

TUNSTALL CIRCUIT,

Extract of Sarah Spittle's Journal, 1822.

Saturday June 29. I arrived at Shrewsbury, (the county town of Shropshire.) Sunday 30. I preached three times to very large congregations. I believe was done. After preaching led class, and joined nine more members. There are forty-four in society, and likely to be a good work.

Monday July 1. I preached at Coal-pit-Bank to a large company, all in tears. It was good time.

Sunday July 13. I preached at Wrockwardine Wood, at half-past ten, to a large company. The power of God attended the word. It was a good time; many were in tears. We held a prayer meeting in the open air. I made a ring. Many cried for mercy; four found the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. At six I preached at Shiffnall. One soul was convinced.

Monday 14, I preached at Deal Pit Bank. It was a barren time to my soul, but the people were refreshed, and one soul was convinced.

Tuesday 15, I preached at Donnington Wood to a large congregation. A good time. Two souls found Jesus the sinners friend. The little one is becoming a thousand, and the small one a strong army (nation.)

Wednesday 16, I preached at Red Lake. The Lord was in our midst. After preaching we held a prayer meeting. One woman was in distress; she went home with a broken heart. Oh, this chain! this bar of unbelief that binds the soul, and keeps it back from God. There was a young woman who had been at service, and was going home, and who, hearing that a woman was going to preach, came to the preaching house, and drank tea with me. She heard me preach: and after preaching and prayer meeting were concluded, the people requested her and me to stop all night. After supper, I noticed her bonnet on the table, which was very dressy. I made a remark upon it. We slept together. I asked her if she ever prayed or saw herself a sinner. She replied, "Not till to-night. I will take the bunch off my bonnet if you will give me the liberty to speak with you." I said, "By all means." 'She burst into tears and said, "What must I do to be saved? What must I do to be saved?" I pointed her to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world: telling her that he was the friend of the wretched, the Saviour of the lost, and the High Priest of sinners. I pray that God may deepen the wound his hand has made,

"Trouble, and wash her troubled heart,
In his atoning blood."

July 30, I led a prayer meeting at Coal Pit. Bank. Two souls found the Lord.

Sunday August 11, I preached three times at Shrewsbury. The Lord was with us. After preaching we held a prayer meeting. Many cried out for mercy; five souls professed to find the Lord.

Wednesday 14, I preached at the Old Park. Three souls found him of whom Moses and the prophets spoke.

Sunday 18, I preached at Shrewsbury at the camp meeting. I believe good was done.

Tuesday 20, begun a fresh class and joined fourteen, O Lord revive thy work.

Wednesday 21, I preached at Oker Gates to a large congregation. Here was no society. I exhorted them to forsake their sins, and join in church fellowship. I joined a class, and more seemed ready to unite, Glory, glory be to God.

Friday August 23, I preached in Shrewsbury street to a very large company. I believe good was done.

Sunday 25, I preached at half-past two and at the C. at six, After preaching held a prayer meeting. Many were in distress; four souls professed to find the Lord.

Sunday September 15, I preached Wrockwardine Wood to a large congregation. Many cried out for mercy; one soul professed to find the Lord. I believe the fruit of this meeting will be seen in eternity.

Monday 16, I preached at Coal Pit Bank. The power of God attended the word. Many cried out for mercy; two souls professed to find the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, Glory, glory be to God.

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