

REV. NEWMAN HALL IN AMERICA.

The visit of the pastor of Surrey Chapel, London, to this continent is of sufficient interest and importance to demand of us a record of its origin and incidents. Rev. Newman Hall has been acquiring, for some years past, a constantly-widening reputation and influence, as an earnest and indefatigable preacher, a fervent advocate of temperance, and a faithful friend of the working classes. His little volumes, *Come to Jesus*, *Quench not the Spirit*, *It is I*, &c., have been circulated by the ten thousand. The autobiography of his father, John Vine Hall, author of the *The Sinner's Friend*, which was published under his editorship, is one of the most valuable temperance-books ever published. Of late years, his popularity among the Americans has been immensely increased by his steady advocacy of the cause of the North, throughout the Civil war. Again and again has he been invited to come over and visit them, and assured of the warmest welcome. Dr. Thompson, of New York, delivered such an invitation with especial emphasis, when he appeared as a delegate to the meeting of the English Congregational Union, during Mr. Hall's incumbency of the chair, which he filled such marked efficiency. At length, Mr. Hall has seen his way clear to the acceptance of these repeated invitations, and has come to America with the threefold object of preaching the gospel, of speaking words of peace between Britain and the United States, and of securing funds for the erection of a "Lincoln Memorial Tower" in the new Surrey Chapel which must be built ere the lease of the present site expires—three or four years hence.

Mr. Hall left England in the Cunard steamer *Cuba*, on the 17th August. He was accompanied by a friend of whom a notice in the *Hamilton Evening Times* thus speaks:—

"The Rev. Robert Balgarnie is a comparatively young minister, a native of Scotland, but educated at one of the English Congregational Colleges, who has been settled for a good many years in the town of Scarborough, a celebrated watering place in Yorkshire, England. There he has raised a large and flourishing church, from which has recently sprung a new church, for which a beautiful new church edifice has just been erected, at the cost of \$70,000, all of which is paid, having been raised chiefly by Mr. Balgarnie's personal efforts and influence. To both of those churches he ministers at present. As crowds of visitors from all parts of Britain frequent Scarborough, this gentleman is very extensively known and as highly valued in all parts of the country."

On the passage out, they held, with other ministers, almost daily services, and preached on both Sabbaths.

Upon their arrival in Boston, a hearty welcome was given to the travellers by Lieut.-Governor Claflin, Hon. Charles Sumner, and others; but they hastened away to enjoy the magnificent natural scenery of this continent, passing their first Sabbath on the Catskill Mountains, and then proceeding to Niagara. Mr. Balgarnie having relatives in Hamilton, Ontario, their presence in the neighbourhood became known in that city, and Rev. T. Pullar repaired at once to the Falls to secure their services for Sabbath, the 8th ult., an endeavour in which he succeeded; Mr. Hall preaching four times on that day and Mr. Balgarnie thrice, in the Congregational, Baptist, and (Knox's) Presbyterian churches, to crowded audiences.

We had the pleasure of hearing both these gentlemen preach on the following Thursday evening, in the John St. Wesleyan Church, at Hamilton, which was filled to overflowing. The next evening they preached in London,