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BRIGHTON MISSION.— Dear Editor,— Believing that you and your numerous readers will rejoice to hear of the prosperity of the Redeemer's cause in connection with our mission on this rocky and barren soil, we readily forward the following facts. In December, 1849, when brother Miller entered upon this mission, the number of members reported were fifty-five, and its quarterly income was 7*l*, 10*s*. (£7 10*s*.) There was then one Sabbath-school, containing thirty-three scholars; but there were only two preaching places,—Brighton and Shoreham.

The Lord in mercy poured out his Holy Spirit in the various services; the labourers were thereby refreshed, and went to work in good earnest, and fifteen souls were added to the society during the March quarter, 1850. We then re-missioned Lewes, preaching in the streets, and in the temperance-hall, and we soon succeeded in raising a society there. The work thus increasing, the General Missionary Committee lately sent us another preacher, brother T. Allen, who bids fair to be useful.

We have since re-missioned Newhaven, and raised a society there. We have commenced preaching in several other places, and hope to succeed in them also. At our March quarterly meeting, just past, we reported a hundred members, six preaching places, one Sabbath-school, seventy-five scholars; and our quarterly income was above 14*l*, (£14)

We have recently held protracted meetings at Brighton and Lewes, and processioned the streets, preaching and singing in true Primitive Methodistic style, and thirteen were converted at Brighton, and fifteen at Lewes; most of whom have been received as members on trial, though not included in the number reported to the district-meeting. Great credit is due to the labourers, male and female, for the manner in which they have toiled in the good work, but all the glory we give to God.

But our prosperity has not been unopposed; we have had to endure persecution, especially at Lewes, where we have been compelled to summon six men to appear before the magistrates. They were, however, anxious to compromise the matter, and we agreed to do so, on condition of their acknowledging their misconduct by handbills, and paying 3*l*. 12*s*., (£3 12*s*.) the expenses incurred; to which, after some demur, they consented. We are now undisturbed at Lewes; but we suffer materially both at Brighton and Lewes for want of larger preaching places, and before this mission can become self-supporting, larger places must be obtained. O that God may give us wisdom, and direct us how to get suitable houses wherein his glory may be displayed in saving hundreds of precious souls!

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