

SOME ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF GOD IN THE LIVERPOOL CIRCUIT.

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It was in much fear I entered on my new station in the Liverpool Circuit. But I am happy to inform you the Lord has been better to me than all my doubts and fears,

July 6, I commenced my labours in this, (the Liverpool,) circuit. I spoke in the morning from Psal. cxviii. 25, "O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity." And, blessed be God, the word went home with power; and, ever since that time, the greater part of the members have been living and praying for this prosperity; and their labour has not been in vain in the Lord. Our congregations are so large there is not room to seat them comfortably; and at times, some have been obliged to go back, not being able to get in. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

As a further proof that: the Lord answers the prayers of his people, the greater part of our leading members are on full stretch for holiness of heart. This makes them zealous for the Lord of hosts,

I spoke again in the evening' of July 6, and the glory of the Lord overshadowed the congregation. After preaching we held a prayer meeting, It was a good time. Some were in distress, but none got liberty.

July 8. Spoke in the chapel; I felt very happy while delivering the word, and the people received it with all readiness. Praise the Lord.

July 11. Spoke in the open air, in one of the wickedest streets in the town. Some of the friends had wished me not to go, supposing the people would do me an injury. But God gave me courage, and in the strength of the Lord I went. While singing, the people seemed inclined to hear. But when we commenced prayer, some evil disposed person began to throw water over us. But, thank God, this did neither drive the congregation nor the preacher. After praying and singing, I began to preach, and the word went home with power; for one soul got awakened, and is now a member of our society.

July 13. Spoke in the chapel. I felt it good while speaking, and the word sunk into the hearts of the people as dew into new-mown grass. — Spoke at the Park in the evening. Had a feeling time. Some of the people declared they had as much as they could do to avoid falling under the power of God. O that God would move upon them; still more powerfully.

July 17, Spoke at the Park. I did not enjoy liberty in speaking. O Lord, help me in this place.

July 27. Spent the whole day in the Liverpool chapel. It was a glorious day, four souls got savingly converted to God on that day: and the whole of the classes were visited by the Day-spring from on high.

July 28. Spoke in the open air, in the before mentioned street; and the word laid hold of the eople; many wept. O that the Lord would convert their souls.

July 29. Spoke in the open air to a very rebellious congregation. But, thank God, he softened some of their hearts; many wept. Praise the Lord.

August 1, Preached in the chapel; enjoyed good liberty; and after preaching held a prayer meeting. The spirit of prayer was poured out upon us in a wonderful manner.

August 2. Spoke in the open air, in a very wicked neighbourhood; and the word ran and was glorified.

August 17. Spoke in the chapel, and gave part of the society tickets; and while giving the tickets, many received a deeper baptism of the Holy Spirit; and three were savingly converted to God Praise the Lord for ever.

August 24, Spoke in the chapel and gave tickets to the remaining part of the society, and found them in a good state.

August 31. Spoke in the chapel; had a blessed day amongst the classes; and some of the society who supposed themselves not right within, prayed that God would bring them down by the mighty power of his Spirit. In answer to prayer, the Spirit was poured out, and they fell to the floor. Praise the Lord for ever.

September 7. Held a lovefeast at the Park. The people enjoyed great liberty in speaking, and there was scarce a dry eye in the place. We held a prayer meeting, and three began to cry for mercy, and have since found liberty, and are steady members of our society. O that God may keep them to the day of eternal redemption.

September 14. Held a lovefeast in the chapel, and the power of God was felt in a wonderful manner. One soul was awakened, and has since found liberty, and is now a steady member of our society.

To be short, there is not a sabbath but God is justifying or sanctifying in some of the classes. O that God would continue this blessed work, and to his name shall be all the glory.

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