

and I trust we shall be a family of one heart and mind.' In six weeks after their arrival many were awakened and they had some wonderful lovefeasts. She sends John Fletcher on December 14 a most encouraging account of the work. See *Spiritual Letters of Hester Ann Rogers*, No. 22.

BRIDLINGTON, *June 21, 1784.*

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I agree with you in hoping that Brother Blair's labours will be productive of a blessing to many in Dublin; the rather because he not only preaches but also lives the gospel. And wherever a man's life confirms his doctrine God will confirm the word of His messenger.

It gives me pleasure to hear that the school succeeds well. It is an excellent institution. I am very glad that Richard Condy's brother has come over to assist him.¹ I hope Brother Condy continues to go out on Sunday noon to the little towns round Dublin. We try all the little towns round London, and have Societies in most of them. What a shame it is that we should so long have neglected the little towns round Dublin, and that we have not a Society within ten miles of it?

During the present state of Mr. Pawson's health he would be of little service at Dublin. You want lively, zealous, active preachers. And, to tell you a melancholy truth, few of our elder preachers are of this character. You must look for zeal and activity among the young preachers. I am greatly scandalized at this, that a preacher fifty years old is commonly but half a preacher. I wonder that every preacher does not use Bishop Stratford's prayer,² 'Lord, let me not live to be useless.' A gradual work of grace constantly precedes the instantaneous work both of justification and sanctification. But the work itself (of sanctification as well as justification) is undoubtedly instantaneous. As after a gradual conviction of the guilt and power of sin you were justified in a moment, so after a gradually increasing conviction of inbred sin you will be sanctified in a moment. And who knows how soon? Why not now? May the whole blessing of the gospel be on you and Sister Keene!—I am, dear Arthur,

Your affectionate brother.

To Mr. Arthur Keene, in Dublin.

¹ See letter of March 3 to Keene.

² Nicholas Stratford (1633-1707), Bishop of Chester 1689.

To John Valton

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I hope to be at Dawgreen at Birstall on Sunday and or

It will, I believe, be bet because many there are mu lington. John Allen may Peace be with you all!—I am
Your

To Ann Bolton

Miss Bolton had written on several weeks that has not yie one or other of the family ill, dejection.' She said she had r hand.' 'I have lately (from the *Essays* with much pleasure. I which is "accommodableness," instructive influence. The tem suitable and needful one "in s To accommodate oneself to ever one's caprice or cross humour, stance one meets with is, I a establish peace of mind. I wa world to the greatest advantage, to improve time for eternity. able to advise, and the favour by, dear sir, your ever obliged a *Magazine*, 1791, p. 589.

MY DEAR NANCY,—The have for you makes your let has seen good to try you affliction, but all will work lose nothing but your dros person that knows how to s

¹ He preached in Bingley on July in the morning and afternoon; Dawgreen, where a new chapel v to be built, on the 24th; at Birst