

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.

General Correspondence should be addressed to the Office, 25 Marshall Street, Edinburgh. Donations for the General, Resting, and Foreign Funds can be sent to the Director, J. G. Govan, Benvue, Biggar; for District Funds, to the addresses given inside our back cover. Letters requiring personal attention should be marked "Personal".

General notes and news

WE have received ENCOURAGING TIDINGS week after week during this past month of large meetings, much interest, and spiritual blessing in quite a number of places where pilgrims are sojourning. Some other places are very dead and stiff to move; but they are in the minority at present, and most of the missions are going well. Some details are given in the reports that follow.

FROM general reports of evangelistic work, many parts of the country seem very unresponsive, and to have little doing in conversion work. In others, however, there seem to be considerable signs of awakening among the people, and God's children are waiting on Him for a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. The SPIRIT OF PRAYER is a necessary prelude to revival, and it is cheering to hear of the prevalence of such in different districts. We will give one or two extracts from letters that have reached us lately.

"This is a wonderful time down here just } now. It reminds one of old days in Ireland. All round there seems a desire to hear the plain truth."

"We have the most blessed prayer-meetings nightly before the Gospel meeting. Men who never opened their mouths before in public prayer take part,

and almost without exception everyone prays, so simply and fervently. Truly, the Holy Spirit is working here."

"The Christians here are praying for an outpouring of God's Spirit upon the town. They meet every night for prayer, and God has commenced with them. They know how to pray at any rate."

"We had a very searching time, God's Spirit being very manifestly felt in the meeting. Many were spoken to by the Spirit, and we departed from the regular way and had a time of waiting before God."

To show the difference between places where there are praying people and others where there are not, I give one more quotation :—"The people here are coming out very well. The attendance has increased each night. This place is so very different from our last. Nothing seemed to move the people there, they seemed so utterly indifferent to the Gospel. But here they seem already so interested, and we find Christians who have been long praying for a work of grace, and are expecting it. We never met with one in ----who had such faith; they all seemed to regard it as hopeless." Praise God for "the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous" that "availeth much,"

FROM many different places we hear of the prevalence of MUCH SICKNESS—

influenza, measles, fever, etc. One mission had to be closed prematurely on account of the prevailing epidemic. In others the attendances have been decreased. Will you pray that we pilgrims may be kept free of such as we sojourn here and there? Two or three are present off work on account of the illness of themselves or friends.

We spent a weekend at ROTHESAY in the early part of the month, and had nice meetings, though smaller than a short time ago. Another was spent at TILlicOUNTRY, and we enjoyed the conference at Coalsnaughton and the Sunday meetings. It was just ten years since we had a most blessed work of grace at Tillicoultry. There have many changes since then. Another comes soon, when our P.U. representative -who also holds quite a number of positions in religious work, and will be much missed – leaves for Durban, Africa.

Do we continue to remember in prayer our suffering fellow-creatures in ARMENIA ? The need is still enormous, and the sufferings must be very great. We are glad that deliverance seems to be near for the Cretans through the noble and courageous interference of Greece, but are dismayed and utterly ashamed of the position of this country and others in taking the side of the foul and cruel Turkish oppressor against the brave deliverer. But God is over all, and we know He comes whose right it is to reign, and that He will bring the kingdoms and counsels of men to naught. We have to acknowledge the following for Armenia: 266,— “As unto Him,” 5s.; 267 and 270, Mustard Seed” (5th and 6th donations), £1, 15s. and £1, 16s.; 268, Crosshill, 1s. 6d.; 269, Irvine, £1; 271, Thornliebank , 5s.; 272, Anon., 5s.; 273, Subscribers and Friends of Bryce’s Select Library, per Wm Bishop, 3rd donation (making £102 in all), £15; 274, Corker, £1. This brings our total to £477, 13s. 6d.

As to the CHANGES in the working of the Mission mentioned in our last, some

are still under consideration, so we cannot enter into details yet. But we may say we think of perhaps making some changes in the working of our general headquarters and of the publication department, and of having training sessions (commencing in autumn) in a house in Bute that is being acquired and furnished by friends of the Mission, partly for these purposes. Fuller particulars later on.

East District

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Place.	Pilgrims	Opened.	Closed.
Edinburgh (Hall), Donaldsons.			
Falkland, . . .	M’Leod, Dickson.	Jan. 10.	Mar. i.
Bowden, . . .	Rankins.	Jan. 10.	Feb. 7.
Wark,	I McNeill, Morton.	Jan. 10.	Feb. 16.
Longnewton, . .	Rankin, Ogden.	Feb. 11.	
Melrose, . . .	Potties.	Feb. 14.	
Birgham, ...	I. McNeill, Morton.	Feb. 21.	

Psalm cxxvi. 3-6 has been fulfilled in the missions this past month, and we have to chronicle—no doubt in answer to united prayer—God's working in our midst. Let us sound a note of praise to God as we read of His working.

From Falkland Pilgrim M’Leod writes: “Those who have prayed in real earnest for the mission here will be glad to know through Bright Words that God has answered prayer. Right from the beginning the attendances were good, and all seemed interested, but

*‘The sight that charms us most,
Is a sinner at the cross.’*

“A week or two passed without any visible sign of blessing, but still we felt God, by His Holy Spirit, was working in our midst. The devil tried hard to get us to leave; but we kept praying to God, and at last the answer came. Since coming here the Lord has been teaching us this one thing, not to hurry Him. He knows when to send the blessing. Are not the souls of the children of men precious in His sight? Every Sabbath evening the hall is well filled, and an earnest spirit is felt throughout the whole meeting. A goodly number of young folks have professed saving faith in Jesus.

‘Take heed that ye despise not one of these My little ones.’ Let us remember them in earnest prayer. We expect to close on Monday, 1st March, with a tea-meeting. We would still ask an interest in your prayers. Pray that the blessing received may prove deep and lasting, and extend to the other villages in this district.” After a little rest our sisters likely open at Newton of Falkland.

Next comes a report from a sister who has participated in the blessings poured forth on the BOWDEN mission: “It is now four weeks since the Lord sent the sister-pilgrims Rankin to our village, and we are glad to say the meetings have proved very successful, and we have felt the Lord’s presence right through. Although the weather was somewhat stormy, the meetings were well attended, some of the people coming long distances.

“The Sunday evening services were crowded, and many anxious ones remained behind at the close to be dealt with, and are now rejoicing in the salvation which Jesus completed on Calvary. We do trust that the work begun in the hearts of the people will go on and prove lasting. We truly have been a favoured people; to God be all the praise! We had a very pleasant tea-meeting on the last Friday of the mission. The sisters were assisted by Pilgrims Brunton and Richardson, and Mr Gibb from Fife. After tea the meeting was thrown open for testimony, and many stood up with happy faces and told what the Lord had done for them. The mission closed the following Sunday, the school being so crowded that a number had to stand. We felt it to be a very solemn time, and, as we sang—

‘God be with you till we meet again,’

we felt, although we may not meet on earth, yet His own shall meet where there will be no parting. Our prayers will be with our dear sisters who have worked so faithfully amongst us: may His presence go with them and give them many souls for their hire.”

Miss A. Rankin having to go home, her sister was joined by a new pilgrim, Miss Ogden, whom we are glad to welcome.

They opened LONGNEWTON, and from the beginning the meetings were well attended and conviction was evident, as already a number have professed conversion. In some cases they came for the first time to the meeting, were convicted, and yielded to their rightful Owner.

WARK mission is reported by another local friend. Our sisters have opened a country place called Birgham, where we trust they will have times of blessing.

Pilgrim and Mrs Pottie have come to this district during the month and opened MELROSE. Up to the time of writing it has been very discouraging in point of interest and attendance. We would ask special prayer for that place.

Pilgrim Richardson and I have devoted all our time to visiting P. Us., with an occasional visit to the missions working. We praise Him for all His grace. Let us continue in prayer, not forgetting to thank Him for all past blessings.

GEORGE BRUNTON.

WARK.—Pilgrims M’Neill and Morton opened a mission here on 8th January. We have great cause to praise God for the deep conviction at the very outset of the mission. The power of God laid hold of the people and constrained them to come in and hear the exposition of the Gospel through our sisters. Set forth in all its simplicity, the truth was carried home to the hearts of the people by the power of the Holy Spirit night after night, until one after another yielded to the strivings of the Spirit and entered into the joys of the new-born soul. The mission was closed on 16th February with a tea-meeting, at which the bright testimonies of the young converts cheered the hearts of all, while many of God’s children spoke out of a full heart of blessing received through the mission. To God be the glory! R. ALLEN,

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West District.

Superintended by J. STEWART, Rothesay.

Place.	Pilgrims.	Opened.	Closed.
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Rothesay and P.Us.,	Stewart, Gillespie.	
Portree, Skye, .	Carmichael, Campbell.	Nov. 22. Feb. 4.
Killin,	Webb, McFarlane.	Jan. 10. Feb. 21.
Kinlocheil,...	Wark, M'Phail.	Jan. 17. Feb. 21.
Taynuilt,...	Harris, Patterson.	Jan. 17. Feb. 14.
Port Appin...	H. E. Govan, M'Neill.	Jan. 18. Feb. 10.
Kinloch,...	Pendreigh, M. McLean.	Jan. 24.
Colintraive,...	Potties.	Feb. 1. Feb. 10.
Broadford, Skye,	Carmichael, Campbell.	Feb. 8.
Ledaig,...	Harris, W. McNeill.	Feb. 18.
Crianlarich...	McPhail, Johnson.	Feb. 25.
Trislaig,...	Wark, McFarlane.	Mar. 2.

In SKYE the pilgrims have closed at Portree and have opened at Broadford.

From the latter place they report a better start, and good attendances from the very first. The sisters need our prayers very much, as they have much opposition and prejudice to overcome, also the usual run of objections to women preachers and to the possibility of any one really knowing they are saved, etc.

At KINLOCHEIL, which has closed, although there has not been a big work accomplished, a few have been led to decide.

In MULL Pilgrim A. McLean seems to be enjoying going round the Parish of Kilfinechan, holding meetings here and there, with some evidence of the Lord's blessing on his labours. KINLOCH has closed, and the sisters there expect to open a new place in the same locality. At KILLIN there was some blessing among the Christians, and a few decisions before the close. J. S.

COLINTRAIVE.—What a change it was, after the bustle and noise of Clydebank, to be taken to a beautiful district in the Highlands, with most charming scenery. Everything seemed so quiet and still, the only noise seemed to come from the s. s. "Grenadier" as it passed up and down the Kyles of Bute each day.

Our hearts rose in prayer to God as we neared the pier, that souls might be won for Jesus during our short stay there. And our prayers have been answered, praise Him! From the first the people attended well, some coming a distance of four and five miles to the services, and splendid attention

was given during the whole of the time. As night after night the gospel message was told in its fulness, the Holy Spirit dealt with hearts that had hitherto been strangers to His saving grace, and we can record with joy and gratitude that several—both young men and young women—have yielded themselves to the Lord.

For the first week our meetings were held in the schoolroom, kindly granted by the committee, and the week following we held kitchen meetings on the Monday and Tuesday, closing on Wednesday, when we were offered the use of the hall in connection with the hotel. we praise God for His good hand in leading these precious souls to Himself, and ask your prayers for them, that they may go on to know more of the love and sweetness that there is in the "Wonderful Saviour" for all those who trust Him.

M. POTTIE.

Little, in the way of definite outcome, was accomplished by the three weeks spent at PORT APPIN. The weather, making the roads well-nigh impassable with ice a good part of the time, might be alleged as some excuse, and latterly the sickness that visited many homes. Still, we could not but recognise the absence of a deep thirst after God, the living God, in the district. Yet there were certain who showed much spiritual sympathy with us and interest in the meetings, and spoke of some quickening experienced. We were also encouraged by the frequent attendance of some who had received blessing in the missions at other points in the strath. God keep them all true to Himself, and visit the district with widespread and deep revival.

It was a joy to be able to give the following week-end to TAYNUILT—an old battleground of ours—to hear the thorough-going testimonies at the tea-meeting, and to welcome new converts turned "from the power of Satan unto God." The lines are clearly drawn in this place, and to be a Christian is to be a Christian. That is well.

A long pilgrimage brought us to the southern borders of the district for the following week-end. It was our first visit—Mr Brown's and mine—to SANQUHAR, and the fellowship with the friends there gave real pleasure to us both. H. E. G.

TAYNUILT.—Once again the Lord sent the Faith Mission to Taynuilt to declare the glorious Gospel of a full and free salvation. Beginning on 17th January in the Established Church, kindly granted by the Rev. Mr McCallum, the meetings went on for over four weeks. The attendance was pretty good, especially on Sunday evenings, when the church was full. There was evident conviction among the people, which led in several cases to a definite decision for the Lord, while others, who came night after night and heard the truth preached with power, went away unsaved.

There has been considerable blessing among the Christians, some being led into a deeper experience of His abiding presence. In short, we feel eternity alone can reveal what the Lord has done through this mission.

At the close we had a tea-meeting, Mr H. E. Govan and Pilgrims Harris, Patterson,

Neill, and MacKirdy being present, while a large number of Christians from Oban and elsewhere came to tell what Jesus had done for them.—A LOCAL FRIEND.

Ireland

Place.	Pilgrims.	Opened.	Closed.
BALLINDERRY, . .	Morrison, Taberner.	Dec. 27.	Jan. 31.
BALLYNURE, . .	M.F. Wright, Goodall.	Jan. 9.	Feb. 28.
TULLYARRAN, . .	Lyall, Kelly.	Jan. 10.	Feb. 25.
KILLYBEGS, . . .	M. and H. Garratt.	Jan. 14.	Feb. 15.
ENNIS, . . .	Irvine, Deathe.	Jan. 7.	Feb. 17.
HALLYBEG, . . .	Morrison, Taberner.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 25.
KILREA, . . .	Hutton, Nesbitt.	Feb. 4.	
BLACKWATERTOWN, M'Lean, Estall.		Feb. 7.	
TULLYROAN, . .	M.R. Wright, Goodall.	Feb. 14.	
FALCARRAGH, . .	H. Garratt, Webb.	Feb. 28.	
MEGABERRY, . .	Morrison, Lyall.	Feb. 28.	
DONAGHMORE, . .	Taberner, Kelly.		
DOAGH. . . .	M.F. Wright, Nesbitt		

The work in Ireland is going steadily forward. Many souls have been gathered in during the past month. Our coasts are enlarging, and the above list includes missions in six different counties. There are

other counties, too, which we have been invited to, and can enter whenever we can spare workers for them.

Mrs Todd and I have just returned from a visit to Co. Donegal. During our eleven days tour we took sixteen meetings, travelling, 170 miles by rail and nearly 100 by car. Our visit to the different places was brief, yet we trust these P.U.s. have been edified, but we would like also, to some little extent, to have seen them multiplied (Acts ix. 31).

We spent three days at NARIN. Though not so far advanced spiritually as some of the other places we visited, it is good to find in such an out-of-the-way place a little praying band. The Lord make them to shine brightly, and be a blessing to the unconverted in these parts.

At ARDARA we had one meeting, and a bright hearty one it was, with some nice testimonies to the Lord's saving and keeping power.

Next day we had a 16 mile drive through wild mountain scenery to GLEN-COLUMBKILL, where we were kindly received at the rectory. At each of the meetings here and at MALINMORE there was a beautiful receptive spirit.

On Monday evening we were at the closing meeting of KILLYBEGS mission. There was a large attendance, many being in from surrounding P.U.s.

Our tour was brought to a close with the special meetings at DUNKINEELY and COOKSTOWN; but, as they are reported below, I need not say anything about them.

KILREA was once worked before by Mr and Mrs Corsie. It was the first appearance of the Mission in that part, and it was rather stiff. However, a little praying band have been bearing their town up before the throne, and have been anxious for some time for us to send pilgrims. They were delighted to hear of Pilgrims Hutton and Nesbitt coming, and were full of faith for blessing. Already God is answering prayer; there is much interest, and every night souls are deciding for Christ. Pilgrim Nesbitt has gone to Ballynure, and Miss Cameron, who

has been working in Donegal, goes to Killea.

TULLYROAN, near Moy, Co. Tyrone, has had an encouraging opening, the school being crowded out. Pilgrim Barr has had to go home, and Pilgrim Goodall has joined Pilgrim M. R. Wright.

BLACKWATERTOWN is also near Moy, but being on the other side of the Blackwater, is in Co. Armagh. A good beginning has been made, and our brothers report attentive audiences.

ROBT. R. TODD. *23rd February 1897.*

KILLYBEGS mission closed on the 15th. The people from the surrounding district attended well, but many of those living in the town took no interest in the meetings, and appeared quite careless as to the things of eternity. However, we can praise God for the working of His Spirit in the hearts of the unsaved who came night after night, and we believe that not a few have been turned from darkness to light, and made new creatures in Christ Jesus. The Lord keep them true to Him! During the mission we had two cottage meetings in a neighbouring village, which were very fruitful. The Lord was in our midst, and as result souls were saved and blessed. It was a great joy to us all through the mission to have the prayers and practical sympathy of the rector, Rev. W. Baillie, as well as the help of the local Christians. A Prayer Union has been formed.

Every one was delighted to see Pilgrim and Mrs Todd at the closing meeting in Killybegs. They arranged their tour so as to be present at the first DONEGAL CONFERENCE of the Faith Mission in Dunkineely on the 16th. It was held in the Methodist Church, kindly lent for the purpose, and, as it was fair day, a large number of people were able to attend. There were two meetings, afternoon and evening, and it did one good to see so many happy faces from the different P.Us. There was real liberty from the first, and we all felt it good to be there. Since leaving we hear of blessing resulting therefrom.

It was nice to have the opportunity of going with Pilgrim and Mrs Todd to Tyrone to see the work there, and to be at the COOKSTOWN CONFERENCE, held in the Assembly Rooms. The morning and afternoon meetings were held in a side room, and at night in the large hall. There was a nice spirit all through, and the Lord was with us. At the evening meeting Mr Entrican, the Presbyterian minister, gave a straight message from 2 Cor. vi. 17, 18. The Lord grant it may be written on all our hearts. M. L. G.

BALLYNURE.—The mission begun in the Methodist Church, on January 3, by Pilgrims M. F. Wright and Goodall, has been remarkably successful and encouraging.

From the first the interest was deep, and the curiosity that brought people to hear “the ladies” was soon swallowed up in anxiety to again hear their message.

The attendance throughout has been good, and scarcely a night has passed that souls have not been brought out of darkness into light—until now over one hundred profess to be rejoicing in God their Saviour—but all the success cannot be tabulated.

In their visitation, the hearts of the pilgrims have been gladdened to hear of some who decided, in their own homes, to enter the service of the Great King, and of others brought to God through the instrumentality of some of the young converts, already at work for their Master.

The interest in religion is deep and wide-spread—the Spirit of God working mightily in the hearts of the people till the country seems ripe for revival.

But the devil also is busy, and some of the converts have already found that if they would “win the crown” they must also bear the cross.

Pray that they may be kept steadfast.

The mission is to close on 1st March with a tea-meeting.

On the nights that remain before that, we pray for more abundant blessing.

*“For His power and grace are such,
None can ever ask too much.” H.*