

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.

For some months past a work of revival has been going on in Britain, chiefly in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the neighbourhood, and in Edinburgh. The movement, which the most judicious ministers acknowledge to be a genuine revival of religion, has been sustained chiefly through the labours of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, the former of Chicago, where he has been known for several years in connexion with the Young Men's Christian Association, and the latter (Mr. Sankey) of Pennsylvania, whose singing of hymns setting forth the salvation of Jesus, and the great truths of the gospel, has contributed in no small degree, to the happy results. These two brethren sailed last summer for England, at the earnest request of some Christian friends in that country. Newcastle-upon-Tyne was their first field of labour, where, in a short time, an unusual interest in divine things was manifested. The Spirit of God evidently worked with them, and many who had been living in carelessness before were brought to the Saviour. An extract from a communication of the Rev. D. Lowe, of the English Presbyterian Church, which appears in the last number of the *Messenger and Missionary Record*, will give our readers some idea of the nature and extent of the work at Newcastle:

"Many precious souls—we can hardly trust ourselves to say how many—of various sects and positions in society have hopefully passed from darkness to light under our own eye. And if Weardale and Teesdale be included with Tyneside, we have no hesitation in saying that genuine conversions are to be numbered not by hundreds but by thousands. Many moreover, who, so far as themselves and others who knew them intimately could judge, were in possession of real spiritual life before this stream of special blessing began to flow, have risen to a much clearer view of their permanent safety in Christ than they ever previously enjoyed, and have in consequence become happier, more zealous of good works, and more useful. Several Christian workers, too, ministers and ordinary members of the Churches, who were free in the Spirit of their mind as individual believers, have lately enjoyed a freedom to work for the Lord and a delight in it of which they knew but little three months ago, and which leads them into enterprises for the highest welfare of their fellow-men of their own or other Churches, or it may be of no Church at all, from which they would have previously shrunk, and that too with a conscience tolerably easy. The latent talent of the various Churches is being developed more and more fully day by day for the good of many within and beyond their walls, young and old. Regular Church-members know each other better and love each other more. Home mission work is prosecuted with increasing zeal and success. At this moment an unusual interest has been awakened in the spiritual welfare of the young, and many days will not elapse now, if the Lord will, before a special and united effort will be made for their conversion on a large scale. Several Churches have received large accessions to their membership. None we believe has failed to benefit in this way. Audiences are larger and more earnest both on the Lord's day and on week-days."

Mr. Lowe bears the fullest testimony to the character of the work itself, the spiritual means employed, and the Christian humility and worth of the agents.

After labouring for some considerable time in Newcastle and neighbourhood, they came in the early part of winter to Edinburgh. There, as in Newcastle, the happiest results flowed from the labours of these devoted men. From private letters which we have read, as well as from the public papers, we learn that the movement was of the most extensive character,