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PREFACE.



THE visit of our dear American brethren, Messrs. D. L. Moody and Ira D. Sankey, to this country will be remembered by thousands with joy and gladness to all eternity. To give a detailed account of the work which God has enabled them to do would be impossible in the short limits of a preface; but we think a condensed summary of their labours will be useful and interesting to many, into whose hands this volume of Addresses may come.

In June, 1873, Mr. Moody paid his third visit to this country, accompanied by Mr. Sankey. They began their labours at York, where they attracted but little attention. From York they went to Sunderland, and from thence to Newcastle-on-Tyne; and here they began to attract public attention, great crowds gathering round them, not alone in Newcastle, but in all the towns on Tyneside, which they visited in succession. From here they went to Edinburgh, and were received with an enthusiasm that was surprising to lookers-on. The local ministers came forward, and not only offered their pulpits, but supported the strangers with their presence whenever they appeared in public. Mr. Moody preached, and Mr. Sankey sang twice or thrice a day; but every day thousands were, for the lack of room, turned away from the doors of the halls and churches where the services were being held. Then they laboured at Dundee and other towns of the North; and in February, 1874, went to Glasgow, where they laboured for several months. In Glasgow,

Greenock, and Paisley, a great work was wrought, and among young men especially the power of God was manifest, and great numbers were converted. They then crossed over to Ireland, labouring first in Belfast and Londonderry, and other towns in the North; and just as in other parts, so in Ireland, the Spirit of God accompanied their labours with mighty power. They next proceeded to Dublin, and the impression created there will be best understood by mention of the fact that meetings were held in the Exhibition Palace, which is capable of holding 14,000 persons, which was always crammed to the doors when they were announced to appear.

Manchester was the next place visited. Here the Free Trade Hall was secured, and often proved too small for the audiences. A wonderful impression was produced by Mr. Moody's exhortation to Christians on Sunday mornings. The practical result of his fervent addresses was shown by many who had never before opened their lips for their Saviour going at once to work, seeking to win souls. The Holy Spirit was very manifestly present at the meetings for the unconverted, and many became reconciled to God.

Sheffield was the next town they visited, and the enthusiasm caused was greater than that shown at Manchester. On Sunday, January 3rd, crowds assembled in front of the Albert Hall long before the doors were opened. Early on Sunday morning Mr. Moody addressed Christian workers. He made a most stirring appeal to them, pointing out that there was a work for every one of them to do as Christians, and if they did not do it they would be responsible to God. In the afternoon there was another service in the same place. The hall was crowded as it never was before, and there were still numbers in the street clamouring for admission. The results

of the labours of these servants of God were blessed to the salvation of many.

The next place of their labours was Birmingham, and there is every outward indication that the wave of spiritual awakening now passing over our land has made itself felt in this very large and important centre of the world's industry. They remained in the town for two weeks, and the meetings throughout were such as to encourage the hope of much success.

As of the apostles of our Lord it was said, "These men, who have turned the world upside down, are come hither also," so of Messrs. Moody and Sankey. It is joyful to know that the success which attended their labours elsewhere was equalled, if not surpassed, in Liverpool.

All Liverpool was moved by them. Many flocked to the meetings, and thousands were under spiritual anxiety, whilst God's people rallied round the evangelists; and here too the manifest power and presence of God was realized, and thousands, we believe, were awakened to think about eternal things.

But great as has been the blessing attending the labours of these honoured servants of Christ in other places, it has been far surpassed by the gracious showers that have fallen during their visit to our great metropolis. They began their labours in London, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, in the beginning of March, and here for nearly two months they laboured, day after day, with untiring energy, and with marvellous blessing. After every meeting large numbers repaired to the inquiry-room, and there found a *present Christ*. We never shall forget the blessed scenes we witnessed in these days, when hundreds stood up at the close of each address to be prayed for, as those who desired to be saved. The closing service there on May 9th was a wonderful scene. It was Mr. Moody's fiftieth address