

**ON THE WORK OF GOD IN CWM CIRCUIT, 1833,
BROMYARD MISSION.**

Journal of W. Horsell.

Sunday, June 23, Preached at Luckley's Heath at half-past two. Two or three were awakened, and sought the Lord. New Inn at six, a powerful time, one woman was convinced of sin. A good day.

24, Visited the people, and preached at Luckley's Heath, to a good congregation, with great liberty.

25, Visited ten families, and preached in the open air at Brom-yard. A good time. I believe the Lord is about to pour out his Spirit, on this very ungodly town.

26, Went into the circuit to get another preacher. Preached at night at Arrow Green, with good liberty. The people rose in faith and God.

27, Visited many families, and preached at Monderfield at night. The Lord was powerfully near. We had a crowded house, and a good move, and six joined the society. My soul felt the glory in a wonderful manner.

28, Preached at Frome, a good time, the congregation is increasing in this place.

Sunday, June 30, Preached at Hope's Rough, Monderfield, and Eggleton, and felt much of the Divine presence. Six joined the society, and began to seek the Lord: some of them cried aloud for mercy.

July 1, Preached at Acton, with good liberty ; here the Lord gave me a great victory.

2, Was much blessed in visiting the people.

3, A glorious day, and at night a powerful time at Filling's Bridge. Several were powerfully wrought upon under the word.

4, Spent the day in visiting. This I find profitable for me, and the people.

5, A most heavenly day, we had a good time at night, while pressing a full and present salvation,

6, Had two or three good times in visiting.

Sunday, July 7, Preached at Frome's Hill, and Eggleton with wonderful liberty and power. The glory streamed down upon us. Several cried for mercy, two or three got happy, and twelve joined the society. This was one of the best days I ever enjoyed.

8, Spent this day in visiting. Preached at Furne's Hill at night. A hard time; Lord save us.

9, Preached in the street at Bromyard, with great liberty; satan does not like this.

10, Preached again in the street, a good time; several were powererfully impressed.

11, Visited and preached at Doddenham.

12, Spent a comfortable day in visiting, at Luckley's Heath. My soul was much blessed. Met with two eminent Christians; O how blessed it is to enjoy, "The fellowship of saints."

Sunday, July 14, A good day: great power at New Inn, at night. In the course of the week I preached there again to about four hundred people, with glorious liberty; most of whom behaved well: but some from whom better things would have been expected, got the band to play in front of me, while I preached; but they could not drown my voice; It was a good time,

17, Led class at Bromyard; a good time; but I want a shaking.

Sunday, July 21, Hope's Rough Camp Meeting; we had a good congregation, and the presence of the Lord was with u ; two or three were awakened and began to seek the Lord. We had a shaking in the lovefeast, several were brought down under the power,

22, Preached in the open air in Bromyard, with good effect.

23, Preached in the street at Bromyard, to about three hundred people, most of whom were very wicked, yet they behaved well.

Sunday, July 28, Preached at Bromyard, and on the Downs, the word seemed to have great effect on several. Bless the Lord.

Sunday, August 4, Opened a large Room in Bromyard for preaching; it is well situated and capable of holding two hundred people.

Bro. Richardson from Worcester, assisted in the opening; blessed be God it was a good day! many seemed to receive the word with gladness. We both preached in the afternoon on the Downs to about three hundred people.

Sunday, August 18, Preached at Bromyard and the Downs; many wept under the word: thank God, I believe the seeds are beginning to spring up.

20, Visited all day and preached at night at Bromyard; we had a blessed shower, four were much wrought upon and joined the society.

Sunday August 25, Held a Camp Meeting at New Inn, the day was fine, many attended and behaved well. Several of the friends from Worcester came to assist us, and several from the circuit. The preachers had good liberty and visible good was done; one man came about sixteen miles to get converted, and went back happy in God. In the lovefeast God came down in power, and we had the shout of a King amongst us. Three or four obtained pardon, and several others were brought down under the power of God.

26, Br. Harris and I held a meeting at Bromyard, and had a powerful time; several were awakened, twelve joined society.

29, Visited and preached at New Inn, our souls were much blessed.

Sunday, September 1, Preached at Bromyard in the morning, the word had a good effect, one joined, afternoon spoke at Luckley's Heath. After preaching I desired the people to stop, and I would inform them of the nature and design of class meetings. About twenty stopped, and two gave in their name; others said they would consider of it. At Six spoke at New Inn, I felt my heart fully in the work; several were powerfully affected, two joined.

2nd, Spent most of the day in visiting, and preached at night at Frome's Hill, with great liberty. It was a glorious time; one cried for mercy; five joined society.

4th, Visited many of the people, and spoke at Eggleton; one joined; glory be to God, a few are turning to him, but I want to see a complete shaking.

Sunday, 8th, Spoke at Hope's Rough, Monderfield, and Eggleton, to good congregations; the work was quick and powerful. I endeavoured to press on the minds of the people the necessity of a present salvation. Five joined the society. This has been a good day.

9th, Held our Branch quarter day, and when the number of members, and accounts were made up, we found that the Lord had prospered us beyond our expectations,

A few particulars of what our God has been doing for us in the Circult.

Sunday, July 28, we held a Camp Meeting on Honeymore Common. The day was extremely hot: vast crowds of people were present, and the Spirit was very copiously poured upon us. Many were “baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire; so that “the people shouted with a great shout, and the noise was heard afar off.” In the evening we held a lovefeast at Shenmore: the house was far too small for the people; a host of witnesses soon rose up who bore clear testimony to the power of God both to justify and sanctify their souls. In the prayer meeting after, several were in deep distress, and some found pardon.

Sunday, August 11, we held a Camp Meeting on Arrow Green, in union with the Hopton Bank and the Presteign circuits. The day was fine and the congregation large. A number of praying people were present from different parts of the country, and the glory of God seemed to rest on the Camp the whole day. In the afternoon there was a great uniting in faith and prayer, the very heaven seemed to open to our cries, and the convincing, converting, and sanctifying operations of the Spirit, were powerfully felt among the people.

All our previous arrangements were broken through; and the meeting was thrown into what some people would call confusion. But O what blessed harmony to the believing soul! Some were singing, some shouting, some falling, some weeping, some crying, some agonizing, some rejoicing; while others, in astonishment, were gazing on the wonderful works of God.

This meeting has been indeed like bread cast upon the waters, the effects have been seen after many days. Some lost their prejudice, some their sins, and many were more fully convinced that the old way is the best, and that there is nothing like prayer. The lovefeast after was powerful: some in distress.

Sept. 16, we held our Quarter day in the Cottage chapel; we had peace through the day; the chapel was too small for the people in the evening. Three short sermons were preached; in prayer after there was a mighty move. — Several fell to the ground, three or four cried for mercy, some got pardoned, and numbers blessed. — — About ten we parted in love, praising God. In the morning meeting at five, God warmed our hearts again. - JOSEPHH GRIEVE.

(Approved by the Qr, Day.)

References

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