

more than once audible laughter. This specially the case when, with the usual twang that pertains to his nation, he pictured the London press 'coming down' on Joshua and other Old Testament heroes for their 'foolish' way of doing God's work. His picture of the Bedford tinker, though rough, seemed to be greatly relished; and there was a hearty laugh when the speaker exclaimed, 'The devil got his match when he got hold of John Bunyan.' The extremely realistic picture of Elijah and Elisha going about arm-in-arm was vastly amusing; but perhaps the most dramatic point was made at the close of this sketch, when Mr. Moody told how Elijah was 'swept away up home,' and the prophets exclaimed, 'The spirit of Elijah is upon Elisha!' Here the speaker rose to a high pitch of excitement; his arms were thrown up, and the exclamation of the prophets was repeated with a piercing shriek that unquestionably helped to a vivid realisation of the scene. In a moment, however, Mr. Moody dropped down to his familiar, conversational tone as he quietly added, 'And so he had.' Frequently the speaker's sayings ran into the mould of really fine apophthegms. 'God's lion is a lamb,' was one of these. 'What we want to believe is not that God *can* use us, but that God *will* use us,' was another. That a pathetic power exists alongside his homely humour was proved by the way in which he told the story of the Liverpool mother who had given him the photograph of her prodigal son, that Mr. Moody might be able to identify him in London; and the finest bit of rhetoric in the address was the application made of General Grant's words before the taking of Richmond, 'Advance in solid column upon the enemy at daylight.' In the early part of the address Mr. Moody broke off abruptly, in order that the doors might be opened to let in some of the people who were pressing for admission; and he caused this interval to be occupied with the singing of a hymn, 'Under the law,' but he remarked, as he gave it out, 'We're under grace, though. It's a good thing.' At the close, Mr. Moody said he would like to hear Mr. Sankey sing 'Here am I, send me,' but Mr. Sankey said he wanted the people to sing with

him, before they separated, the hymn entitled 'Hold the fort,' which was accordingly done, the audience uniting with great vigour. At twenty minutes to nine Dr. Henry Allon offered a brief prayer and pronounced the benediction, and the audience dispersed."

VISIT OF THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

The Duchess of Sutherland was present on Wednesday, and at the close of the service asked that a chair might be kept for herself and another lady on the following afternoon. Though the name of this lady was not directly given, it was interpreted as applying to the Princess of Wales. The Royal box was accordingly put in readiness, having been supplied with damask hangings. The doors were no sooner thrown open at half-past two than the people streamed in till every seat was occupied. It was not generally known that Her Royal Highness was expected, therefore her visit in no way helped to crowd the building. About three o'clock the Princess, accompanied by the Duchess of Sutherland, General Probyn, and a lady-in-waiting, arrived at the Royal entrance in two private carriages. Here they were met and escorted to the box by the Rev. Sabine Knight, a missionary to the Freedmen, who, while making a short stay in this country, is very active at these services. The Princess was at once recognised, and her presence was whispered from floor to roof in an instant. As the service did not commence till half-past three, the Princess remained standing while the preliminary hymns were sung. The meeting was opened with the well-known hymn, "Grace! 'tis a charming sound," in the singing of which the Princess joined, having been provided with a book of words and music. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Marcus Rainsford, who pleaded that a blessing might be imparted to all, from the highest to the lowest. Mr. Sankey then sang "The Ninety and Nine," prefacing it with a few words of earnest prayer. Mr. Moody's address was on "Grace."

The *Independent* says:—"We are able to state that the Princess expressed to the Duchess of Sutherland her appreciation of the service." The Duchess, ac-