

trance), the deepest love and sympathy pervaded the meeting. This continued for a full hour, and such a gathering I hardly ever expect again to see in this world. I will not speak of the experiences of the anxious, as I am averse to the publication of such details, at least in the beginning of a movement. It is believed that nearly fifty in all were conversed with in the Corn Exchange in the afternoon, and in the church in the evening. Last night (Wednesday) a considerable addition was made to this number, after the addresses of Mr. Leitch of Newcastle, and Mr. Chedburn of this town.

Again he writes :

The work of God here goes on beyond our utmost calculations, though not our lawful and bounden hopes. Scenes the most wonderful of rapid and sudden conversion have occurred, and a wide anxiety is still in the public mind. The meetings in the Corn Exchange since Tuesday last, have been vast, especially last night, when it was nearly as full after all the Sabbath services, as on the afternoon when Messrs. Moody and Sankey were here, and there were almost more inquirers than could be spoken with. It is the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes. It is by far the happiest time of my whole ministry. You may either show this to our dear brethren who began the work, or leave it for them, and ask the thanksgiving of your meeting on our behalf.

And still later :

Since the visit of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, on Tuesday (January 13), which was followed by so profound and universal an impression, there have been, besides the large noon-day prayer-meeting, meetings for addresses and prayer every night (with the exception of Saturday) in the Corn Exchange, which has been filled. On Sabbath evening, it was filled (notwithstanding the storm) to a degree only short of the meetings of Tuesday, while last night it was again full; and at every one of these meetings there have been many inquirers who waited to be conversed with, and of whom many profess to have found peace in the Saviour.

The meetings have been of the most grave, solemn, and un-demonstrative character; and with the exception of the deeper earnestness of the speakers and hearers, and the intermingling of requests for prayer and thanksgiving (many of the most affecting character), and greater fervour in the singing, with musical accompaniment, could hardly be distinguished from ordinary Sabbath worship. There is not the slightest trace of physical excitement, except what is inseparable from the realisation of the awful and joyful truths of the gospel of Christ.

A marked feature is the crowd of young persons of both sexes who are in attendance, and many of whom profess to have experienced a saving change, with every indication, as far as can be judged, of sincerity.

Last night, thanks were returned for seventeen young men who, besides others, had waited to be conversed with after the meeting on the Lord's-day evening. From conversation with many inquirers—most of them young men and women—I can attest the intelligence and visible deep earnestness of those who come forward. The movement has extended to our Sabbath schools, in one of which a brother minister told me that he had conversed separately with sixteen scholars, who desired to find salvation, last Lord's-day.

In my own congregation, besides the largest number of applicants ever publicly received for the first time during the day—giving token of an earlier revival movement—there was an evening meeting of the Bible class, which produced on those who attended it an impression of mingled solemnity and gladness such as I have never witnessed in the whole course of my ministry, or in any exercise of worship before. I cannot describe it further in a public journal. This is but a sample of the experiences of other ministers at this remarkable time. We greatly need the sympathies and prayers of our fellow-Christians, while they rejoice in our joys and give thanks with us to God for His abounding mercies.

Let me add that the movement is assisted by ministers from a distance—the Rev. H. J. Pope, of Newcastle, in addition to the Rev. R. Leitch and D. Lowe, of that town—having visited us; while Messrs. Morgan and Wilson, of Edinburgh, are expected this week.—I am, &c. JOHN CAIRNS.

Tidings of similar import come from other directions. All Scotland is in a state of expectancy.

The young.

Here is what can be said of the young people of Edinburgh :

What masses of young people from the schools crowded the meetings during the holidays! And so great has been the attraction of the singing of the one and the eloquence of the other, that hundreds of young persons, especially of the higher classes, who were formerly accustomed to go to the theatre, opera, and pantomime gave them up deliberately, and from choice and the force of conviction attended the gospel and prayer-meetings. Men who can draw away our educated children by the hundred in this city that boasts of its education, from these haunts of pleasure and amusement, to hear of Christ in preaching