

raged also. They ought not to make the meeting blue because they were blue.—Tenth, They should give variety to the meetings. There should not be more than two prayers in succession, and the exercise should be varied by singing and reading. One of the buried talents of Scotland was the musical talent. They ought to sing for Christ, as well as work and speak for Him. Eleventh, Let them have no formal address beginning in some such way as this—"I am going to address you," for such an announcement was enough to chill any meeting. Twelfth, The meetings should be short, and the people sent away hungry but not weary, else they would not come back. In order to this they must be short. Those who spoke were interested, and would go on; but those who listened were less interested, and might have stood for an hour. They ought not to try their patience too far. Thirteenth, They should avoid discussions, and put down discussion among the audience. If any one persisted, they should not correct him in public, but have their praise or prayer, and then go to him in private and explain. Fourteenth, If a man were backward to speak at the meeting, they should call upon him, point out the duty and simplify it, getting him to break the ice by merely reading out a verse that had struck him, and thus lead him on. It was not great talent that was wanted, but grace in the heart. The coloured man who had spoken the previous day had thrilled his very heart more than any one he had heard there. Fifteenth, They should throw the meeting open for one-half of the time. There was no freedom otherwise. He had been burdened with a message he believed to be from God, but had no chance to deliver it, because the meeting was not open. They had no right to take the work out of the hands of the Spirit in this way. Sixteenth, Let the meeting commence and close at the hour appointed. To be unpunctual, either in opening or closing, was to break faith with the meeting. Seventeenth, They ought to see before going that they went in the Spirit, and pray that the Spirit might lead the meeting.

Results.

Prayer meetings conducted according to the rules and directions given by Mr. Moody have been tried in Scotland. At a recent meeting in the Free Assembly Hall Dr. Andrew Thomson said that the weekly prayer-meeting of his congregation on Wednesday evening had been conducted on the last occasion according to the rules and directions given by Mr. Moody, the wisdom of which had been felt by every one of them. They had short prayers, short addresses,

and frequent singing, principally from Phillip's collection, and also opportunities given for requests for prayer. The latter part of the meeting had been made open. He wished now, for the encouragement of esteemed ministers and elders, as well as private members of the church, to state the result. The meeting was three times its former size, and the place, which Mr. Moody knows well, for it had been the birthplace of a good many souls to Christ, was crowded, so much so that they had resolved to go up to the church itself next Wednesday evening. Not only were many requests for prayer made, much thanksgiving offered, but a great deal of information as to the work of Christ in the congregation, was brought out, and made known to them, which otherwise might have remained hidden. He wished to bear testimony very strongly, having tried the experiment, to the great importance of leaving the latter part of the evening free, in the sense they understood. He believed church life had been much stifled by the fact that it had not found expression. If they let it get expression, it would increase itself by the very fact, and tend to communicate spiritual life to others. In our large congregations we are often at a loss to make brotherly love felt. People sitting in adjoining pews very often do not know each other's names. These open meetings will give a new life to the people, and will promote a feeling of kinship amongst them in spiritual things. He wished to give his hearty imprimatur to these open meetings.

Other ministers bore similar testimony. They insisted especially on the evil of *lecturing* in prayer.

What an Eye-witness says.

Night after night thousands have gone to hear the gospel of the kingdom, and hundreds have been awakened from the slumber of sin to ask anxiously what they must do to be saved. Persons who never before gave heed to the things of their peace have come with anxiety seated on their brows, and tears rolling down their cheeks, saying, "Sir, I would see Jesus." Old and young—rich and poor—learned and unlearned—of every class, every rank—every age and condition—sinners, formalists, moral professors, pleasure-seekers, sensualists—sin-