

who, for a number of weeks, have been labouring with marked results. Union prayer meetings have been held each day at noon, as in Edinburgh, and the largest Churches have been filled on these occasions. One day when Brownlow North presided there were fully 1,400 present. Ministers of all denominations take part in the exercises.

An American lady writing with reference to the revival in Edinburgh dwells upon the fact that there had been a previous work of preparation, that much precious seed had been sown—that there had been much prayer and expectation of a blessing. Referring to Messrs. Moody and Sankey, she says, “the Lord is blessing their work, and making them greatly useful; but to us they seem merely as sickles, passing through the well ripened fields of grain, white months ago to the harvest. We had ample opportunity, during four months in Edinburgh, to learn the religious feelings and position of the people. Never was there a place so blessed in its glorious opportunities for gospel preaching. It is a city exalted as to heaven in point of privileges. Its religious and moral life is a glorious vindication of the excellence of doctrinal preaching. The Edinburgh ministers are not afraid to preach doctrine, and what is called ‘hard doctrine.’ They have not failed to declare the whole counsel of God; the trumpet tones of Knox echo in these pulpits still. There is no courting people to Church with sensational subjects; no offering of sugar-plum preaching; very little florid rhetoric; no last new opera singer and expensive choir. None of these—merely the truth in Christ Jesus. And what is the result? On Sundays in Edinburgh the streets at service hour, three times a day, are crowded as our streets on Fourth of July. The last stroke of the bell, and the streets are as deserted as midnight. These mighty throngs have gone into the house of God, to hear ‘sound doctrine.’” May the Spirit breathe on other places, and quicken into life the good seed sown, which has hitherto been lying dormant!

As to the extent and results of the movement in Edinburgh, we give some extracts from a letter, written by a valued correspondent, who feels a deep interest in everything connected with Canada. We give this, as it will be to many, more interesting and more satisfactory than accounts given in the public papers.

“Much has been written, much has been spoken, and yet I suppose the half has not been told. The work still goes on, and is perhaps more tested now than before. Prayer continues to ascend, and almost every day we are having good news of the Kingdom. Unfortunately, the elections having come on at this time, public interest has been somewhat diverted, still the spiritual wave is passing along, and the waters of salvation have been carried into many a home, and many a heart. The meetings are being kept up, vigorously, and more and more confidence is felt in the *all power of prayer*. We have been too general before, now it is in *everything by prayer and supplication &c.*”

As the work has spread, so it has deepened. A great change has been wrought in some of the higher circles, a visible falling off in the attendance at the theatre and other places of worldly amusement, while the sale of good books has been greatly increased. Personal salvation has led to much personal effort; and the great question for time and for eternity stands in the foreground. The time of many of our Ministers has been much occupied with inquirers, even Christians of long standing have felt it good to ask counsel and help, and so they have been strengthened and go forth joyfully to spread to others. I heard a Minister remark on Sabbath evening, “that when the favourable gale is blowing, it seems easier to get into port.” The