

Charles Lazenby Journal Extracts

a) *Primitive Methodist Magazine* 1822/22

HULL CIRCUIT

Extract of C Lazenby's Journal 1821

HOVINGHAM Sunday June 24, Camp-meeting and love-feast; had a glorious day, I opened the camp-meeting about half-past nine in the morning, and it was concluded about half-past four in the afternoon: and, glory be to God, many were affected, and two or three were converted. The love-feast began about half-past six in the evening. About the middle of the love-feast two or three persons fell under conviction of sin. We joined them in prayer, and the whole room was filled with the power of God: eleven souls were brought into the liberty of the sons of God; and afterwards spoke their experience. It was a blessed time. Glory be to God. It was judged there were three thousand persons at the camp-meeting, two hundred at the love-feast, and one thousand at preaching in the street at the same time.

Martin July 15, Camp-meeting was held here. On account of rain in the morning it did not commence till half-past ten o'clock, and concluded about five in the afternoon. Many were deeply convicted of sin and two converted to God. At half-past six in the evening the love-feast commenced and after twenty-two had spoken, several began to cry to God for mercy. We joined in prayer for those in distress and the meeting continued till eleven o'clock. As to the number converted to God, at this meeting I cannot be accurate, I judge there might be near thirty. Some think there were more than thirty souls truly converted to God. To him be all the glory.

Pickering 17. A good congregation, and I felt liberty in speaking. The Lord sent his word to many hearts; four persons were wounded, but did not obtain liberty. May they continue to seek until they find salvation.

Old Malton July 29. A tolerable congregation, and the impressions made on many minds will not soon be forgotten. In the afternoon I spoke at Pickering, and also in the evening. Three souls were brought under deep conviction of sin, and one who had lost the love of God was restored. Praise the Lord.

Wombledon August 19, After preaching I met the class and renewed the tickets. The society is doing well. In the afternoon I preached at Kirbymoorside, and also in the evening, The congregations were good, and the power of God was present; a young woman was brought under deep convictions but did not obtain liberty. Another woman, while at prayer in a private house, was brought to enjoy a clear sense of the pardoning love of God. Praise the Lord
Kirbymoorside 20. A tolerable congregation. I met the society and renewed the tickets. We had a good time. Before preaching I went to pray with a young girl who lay on her death-bed. We had a good time. I called again the next morning. She was willing to die having no fear of death. After prayer, I exhorted her to look to Jesus, and the power of God was present. I left her mother in a flood of tears. May God bless the family.
GEORGE LAZENBY

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DECEMBER 16. I preached in the afternoon and evening at Barnard Castle. The Lord made his word a blessing to many souls; two were said to be converted to God, and another in distress, but did not get liberty. About five weeks ago, I gave notes and tickets to about forty; but now here are above eighty in society, I held a prayer-meeting after preaching, and four more joined the society Glory be to God.

Monday 24. When I got to Darlington I found brother Samuel Laister on his death-bed. He died next morning at half-past three o'clock, December 25, 1821. Aged 59 years. His funeral was on Thursday the 27, attended by a great number of people.

Darlington December 30, Here I held a love-feast in the afternoon and it was a feast of love indeed. O what life, liberty, and power run through the chapel; almost every heart was softened, and all appeared to be bathed in tears. I hope it will not soon be forgotten. I preached in the evening, and the Lord made his word a blessing to many souls.

Stockton, January 6, 1822. This was the first time I ever saw this place, I held a love-feast in the afternoon many hearts were softened and shed tears of joy, and many souls made alive to God. I preached in the evening to a crowded congregation. The Lord sent his word to many hearts. Glory be to his name. I hope the good received that day will be seen in eternity.

Stockton 9. I preached Samuel Laister's. Funeral Sermon to a well-behaved, attentive congregation, the people appeared sensible of the loss of so valuable a friend in the Church of Christ.

Melsonby 23. Here I felt much liberty in speaking the word of life. The Lord sent his word with power to many hearts—Sinners were convinced—the feeble were made strong, and believers were able to rejoice in God.

Next morning I was informed an old man in the next house who seldom attended the means of grace, heard the word as he sat in his own house and the Lord reached his heart—he was found seeking salvation, and it might be said, 'Behold he prayeth!' Here is a prospect of good. Five joined the society.

Bishopton 12. We have not preached long at this place. The Lord gave me liberty in speaking his word. The power of the Lord appeared to go through the congregation, hearts were softened and many were bathed in tears. Five persons joined the society.

GEORGE LAZENBY

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June 30. Camp meeting at Hartlepool and lovefeast in the evening. The morning being wet, I opened the meeting about ten, and was followed by the local preachers till half past twelve. At half-past one G.P. preached, and was followed by the local brethren till half-past five, when the meeting was concluded,

(*Note: Our readers may perhaps be surprised at no account being given of the praying services. But they may consider that this was rather a new place; and there might be few, if any, praying labourers on the ground. Also at new places, Camp Meetings will admit of a considerable quantity of preaching, without being materially injured.*)

The Lovefeast began about seven in the evening, and the glory and power of God filled the place. Sinners were convinced, hearts were softened, and tears flowed on every side. Mourners were comforted, backsliders reclaimed, and believers rejoiced with joy unspeakable. About the middle of the time, J. Leeming, who lately joined us, came into the lovefeast, and said, that it was suspected that three of their fellow fishermen, who had been missing four or five days, were lost at sea, Their jackets &c,. having been picked up by a smack, which was just come to shore. This appeared to run through every heart, and the whole house appeared in a flood of tears. Twenty-seven persons bore testimony to the power of Christ to save sinners: and, being requested, a great number of hands were lifted up in token of a fixed determination to flee from the wrath to come. Glory. be to God for ever.

September 22, Camp meeting at Settle, and lovefeast in the evening. The day was favourable and the meeting interesting. At the lovefeast one soul was set at liberty: another was in distress, but did not obtain salvation.

October 31. I preached at Malham, and had a good time, praise the Lord.

A CAUTION.

Previous to my coming here, a person had called at our friend's, wishing to stop the evening: the woman of the house had many objections; but he said he was a Ranter, and that one of the preachers had told him he could stop. He promised her five shillings; but, after supper, sleeping, and breakfast, he took off without giving her any thing.

Again,

November 17. A person called at Haslington, and enquired for the Ranters. Being directed to where the preachers used to stop, he told the people that when he joined the Ranters, he had one hundred pounds, that he gave five pounds towards a chapel, and that he had preached for nothing till his money was all gone. They' made a collection for him. He said he was going to Boughton, but when he left them he took the other way.

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(*Note: It is surprizing what a number of shameless impostors are, at this time, swarming about the connexion. We truly hope our people will be more on their guard than they have been.*)