

THE BIBLE.

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(Reported by Mr. J. S. Thomson, one of our students.)

I want this afternoon to call your attention to the old book itself. I saw an account going through the papers that some one here in Canada thought my theology was a hundred years old. If it isn't six thousand years old, I will toss it into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. I have no new doctrine; only the old theology. The world wants the old book. I believe the Bible is the coming book. It is a pleasure to see so many young men here in front of me. If you young men want to be a success in this world, cling to the old book. Take the whole of it. It is fashionable for people nowadays to say they believe in the New Testament, but not in the Old Testament. They say there are things in the Old Testament they cannot believe. If you will take pains to look into the subject, you will find there is nothing in the Old Testament to-day that men are caviling about, to which the Son of God did not set His seal. He quoted out of most every book in the Old Testament. But men say to me, "Moody, you don't believe in Noah and the flood?" "I believe it as much as the Sermon on the Mount." Christ said, "As it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man." "As it was in the days of Lot, they did eat, they drank." These two events Christ connected with His own return to this world. Men say they do not believe in the cities of the plain being destroyed by fire from on high, but Jesus Christ believed it. "The same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire."

Some of you men think of going into Christian work and into Christian pul-

pits. If you want to preach as you should, take the whole Bible. When Jesus Christ said the Scriptures cannot be broken, He meant the Old Testament, for the New was not then written. When Paul said: "All Scripture is given by inspiration," he meant the Old Testament, for the New was not written. Remember, it does not say all Scripture is inspired, but that it is written by inspiration. When the Devil told a lie in Eden, he was not inspired, but some one was inspired to write about it. When the Devil told a lie to Job, he was not inspired, but the writer was. The wicked Ahab was not inspired to do what he did, but some one was inspired to give it to us, and it is a good thing they did. Take the story of Noah. Some one was inspired to write it. The story about Lot and Sodom was written by inspiration. Lot may not have been inspired to have done all the things he did. Some people say, "Moody, you don't believe, do you, that Moses really lifted up a brass serpent on a pole in the wilderness?" Well, if I didn't, I wouldn't believe in the cross, for Christ connected this with His own cross. "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." He connected this with His own broken body. "But Jonah and the whale, you don't, surely, believe that!" Yes, I do. I believe it just as much as I believe in the resurrection. The two stand or fall together. In Matthew they said, "We would see a sign." He said, "there shall be no sign given but the sign of the prophet Jonas; or as Jonas was three days and