with a few families. In the evening attended a prayer meeting.

21, and 22, Visited and prayed as on the 20th.

23, Preached at half-past ten in the room; and at the Wesleyan Chapel, at half-past 2, for the benefit of the Sunday school, to near two thousand persons, hundreds went away unable to obtain admittance. In the evening preached at the room. The whole of this day has been one of peculiar manifestation of the Spirit, and of power from on high.

24, Preached at Millbrook, to two rooms literally crammed with people, and scores could not get admittance. The demonstration of the Spirit was powerfully present. Three joined the society. The Lord is bringing to his fold in this place, which was formerly very destitute of even the form of religion.

25, Preached at St. Heliers, in the room, and the shout of a king was in our camp. Visited and prayed with ten families.

26, At St. Aubin's. Preached to a congregation equally large with the last mid with an equal assurance that the Lord owns his word.

27, Gorie. Congregations better than usual. The Cholera has visited this place; but produced little excitement; but the harvest is whitening gloriously.

28, At St. Heliers. Visited a few families, accompanied by divine influence. Held a prayer meeting.

29, Visited ten families, and attended a prayer meeting.

30, Preached twice in the room, and held a prayer meeting in the afternoon. The members appear to be growing in grace, and getting forward towards Canaan.

October 1, Preached at Millbrook to a large and very attentive congregation, with much divine energy amongst them.

2, At St. Heliers, visited ten families, and preached. Held a prayer meeting after preaching, with peculiar Unction,

3, At St. Aubin's. Visited ten families. Preached to an increasingly numerous congregation, with a deep feeling of the presence and power of the Most High.

4, Visited ten families, and held a prayer meeting, in company with Br. Haughton, at which the Master of assemblies was powerfully present. One more added to the society.

5, Intended to have sailed to Guernsey, but was disappointed of a passage by the violence of the wind. Visited ten families. In the evening held a prayer meeting with B. Haughton.

6, Left Jersey for Guernsey, at which I landed about six in the evening.

7, Preached in the room in the morning, to fifty or sixty persons, with a very gracious influence. In the afternoon preached on the Pier, to about one thousand persons, who were peculiarly attentive. The congregation at the room in the evening, was nearly three hundred. A good feeling. Held a prayer meeting, and led the class of two members.

8, Held a prayer meeting, about one hundred and fifty persons present, and a very powerful excitement was produced on the minds of the people. The Lord is making bare his arm, and we shall shortly see its effects. Visited as usual ten families.

9, Preached at the room to about two hundred, with a shaking among the dry bones, but no coming together as yet. Visited as usual.

10, Visited ten families, in which the Spirit of the Holy One was felt.

11, Visited as usual, Preached in the evening to about three hundred, among whom the word produced a powerful sensation. The cloud begins to show on the edge of the horizon.

12 and 13, Visited as on the preceding days, and felt increasingly encouraged to hope and believe.

14, Preached in the room, at half-past ten, to about two hundred. In the afternoon upon the Pier, to nearly two thousand, among whom, the word seemed to be working its way. In the evening there were, I suppose four hundred persons present. There was a mighty influence among them. Four gave in their names to the society. The cloud is rising, Glory be to God.

15, Prayer meeting, at which about three hundred were present, and the Lord in the midst of us.

16, Preached in the room to about three hundred, a very good feeling; but no evidence of any being converted.

17, Visited families as usual.

18, Preached in the room, to a widely increasing congregation, both as to number and devoutness.

19, This day the Cholera began with very great virulence. Visited and prayed with many patients, some of them I believe found great benefit, who are now no more.

20, Visited families as usual. In the evening took tea with a friend, and after tea held a prayer meeting, at which the power of the Lord came down gloriously. Two sisters, who had been for some time lukewarm members of another society, were shaken as over the pit of destruction and cried vehemently for mercy. Two or three others, relatives of the friends at whose house I was, were also in deep distress, after about an hour's struggling, got free. We then adjourned to another house. The meeting began with a gracious and powerful influence, and in a quarter of an hour cries of distress were heard on every side; the room was soon filled, and the penitents' cries for mercy were almost deafening. The battle went on gloriously: one after another got free, till Glory, Halleluia, rung through the house. Six were now rejoicing with joy unspeakable, and full of glory; and as it was ten o'clock, and I had to prepare for the sabbath, I was about to depart; but as there were some about the door and the passage, who were still standing idle, a person gave me commandment to charge them, and nothing would do but I must mount a chair, and begin to talk to the scoffers; four fell down and began to cry for mercy. The battle became stronger, and nine persons went away rejoicing in the love of God. I went home, thanked God, and took courage, hearing the sound of abundance of rain.

21, At nine o'clock in the morning, preached on the Pier, and though the wind was cold, I had an attentive and numerous congregation. I also preached three times in the room, and made collections towards defraying the expenses of fitting it up: and considering the poverty consequent upon the Cholera raging here, the collections were pretty well. The services of the day were very energetic, and three were added to the society. Two of the members got a clear evidence of pardon in the class. Praise the Lord.

22, Visited the Cholera Hospital, and many out patients, several of whom have since gone into eternity. Four found the manifestation of the love of God. In the evening held a prayer meeting, at which about four hundred were present, among these were many lukewarm professors. The power of the Lord was evidently felt in the commencement of the meeting; but before half an hour had elapsed, the clouds copiously poured down their contents, and a struggle for liberty began to appear among the people. The glory descended —one after another got free, —the shouts of "Victory, victory, through the blood of the Lamb," resounded through the assembly, and twenty six obtained peace with God through Jesus Christ. Glory be to God for ever! His arm is stretched out! He goes on to be gracious! I believe for still greater things.

23, Visited the Cholera Hospital with comfort and energy. In the afternoon went to preach in a friend's house; a very gracious influence descended. After preaching, held a prayer meeting, when seven in about half an hour, were set gloriously free. These were all connected with the Wesleyan Methodists. In the evening preached in the room, and held a prayer-meeting, when the cry for mercy was again heard on every hand. We concluded at midnight, having seen nearly thirty set free, and nine added to the society. The Lord rides on gloriously. Halleluia to the Lamb for ever!

24, Held a prayer meeting in the room at 6 o'clock in the morning, when an old backslider, after lying as dead for more than an hour, sprang up and declared that the Lord had healed his backslidings. Visited families and Cholera patients during the day. In the evening held a prayer meeting in the room until ten o'clock, this was an awful time: the power of the Lord God of Elijah was seen, and eighteen were brought

into liberty. I then went by appointment to a house to hold another meeting, at which three souls were set free. Went home half an hour after midnight, rejoicing much more than one who had taken great spoil. Glory be to God, such times have never appeared in Guernsey before! But I believe we shall see greater things yet.

25, This morning at the prayer meeting, three souls were set free. Praise the Lord. Visited patients as usual, both in and out of the hospital. Preached in the evening to an overflowing congregation, among whom there was a shaking. In the prayer meeting there was not so much crying for mercy as before; but there was a solemn feeling, and eight souls were brought into a clear sense of pardon. It was delightful at this meeting to observe those who had lately been brought in, exerting themselves to comfort others. And we see curls, ear-drops, and such things, fall off before the fire of grace. Those who gave in their names to-night, with those who had previously joined, make a total of forty-five. Who is so great a God as our God? Bless the Lord O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Amen.

P.S. Brother Haughton had laboured one month in Guernsey before the time that Br. Cosens left Jersey to supply his place, Brother Haughton is now in Jersey: and from his last communication the Mission in that Island appears to be doing well. There were then nearly seventy in society. Praise God. JOHN PETTY.

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#### Reference

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