

portance; but the fact has outlived anything else. The events connected with Jesus at Bethlehem have made that village historical. Then there was Mary who broke the box of ointment and anointed Christ. It made a stir in the village. Suppose reporters had gone out to find what it was. They saw a woman going with a box of ointment to pour on her Master's feet. They would not have thought that a great event. They would have said, "Well, this is not a matter of general interest, it is no use publishing it at length in the Jerusalem papers." That is the only recorded act that Mary did.

She forgot herself; she never thought of making for herself a name. We have men in our country who are seeking to leave a name behind. We are not told that she was a strong minded woman, or belonged to the Women's Rights Association.

Take the widow coming with her two mites and casting them into the treasury. It was a very small act, but she gave not only two mites but the whole of her heart, and it is heart service God wants. That act has come down through the ages. Some men have hidden behind that gift of the two mites. I went to a rich man once to get a contribution for a project in which I was interested. He said, "Well, Mr. Moody, I will give you the widow's mite." "All right," I said, "give me all you have got." That is what the widow gave. It is not the amount you give, or the action you perform, that God looks at. Let us learn a lesson. If we want to work for God, let us get outside of ourselves and work for others. We are living in an intense age. What we want is to consecrate and concentrate. Get your distinct work and put your whole soul into it. The man who can do one thing well will succeed. Paul said, "This one thing I do." Follow this example and your influence will be felt in Church and Sabbath School. I want to say to Sunday school teachers, that if you make up your minds, God helping you, that you will not rest until your class are brought to Christ, and that you will begin to pray at once, success will be yours. I never saw failure in such a case. Personal effort is wanted. Let us be determined to have souls and we shall not be disappointed. I cannot help believing we are on the eve of a mighty blessing. It seems as if Jehovah was hovering over us now.

The service concluded with prayer.

EVENING MEETING.

After introductory services,

MR. MOODY said:—I want to call your attention to three texts. One you will find in John, 1st c., 38 v.,—"What seek ye?" The next text is an exhortation, the third is a command. The words of the first text are the first words that fell from the lips of the Lord Jesus Christ, as recorded by John the Baptist. It was about four o'clock that John the Baptist sat with two of his disciples, one of whom was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, and Jesus of Nazareth was walking at a little distance. And John said to his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God"; and they left their old master and followed Christ. He turned round to them and said, "What seek ye?" and they said, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou?" He said, "Come and see." They went and they were so impressed at the first interview that they never left him. They became his disciples from that hour, and followed Him right to the cross when he ascended and went upon high. There were a great many men who sought Christ on earth who did not get the blessing which John, Andrew, Peter and other disciples secured. A great many who sought Him

left as empty as when they came. They literally received nothing from Him. It was not because he was partial in His gifts, or that He selected a few men to get His blessing, but because they had not the right motive. Some sought Him to see a sign and cared nothing for the doctrine he taught. They wished to see Him heal the sick by laying on His hands, cleanse the leper by speaking a word, and make the palsied man take up his bed and walk. They liked to see miracles. One day He charged them with following him for the sake of the loaves and fishes. I suppose some one had told how He fed 5000 people with two barley loaves and two small fishes, and how there was more left at the close than there was at the commencement. They did not come to get food for their souls, but they would like to eat some of that bread so that they might say they had eaten of it. So they followed him for the loaves and fishes. Others followed Him that they might entangle Him and lead Him to say something against the law of Moses, so that they might stone Him to death. Others followed Him because the crowd went that way. They cried with the crowd, "Hosanna to the Son of David," and when the crowd changed, they changed also and joined in the cry, "Away with him, crucify Him." Others sought him for just what they could get; some thought He was going to set up a temporal kingdom, and in this way He would have a good many disciples. Some perhaps thought they might be made Prime Minister or Secretary of State or obtain some other office; but when they found it was a spiritual kingdom he had come to set up, they left Him. Judas belonged to that party, thinking it was a temporal kingdom, and when he found it was a spiritual kingdom he betrayed Christ. But a few sought Him for what He was. I call your attention to this fact. None ever sought Christ for what He is personally and has ever been disappointed. I have never met a man who was disappointed in Jesus Christ when he sought Him with a right motive. When I first met Christ as my Saviour I had a good look at Him, but I think He is a thousand times more to me to-night than He was ten years ago, and ten years hence He will be a thousand times more precious to me still, and in eternity I will find out something new about Him. He is different from a great many men. When you know these men better you find their characters are smaller than they appeared at a distance. It is not so with Jesus Christ. He will grow on your affections if you get acquainted with Him. Some Christians have a very small Saviour because they make Christ small, while others have a great and mighty Christ. Christ is all you make Him to be. There is no danger of making too much of Christ, because He is God manifested in the flesh. The gospel has been preached for nearly 1900 years; and yet you find people gathering at a meeting like we have here to-night. It is just about the same thing that brought you together as that which brought people together when Christ was on earth. If you were to sift this audience and find out the real motive which has brought you together, there would be some strange stories to tell. I think there are very few men present who came to seek Jesus to-night. If all of this audience came to seek Him, and those who are not Christians came with a determination to become Christians, there would come to-night a blessing from God on us. If every one had a blessing would not a way open between this church and heaven. Let me put to you the question: "What seek ye?" Have you come to see a reed shaken by the wind, or have you come because you had no where else to go? I suppose some of you will say, "I