

land continued unchanged, he felt that he could not conscientiously give to it either his adhesion or support.

As we have already said, Mr. Binney's ministry was peculiarly attractive to young men, many of whom lived in the large warehouses of their employers within the limits of the City of London, and hard by the Weigh-house Chapel in Eastcheap. In course of time these young men either became themselves heads of houses in London or removed to other cities and to other lands, carrying with them the impulse they had received from him. Hence, when Young Men's Christian Associations were formed over the country, he was everywhere in demand, and to the members of these societies he delivered many valuable lectures, which were afterwards expanded into volumes. This was the history of his "Life of Fowell Buxton," and his valuable book, "Is it Possible to Make the Best of both Worlds?" His discourses on such occasions were not constructed, like so many modern productions called lectures, on the principle of "giggling and making giggle," but he set himself in earnest to reason with his hearers, and had the enduring satisfaction of leaving impressions which were never afterwards effaced.

In yet another department Mr. Binney was honoured to do a work the fruit whereof remains. When he took charge of the Weigh-house Chapel the service of song was miserably neglected by the people, and very early in his pastorate he began to reform that evil, with such success that very soon the chanting and hymn singing at his church became famous over the whole country. He published a valuable discourse upon the subject, and, if we remember rightly, had a music-book prepared for the use of the churches, thereby giving an impetus to the movement for psalmody revival which it retains up till the present time. His mantle in this department has fallen on the shoulders of the Rev. Dr. Henry Allon, of Islington, whose church, for the taste, ability, and congregational character of its psalmody is, perhaps, unsurpassed throughout Christendom.

As an author, Mr. Binney was voluminous. Besides these works which we have incidentally referred to, he published early in his ministry a volume of discourses on "The Practical Power of Faith," founded on the 11th chapter of the Hebrews; and a few years ago he gave to the world a volume of sermons, which are pre-eminently worthy of the study of all ministers of the Gospel. A few months before our leaving Liverpool for this country we had the privilege of hearing him preach, and of spending a few hours in social intercourse with him after his discourse. He was at that time suffering from lameness, caused by a fall from a mule, while travelling in Switzerland; and so he sat while he delivered his sermon. It was an exposition of Titus ii. 11-14, and was characterized by all the clearness, fulness, and force of his best days. The subject grew upon him as he proceeded, and, though he preached for an hour and fifteen minutes, he held the attention of his audience so closely that they did not realize how rapidly the time had gone, and imagined he had been brief.

In private he was agreeable and fraternal, though he was occasionally abrupt and sometimes even testy. But any effervescence of petulance was only on the surface. The great heart of the man was sound, and so soon as he had relieved himself of his bile he was as agreeable as before. He never cherished malice or allowed "the sun to go down upon his wrath," and in his best moods there was a genial humor about him which was very delightful. Sometimes it would come out even in the pulpit, in such a way as must have sorely taxed the gravity of his hearers. We have been told, though we cannot vouch for the perfect accuracy of the story, that on one occasion, when he had been earnestly urged by some of his friends to give some attention to pastoral visitation, he spent every day of a week in going from house to house among his people, and then on the Sabbath morning, after the devotional part of the service was over, and when it was expected he would give out his text and proceed with his sermon, he stood up and pronounced the benediction, prefacing the act by alleging that, as he had been in all their homes during the preceding days, he had no discourse to give them. At