

AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF GOD
(Darlaston Circuit June 18, 1830.)

It is now near twelve months since I left the affectionate friends in the Oldham Circuit, after having spent with them, a year and a half in peace and great prosperity. Being stationed for the Darlaston Circuit, I and my worthy colleagues Thos. Haslam, and Jas. Morish, began our labours there. And, in a short time after this, the circuit sent for our respected Sister E. Wheeldon to labour with us: and, through the blessing of God attending the united labours of the Preachers and Leaders, we have seen the work of the Lord revive.

The Congregations in most places have increased, and are very good. The Societies have made great progress in Holiness, and many are added to our number. Hundreds have been Converted to God, many backsliders have been restored, and others have been blessed with the sanctifying power, while several have: died in the triumph of faith; and the glory of the Lord is going through the Circuit.

We have had some difficulties; but the Lord has helped us. Blessed be God, the Preachers and people have been kept in peace; and we love as brethren, and believe the work will more abundantly revive. We have many zealous and active local preachers, and our brethren, Circuit Gommittee, are very attentive to the welfare of the Circuit; and I am happy to say they wish the primitive zeal and simplicity to be preserved by us, and are watchful against a spirit of discord and wrangle. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad. We have now 16 Chapels, and ground for more:—40 places at which we preach;—18 Sunday Schools:—1542 Scholars.—70 local preachers. — 1226 Members, all within ten Miles of Darlaston.

Br. Haslam has laboured in this circuit with great success for two years, and Br. Morish one year with general acceptance. And they are now leaving us with the thousands of prayers offered up by: this kind and affectionate people for them. Sister Wheeldon and I are stationed for another year. I pray that the blessing of the Lord may go with my worthy Colleagues to Shrewsbury, and that we may have a glorious shower at Darlaston the ensuing year. JOHN BRITAIN.

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