

that we do not establish our divided Protestantism so surely that we shall have in every land a multitude of petty sects. The multiplication of denominations continue. With all their evils, divided councils continue. Were I to repeat the story of the evil of our divisions and schisms, I should lengthen this paper beyond all bounds. The evils exist. Union on missionary ground is not the easy and immediate solution of the trouble that it has seemed. Once more, may we not appeal to the Christian public at home to form their plans in common and to cease to perpetuate the sin of schism through Christ's work of preaching the gospel to the nations.

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Dear Doctor Sherwood:

The month of January was given to England, taking London as a centre, and going out from thence to the great cities, Birmingham, Leicester, Bristol, Leeds, etc. Every Sunday was given to Westminster Chapel, where the savor of Samuel Martin still lingers, and where, next to Spurgeon's Tabernacle, there is the largest accommodation for the multitudes. A month in London gave opportunity for a partial acquaintance with London missions, which are of every variety.

In no city of the world is there so large a population living in abject poverty and misery, and practically out of the reach of the churches. That startling tract, "The Bitter Cry of Outcast London," published a few years since, but now almost out of print, revealed a condition of want and woe to which most of the inhabitants of the great metropolis were strangers. It unveiled the iniquity, intemperance, improvidence of the vast multitude of poor and outcast classes; it called attention to their forlorn condition, their unhealthy dwellings and unwholesome habits, their meagre diet, their half nakedness, their indecent crowding into inadequate tenements, and their utter destitution of the gospel. That tract is still so true and so valuable, that it is proposed to reprint it in substance in these pages for the information of those who are studying just now the grave question of the crisis of cities.

Latterly a movement, known as "The Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Movement," has been undertaken in hopes to reach the non-church goers. There are many who are quite sanguine as to its success. It originated with Mr. John Blackham, of West Bromwich, who thought he saw that sermons were too long and services of worship too tame and bald to hold the masses of the people. At Westminster Chapel these "Afternoons" were introduced while I was preaching there, and are now in progress. The following programme may indicate the plan