

CURRENT TOPICS AND EVENTS.

THE REVIVAL MOVEMENT.

IN our monthly summary we have often referred to Messrs. Moody and Sankey. The interest in their work does not seem in the least to abate. It was thought that London would be the most difficult of all places to move; but in no place which they have visited, have greater crowds been drawn together. Thousands have assembled at the various meetings held in the Metropolis, and persons from all classes of the community have been among their hearers. Lords and dukes, even some members of royalty, have listened to the old, old story; while many stout-hearted sinners have yielded to the influence of the cross, and become new creatures in Christ Jesus.

A correspondent says the work is extending rapidly, and so great is the interest that Mr. Moody usually addresses four public meetings daily. As many as two hundred carriages, with servants in livery, are sometimes to be seen waiting at the doors of the places where the meetings are held, indicating some of the class of persons who are in attendance. The result of the labours of these men of God is not seen in what they themselves actually accomplish, for they succeed to an astonishing degree in inducing others to work for Jesus.

In illustration of this, Liverpool may be mentioned. Here, Messrs. Moody and Sankey laboured a few weeks, and special services have been held ever since, with good results. Only recently two hundred persons remained at an enquiry meeting, held at the close of a prayer meeting. A Unitarian minister said, that these men (Moody and Sankey) had done more good in one month in Liverpool, than the Unitarians had done in ten years. In Belfast, thirty cottage prayer meetings are held every week by the young converts who were brought to God while the American

revivalists visited that town. In London, hundreds of persons are going daily in quest of their friends and bringing them to Jesus. Recently, Mr. Moody urged his hearers to endeavour to bring at least one person each to Christ; and next day, one of them reported that he had spoken to thirty others about their souls, and he saw eight made happy before the day closed.

Mr. Pearsall is also effecting great things in Germany. Mr. Morrod and Mr. M'All and others are also achieving glorious results in France, so that may we not say that these are the days of the Son of Man with power? Might not the Churches learn from these pleasing occurrences that a class of men called "evangelists" could be usefully employed in visiting the Churches, and assisting in special services? The Church needs to be aroused to a sense of its duty. The want of the times is, that every believer should be employed in the vineyard of the Lord. If the revival movement, which is now sweeping like a grand tidal wave over England and the continent of Europe, shall be the means of causing even the majority of our Church members to see that they have work to do for the Master, we may expect seasons of greater power than have ever yet been witnessed.

INTOLERANCE AT THE GRAVE.

FOR several years past, certain of the Episcopal clergymen of England have made themselves very offensive to their Nonconformist brethren. In many parts of the country there is no place of sepulchre but the churchyard, over which the clergyman of the parish usually exercises control. In several instances there has been a direct refusal to allow the customary religious services at the grave of a person who had died a Dissenter, or had not been baptized by a clergy-