

THE FAITH MISSION was founded in 1886, for the promotion of spiritual life and godliness through the evangelising of the country districts of Scotland, and farther afield if God leads, on unsectarian lines. The evangelists, called "Pilgrims," generally work in pairs. They visit a place for several weeks, more or less, according as circumstances and the leadings of the Spirit of God seem to indicate advisable, visiting among the people and holding meetings for the unsaved and for Christians, in which they welcome the co-operation of all who love the Lord Jesus in sincerity. The Mission is maintained on the faith principle, by freewill offerings during missions and unsolicited contributions to Headquarters.

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### **General Report.**

WE left ROTHESAY, after a very busy five weeks there, on 11th December. The short training-session with six sisters came to a close a few days previously. With daily Bible-readings, Bible lectures, visiting, correspondence, and meetings, our time was very fully occupied. The last ten days we had meetings nightly, with large attendances, and a good deal of interest most of the time, and a few professions of conversion.

A tea-meeting at CHAPELHALL took us there for a Friday evening, and we had a pleasant stay with kind friends in the district over the Sunday, and a fairly attended evangelistic meeting that night.

The next week-end was spent at TAYPORT, with a conference on the Saturday afternoon, and a gospel meeting on Sunday, as the close of a seven weeks' mission held there. The hall taken was too large for the audience, and too cold for comfort, but, notwithstanding these disadvantages, a helpful time was experienced. Three pilgrims preached, and a number of friends in the audience witnessed for their Lord and Master, while we all united in praising His Name and waiting on Him for His blessing, without which the gathering together will all have been in vain.

The last Sunday of the year found me in GLASGOW. First there was the 9.30 A.M. Prayer Union meeting in the Christian Institute. We have been glad to hear of the large increase in the numbers attending this meeting, and the times of refreshing experienced. Though many of the usual attenders were out of town that day owing to the holiday season, nearly thirty united with us in prayer and praise, and a little meditation on the Scriptures. The forenoon meeting at Water Street Mission Hall followed, and we were there also in the evening, when the hall was quite full. It was nice to get back once more to this our old training-ground, and to have a time of fellowship with a number of old friends as well as meet with new ones. But, as we wended our way down through Glasgow's busy streets, and passed one open-air after another, some almost so close as to interfere with each other, we felt glad our call was to the more neglected villages and country districts of our land. Still, what a need there is of consecrated, Spirit-filled labourers for the Master, in this great city, with all its godlessness, sin, and misery ! Let us remember these friends-in prayer.

And now I will leave others to tell of the pilgrims' progress during the month in the villages and country districts, and finish by praying that you and we may all have a very blessed and fruitful New Year in the fellowship and service of our "One Lord."

J.G.G.

P.S I had almost forgotten that the list of donations to headquarters for the quarter is due this month. Well, it is not a very long one, and will not take long to write. We should have been quite glad to have required to spend more time in the writing out and adding up of the figures in the General Fund. However, we sincerely thank all who have given, and recognise with appreciation the kindness of those friends who year after year thus practically remember the spiritual needs of our villages and country districts, and give that help without which the work of the pilgrims in many needy little places could not be carried on. We also praise Him who is the giver of all, and whom we serve.

GENERAL FUND-No. I, London, £1; 2, London, £10; 3, China, 10s.; 5, Addiewell, 5s.; 6, South Africa, £1 ; 7, Biggar, £1 ; 9, Glasgow, £1; 10, East Wemyss, 7s. (Resting Fund); 12, NewtonStewart, 41 ; 13, Doncaster, 3s. 6d.; 14, Fintry, £1; 16, A Grateful Heart, £10; 17, West Benhar, 5s.; 18, Bannockburn, 5s.; 19, Largs, 3s. 5d.; 20, Airdrie, 5s.; 21, Anon., 6I; 22, Toronto, £10; 23, Mountain Cross, £1; 24, Glasgow, 17s.; 25, Lesmahagow, 6s.; 26, Twynholm, 3s. 6d.; 27, Anon., Irvine, £1; 28, Glasgow, 63, 3s.; 29, Blandford, 41; 30, Glasgow, 10s.; 31, Glasgow, 10s.; 32, Glasgow, £1 ; 33, Stewarton, 5s.; 34, Bonnybridge, 18s. (Resting Fund); 35, Alexandria, 7s. 6d.; 36,. Dumbarton, 5s.-Total, £50, 8s. 11d.

FOREIGN FUND-No. 8, Gilbertstown, 10s. ; 15, Glasgow, £5; 17, West Benhar, 5s.-Total, 45, 15s.

FOR PROPOSED NEW CENTRAL HOME-NO. 4, Manchester, £500; II, Rothesay, £10; 12, NewtonStewart, £1-Total, £511.

### East District.

Headquarters: c/o D. DONALDSON, 75 Warrender Park Road.

Place.	Pilgrims.	Opened.	Closed.
TAYPORT,	Hutton, McLeod.	Nov. I.	Dec. 20.
DUDDO,	Brunton, Richardson.	Nov. 8.	Dec. 6.
NEWTOWN			
ST BOSWELLS:	Rankins.	Nov. 22.	Dec. 31.
EDINBURGH (Hall),	Donaldsons.		

We were glad, before closing the mission at DUDDO, to be able to record some won for the Master, and we are confident the seed sown will yet bring forth fruit. Please pray for a small P.U. formed there.

A report of the TAYPORT mission has been sent me, from which I take the following:

"It was quite nice to hear that at last it was settled we were to have another mission in Tayport, seven and a half years having elapsed since the first one. We felt that what was needed was really more a mission to Christians than to add to the superabundance of gospel meetings already held, and this seemed to be the Lord's mind too, as He led the pilgrims to speak very largely to Christians during the greater part of the seven weeks of the mission. We praise God for definite blessing received by some, and believe that more seed 'fell into good ground,' the fruit of which will only be seen as time goes on. Bright Words readers might remember to pray for a few backsliders restored, and others won to the Lord for the first time, that all may be 'steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.'

"The mission closed with a conference on 19th December, at which about two hundred were present, addressed by Mr Govan and Pilgrims Donaldson and Brunton."

Newtown St Boswells mission is reported by a friend below.  
**GEORGE BRUNTON.**

The mission which began in **NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS** three weeks ago, conducted by the pilgrim-sisters Rankin, has proved very successful.

The meetings, though small for the first week, now keep gradually increasing in numbers and interest, and we rejoice that God has granted us the showers of blessing. Many anxious souls have remained behind at the end of the meetings to be spoken to, and have decided for Jesus. Some, after being at the meetings only a few times, have been brought under conviction, and intimated a desire to be spoken to regarding their soul's salvation, and are now rejoicing in having found a Saviour.

A regular hour of meeting could not be adopted, as the hall was engaged previous to the pilgrims coming here. We were pleased to see that some of these engagements were cancelled in favour of this special effort, which has been so greatly owned of God.

The work has been carried on with prayer and diligence. At the ordinary meeting in the hall, the simple gospel has been preached, and Jesus has been held up as a Saviour to the uttermost, and we praise God that the preaching of the gospel is still and ever shall be "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

The musical part of the meeting is very attractive, and proves the means in God's hand of drawing people in who have not been in the habit of attending meetings of this kind.

Other means than the ordinary gospel meetings have also been adopted to get at the people, such as cottage and children's meetings, and personal visitation, and all these have been crowned with success. We thank Him who is the giver of all.

J. H.

### **West District.**

Superintended by J. STEWART, Rothesay.

Place.	Pilgrims.	Opened.	Closed.
<b>ROTHESAY</b>			
And <b>DISTRICT,</b>	Stewart, Gillespie, M'Alpine.		
<b>DUI SKY</b> (LochEil),	Wark, M'Phail.	Oct. 25.	Dec. 30.
<b>LISMORE,</b>	A. M'Lean, Patterson.	Nov. 8.	Dec. 29.
<b>PORT NA CROISH,</b>	H. E. Govan, W. M Neill.	Nov. 17.	Dec. 20.
<b>CREICH</b> (Mull),	Pendreigh, M. M' Lean	Nov, 19.	
<b>PORTREE</b> (Skye),	Carmichael, Campbell.	Nov. 22.	
<b>TYNDRUM,</b>	Harris.	Nov. 27.	Dec. 23.
<b>DALRY</b> (Galloway), Potties.		Nov. 29.	Dec. 27.
<b>PAISLEY,</b>	I. M'Neil, Morton.	Dec. 5.	Dec. 31.
<b>BONNYBRIDGE,</b>	Webb, M'Farlane.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 31.
<b>WHITTLETS, AYR,</b>	Dickson, Nesbitt.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 31.

In entering on work in the Strath of Appin, we have met with much kindness from old friends and new. It is wonderful how many and how far-reaching are the connecting links all over the Highlands, and how large is the influence which work in one place exerts upon another. **PORT NA CROISH** was the corner of the Strath we worked first. In the little chapel

there, for some five weeks, we had attendances which were considered very satisfactory, and the steady interest of those who did come was noticeable. For some of them it meant a walk of a few miles rightly over rough roads, and some of the nights the weather was not of the best.

"And some believed the things which were spoken, and - some believed not." For these we still pray. A few seemed to come to a true heart-faith in the Lord Jesus, and we trust will go on to prove His power to save.

Good news comes from our sisters working among the crofters in the Ross of MULL, where one looks across the sound to historic Iona. Large meetings are reported, with much liberty and power and evident conviction; and slowly, one by one, precious souls have been stepping out of the "gross darkness" into the "marvellous light."

SKYE has been invaded, its capital being the first point of attack. Difficulties about halls have necessitated open-air work, in the rigours of mid-winter; but this, too, has manifestly been among the "all things" that co-operate for good. The U.P. minister and some of his people give valued help and sympathy; still, there are misconceptions and indifference to be overcome, and our sisters need your earnest prayers.

At TYNDRUM Pilgrim Harris has had a little mission, experiencing much kindness from one or two local Christians, and being used to gather in a few souls for the Master.

Our brothers in LISMORE have now had work in the southern end, with a few decisions and some blessing amongst Christians; but the visit to this island has, on the whole, been disappointing.

What a wonderful educator is pilgrim life! Little did I think, a few years ago, that Iona and Ulva, and other such names of one's romance-reading days, would be household words with us to-day. And now we have reached LOCH EIL, stretching westwards from where our biggest Ben heaves his huge shoulders into the clouds in Babel like ambition. An un-get-at-able place is Duisky, with its wide moorlands stretching away up from the loch, dotted with crofts and shielings down by the loch-side. To come away from it, for instance, how does this do? - Be out into the fitful moonlight by 5.30 A.M., and for some five miles amble uncertainly over roads that bear some little resemblance to a skating-pond, the air chilly and damp with a sleety rime; rouse the hardy ferryman, and after a half-hour's row reach the morning steamer at last. But one learns to love such experiences, and to praise God in all, for the sake of the spiritual results. And results, at Duisky, have been good and plentiful, the whole place being moved. Some most interesting cases of conversion are reported, and spiritual conviction has been deep and widespread. They ask me, locally, to put in a good word for the excellence of the work accomplished through the pilgrims. What else can I say than "Praise ye the Lord"?

A friend writes of this mission :- "Pilgrims Wark and M' Phail brought a most successful ten weeks' gospel meetings to a close on 27th December. The first three weeks the attendance was fairly good on week days, but greatly improved afterwards. By the end of the fourth week the schoolroom was like a little Bethel: many could say with Jacob, 'This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' Many who have been remarkably remiss for some years back in their attendance at church flock to the meetings. It can now be said of this place, 'Instead of the thorn is come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier the myrtle tree.' A Prayer Union has been formed, which promises very well. The children's meetings have also been blessed, and the beautiful hymns are sung in almost every house. Praise the Lord."

Here is a pretty picture from another part of our district:- "A young man who was in the meeting on Sunday night sent for me to come and see him after the meeting; with the result that, after a little talk, it not being convenient to get prayer in the house, we found ourselves on our knees among the snow at the roadside. He seemed to grasp the truth, and came up to where I am staying, and with a few more young men we had a praise meeting till nearly midnight."

In another part an old man who decided for Christ had not bowed the knee in prayer for fifty years. Praise God, he is learning to worship "in spirit and in truth."

A parish minister in the district applies to us for a Gaelic-speaking brother to be his assistant for a few months. Ask for blessing on this new departure, for guidance, and for all our needs. 2 Corinthians viii. 2-5 is largely true of some of the Highland places, for which we praise God ; to others, verse 7 might have some reference. H. E. G.

DALRY (Galloway).-This place is very prettily situated among the hills. It is eight and a half miles from the nearest railway station, and about fifteen miles from the nearest town. There are not many inhabitants in the whole parish, about 900.

Our meetings have been very well attended for Dalry, and they have not been fruitless. Some Christians profess to have received blessing, and several others have been won for God. Praise His name! May they now glory in the Cross of Christ, and be a means of blessing amidst the formality which prevails.

The use of the U.P. Church and the Good Templars' Hall was kindly granted us. T. POTTIE.

### Ireland.

Place.	Pilgrims.	Opened.	Closed.
BALLYCLARE,	M. F. Wright, Goodall.	Oct. 25.	Dec. 20.
AUGHAVEOUGUE,	Garratt, Cameron.	Nov. 3.	Dec. 11.
LOUGHAN,	Irvine, Estall.	Nov. 29.	Dec. 22.
KILLYMAN,	M. R. Wright, Barr.	Nov. 29.	
LEGATERRIF,	Todds, Cameron.	Nov. 29.	Jan. 3.
DESERTMARTIN,	Lyll, Kelly.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 18.
BALLINDERRY,	Morrison, Taberner.	Dec. 27.	
BALLYNURE,	M. F. Wright, Goodall.	Jan. 3.	
TULLYORRAN,	Lyll, Kelly.	Jan. 10.	
KILLYBEGS,	Garratt, Cameron.		

AUGHAYEOUGUE (Killybegs). - Many hearts in this parish are full of thanksgiving to God for the abundant blessing which He has given us during the mission which has just been conducted by Miss Garratt and Miss Cameron. The schoolroom was filled to overflowing each night for more than five weeks. On Sundays a second meeting was necessary, and even then some did not find room.

We older Christians realised the working of God the Holy Spirit in our midst from the first, and were greatly rejoiced to see many yielding to His influence, and night after night some being brought into the service of our dear Master. We are truly grateful to God for sending His servants here.

The Rev. W. Baillie (rector) was present when possible, and assisted in the meetings. His true sympathy was always with them. A Prayer Union has been formed, and already a number have joined it. Our earnest prayers will accompany our dear friends wherever they go.

L. A. GALGEY.

We feel there has been so much to praise God for in the Aughayeougue mission, that we should like to add a few words to the above. From the very beginning there was "sound of

abundance of rain." Unlike other missions, the people seemed to be taken hold of the first night ; and, after a few meetings, souls began to decide, and right on to the close of the mission there was scarcely a night which did not see men and women out at the front. Satan made a desperate fight to keep back the men, but, hallelujah ! the Lord Jesus won a glorious victory ; and we did praise Him when one night, after a hard struggle, ten young fellows pressed their way through the crowd and sought and found the Saviour. After that break the work was easy, and we had but to " stand still and see the salvation of God."

It was a great encouragement to have the sympathy of the local Christians, who came over often and helped, as did also friends from five of the P.U.s.

The mission closed with a splendid praise meeting. In about forty minutes one hundred and sixteen testified (many of whom were converts), several rising to their feet together, so eager were they to add their note of praise for all God had done for them. Every heart united joyfully in the words with which the meeting ended : " Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honour and glory and blessing."

M. L. GARRATT.

BALLYMENA.-This mission, conducted by Pilgrim and Mrs Todd, assisted by Miss Cameron, and occasionally by Pilgrim J. B. McLean, has now been going on several weeks in Clonavon Hall, and has been attended by very definite blessing from God. The first three weeks were devoted to Holiness meetings, at which the writer experienced the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, and was enabled by God's grace to make a complete surrender of " self," and publicly confess the miserable failure of his past life as a professed follower of the Lord.

Thirteen years ago I trusted in Christ, but had to acknowledge that during all that time I lived a selfish and unfruitful life, quenching the strivings of the Spirit, and wilfully shutting my eyes to eternal realities as far as my duty to Christ and a perishing world was concerned. But I thank God for the grace which enabled me at these meetings to yield myself entirely-body, soul, and spirit-to His service, and to thus end in complete victory the losing battle which

have been fighting so long in my own strength. Now I can truly sing, "All glory to Jesus be given," and pray that He will ever keep me humble and lowly at His feet, and fit for the Master's use.

Many others attending the meetings have a similar experience to which to testify to the praise of God.

The mission has now been led into gospel work, and souls are being saved. God is working, and the prayers of His children are requested that we may have the showers of which we have received the droppings. Pilgrim Estall is with us, taking part in exhibiting some lantern views on interesting Bible stories. These, and the expositions of the same, prove a great attraction, and are, we believe, blessed in reaching the hearts of the people. M. W.

BALLYCLARE and LOUGHAN reports too late for insertion.-ED.

Mr HILL, who is now conducting village work in South Africa on independent lines, asks me to mention that his permanent address for correspondence is 1 Fairview Terrace, Mowbray, Cape Colony.