

P. M. IRISH MISSION, 1832.

Journal of F. N. Jersey, of Preston Brook Circuit.

Thursday, June 7. I set sail from Liverpool in a steamer for Newry. Had a fine passage of eighteen hours. We had a rough set of passengers. But I reproved them, and spoke to them on the nature of true religion. Great attention was paid, and some good impressions were made.

Sunday, June 10. Preached twice in the open air at Newry. Met two classes, and held a prayer meeting. This has been a good day to many souls. Added five to the society. Praise the Lord.

Monday, 11. Spoke in a large house, the evening being wet. The Lord was powerfully present. Held a prayer meeting; some in distress. Added one.

June 12, 13, 14. Spoke at Lough Bricklands, Bainbridge, and Drumore. The weather was cold and wet, yet the congregations were encouraging. At Drumore I visited a dying man, and opened the way of a present salvation. The Lord filled the room with his glory, and the young man shouted for joy. I left him with a fine prospect of a better world. Glory be to God.

Friday, 15. Travelled 16 miles. Held a prayer meeting at Newry, and read some extracts from the Magazines. It was a profitable meeting.

Sunday, 17. Spoke in the open air twice in Newry, to increasing congregations. The word was with power. Led two large classes. Held a prayer meeting which was numerously attended. There was a cry for mercy. May the Lord carry on his work in this place.

Monday, 18. I preached in a house. it was a powerful time. There was a cry out for mercy. One Roman Catholic was converted, and joined society.

Tuesday, 19. Visited a great many families, and had a fine feeling amongst the people.

Wednesday, 20. Went to Warren Point to wait on the steam-packet, and was thankful that my family and the ?????? preacher had arrived safe. ?????? a prayer-meeting. It was crowded, and good was done.

Thursday, 21. Attempted to hold a prayer meeting in a house, and then in a barn; but both places were too small. So Sister Allen preached in the open air to a great concourse of people. It was a powerful time.

Friday, 22. Visited a few families, and then Sister Allen and me gave exhortations to the people. Great attention was paid, and the Lord worked upon the hearts of the people.

Sunday, 24. I preached in a barn, the weather being stormy. The power of God descended, and the people were weeping in every direction. Held two class meetings; much crowded: and joined several to the society. Sister Allen preached in the Sessions' house to a crowded and attentive audience. We held a prayer meeting in a barn: many penitents seeking the Lord.

Monday, 25, Sister Allen spoke in the open air. It was a powerful time. We held a prayer meeting after, and several were crying for mercy. One found peace.

Tuesday, 26, We visited a great many families, and held a prayer meeting in our house. It was crowded into the street. A shout of a King was heard in our midst.

Wednesday, 27. Visited a few families. Sister Allen preached in the Sessions' house. It was a powerful time; and a collection was made for a few forms.

Thursday, 28. Visited a great many Roman Catholics: and Protestants. The former were not very kind to me, but I reviled not again. Obtained leave of Doctor Black to hold a meeting in his field.

The first field meeting we have held in this country. It was numerousiy attended. The services were powerful. The people ??????? and profited.

Friday, 29. ??????? another field meeting ?????? attended . ?????? we came short of praying labourers.

Sunday, July 1. Sister Allen spoke three times. I led two classes, and added a few members to society.

Monday, 2. Went to Lough brickland. E. Allen spoke out of doors to a vast number of people. Held a prayer meeting after. Some were in distress, but did not get liberty.

Wednesday, 4. E. Allen spoke at Bainbridge, in the Linen Hall; and the next evening in the Presbyterian meeting house to a numerous congregation. We made a missionary collection.

Sunday, July 8. Spoke twice in the open air. Held a prayer meeting. The power of God attended the services of the day. Some souls saved, and joined society.

Monday, 9. Spoke in a house, the weather being cold and wet. It was crowded to excess; there was a cry for mercy, and penitents groaning for redemption, through the blood of the Lamb.

This week has been spent in visiting and teaching from house to house in the day time, and holding meetings in the evenings. Several have joined society in Newry, and some found peace with God.

Sunday, July 15. Spoke twice in the open air. Held a prayer meeting; and met two classes containing about thirty each. This has been a good day to Zion in this place.

Monday, 16. Spoke in the open air, and then held a prayer meeting. Many in distress.

Tuesday, 17. Went to Lough brickland, Spoke in the open air; had a powerful time. Held a prayer meeting; two or three in great distress, but did not obtain pardon.

Spoke in the market-place at Drumore. Had a powerful time; one man got his soul awakened, and offered his house for a prayer meeting. Praise the Lord.

Friday, 20 Walked home to Newry, sixteen Irish miles; foot-sore, and much fatigued, but looking up to the Lord.

Sunday, July 22. Spoke twice at Newry, in the open air. Met two classes, and exhorted in the prayer meeting. The power of God descended in such a manner as is seldom witnessed; most of the people were in tears. This was a fine meeting: some awakenings took place, and some found peace.

Monday, 23. Spoke in the evening in the open air, on the top of High Street. Held a prayer meeting. Two souls were set at liberty.

Wednesday, 25. Spoke in Cowen street, in the open air. A powerful time. A prayer meeting after, and some were seeking the Lord.

Thursday, 26. Held a prayer meeting in Mr. Dodd's house. The power of God descended, and there was a cry for mercy. This has been one of our best meetings since we arrived in this place.

Sunday, July 29. I met a class at half-past seven in the morning. Spoke at ten; met a class at two, and spoke again at five. Prayer meeting at seven; some in distress; joined two or three to society.

Monday, 30. Held a prayer meeting. A good time; some were in distress.

Tuesday, 31, At Lough-brickland; spoke in the open air. Held a prayer meeting; some in distress.

Visited a few families, and spoke in the morning to a house full of people. Had a refreshing season.

Thursday, August 2. Visited a few families at Drumore. One soul set at liberty. Spoke under the Market-house. The Holy Ghost descended, and good, was done.

Sunday, August 5. Spoke twice in the open air; led two classes; held a prayer meeting, and added four to the society.

August 7, 8, 9, 10, spent in getting a preaching house fitted up.

Sunday, August 12. The preaching house was opened in Newry. The collections were small, but the services were powerful. Two souls found peace with God, through Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, 14. Spoke in the open air at Lough-brickland to a great number. I was interrupted by a drunken man, but the Lord was with me. Had a prayer meeting after, in a friend's house.

Wednesday, 15. Attempted to speak in the open air at Bainbridge, but was annoyed by drums and fifes till I could not be heard. Held a prayer meeting in a friend's house. A good time.

Thursday, 16. Spoke in the market-place at Drumore. It was a powerful time; many Romanists were there to hear for themselves. I hope good was done. Visited many families.

Friday, 17. Walked home about twenty miles. I was weary in body, but happy in my soul, looking forward to that rest which remains for the people of God.

Sunday, August 19. Held a class meeting, and joined four members. Preached twice in the room; and in the evening there was a cry for mercy, and two souls found peace.

Monday, 20. Spoke in the room at Newry; several seeking the Lord.

Wednesday, 22. Spent this day in visiting and teaching from house to house. Was threatened to be turned out of doors by some Romanists. But while they cursed, I blessed. Held a missionary prayer meeting, and read some extracts from the Magazines. It was a powerful time.

Thursday, 23. Visited from house to house. Held a prayer meeting in the evening; about one hundred attended.

Friday, 24. Visited a few of the members, and some families who were not members; and exhorted them to give their hearts to God. Held a prayer meeting.

Sunday, August 26. Spoke in the open air at ten o'clock. Held a love-feast; a powerful time. Preached in the evening. A prayer meeting after: three souls set at liberty.

Monday, 27. Visited some families. Preached in the evening. It was a time of the Holy Ghost. Added nine souls to the society. Praise the Lord.

Tuesday, 21. Spoke at Lough-brickland, and visited a great many families.

Friday, August 31. Held a fellowship meeting. It was a sweet time. Glory be to God.

Sept. 1. Set sail for Liverpool in the steamer; and arrived at Liverpool the next day at 11 o'clock.

Monday, Sept. 3. Attended our Quarter day. It was a day of peace and prosperity. Glory be to God.

(Approved by the Qr. Day Board.)

References

Primitive Methodist Magazine 1833/58

Notes:

Where there are ????? in the above, I have not been able to decipher the text due to the condition of the page.

Sister Allen was Elizabeth Allen who was station in Preston Brook between 1830 and 1832.