

THE LORD'S DOINGS.

Most delightful tidings reach us, from almost every quarter, of a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When this work makes itself so sensibly felt as to become matter for daily telegrams across the ocean, from continent to continent, surely they cannot be called credulous who believe in its reality, or unduly enthusiastic who rejoice over it. Messrs. Moody and Sankey's work in the great centres of Scotland, Ireland and England, has been such as to arouse the people as they have never been roused before. It has extended its influence to the remotest places, and even quickened the ministry and all christian labourers in their zeal for the Master, to a very great degree.

These evangelists are now addressing audiences in the great City of London. Night after night the streets are quite blockaded in the vicinity of the place of meeting, and it has been found impossible to secure a building sufficiently commodious to contain all who desire to attend. We cannot begin to give incidents, as the whole of our present number could easily be filled with illustrations of the power of the Spirit in bringing souls to the Saviour. Mr. Moody has invited eminent clergymen of other countries to come over and help him, and, among the rest, Dr. Talmage, of Brooklyn, New York. The latter gentleman, however, finds the religious interest in his own immense congregation so greatly increased of late, that he has had to decline the invitation. Upwards of three thousand attend his own prayer meeting, and lately as many as three hundred in one night stood up for prayer in their behalf. In many other parts of the United States we read of a revival of the Churches, and a growth of religious interest. While the two American Evangelists are presenting Christ so faithfully to the English masses, Mr. Varley, an Englishman, is engaged in the same work in America. His addresses in New York have been greatly blessed to many anxious enquirers. We also observe that in San Francisco, Mr. Hammond—a well-known evangelist in the United States—has been very successful in his labors there, as many as eight hundred having professed to have been already brought to Christ through

his instrumentality. In other parts, we notice similar awakenings in connection with various denominations of christians.

Following this, we give some particulars of the gracious work going on in some sections of our own Province, which must be most encouraging to those who for many a day have "sown in tears" the precious seed of divine truth, but who now see the prospect of "bringing their sheaves with them."

REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN THE EAST OF NOVA SCOTIA.

A large number of professing Christians dislike the word "revival." It is associated, in their minds, with undue excitement, physical manifestations, spurious zeal, and short-lived piety. To others, again, the word is the sweetest in the language. It is quite evident, therefore, that the same word does not always mean the same thing. As in all good things, there is the counterfeit as well as the real, and the more valuable the real thing is, the more vile the counterfeit is sure to be. When we hear that there is a revival of religion anywhere, we do not at once abandon ourselves to joy. We are disposed to examine, to test the genuineness of it, and to sift, knowing that where there is wheat there is sure to be chaff, and concerned that it should not be all chaff. One of the readiest tests is to ask where or among what kind of people is the revival occurring? If among an ignorant, emotional people, little importance should be attached to it; but if among a conservative, solid, Bible-reading people, the probabilities are all in its favour.

During the last three or four months, many of our eastern correspondents have written us concerning a revival of religion in their various neighbourhoods that has gladdened their hearts. and that seems to us to have all the evidences of being a good and glorious work. In Antigonish, the whole Protestant population has been awakened, and sinners have been converted who formerly scoffed at religion as the power of God. Special services were held in the Kirk in River John before and after the New Year, and these became so largely attended that the meetings had to be transferred