

stantly cropping up. How are these difficulties to be met? Call on God in prayer and He will open up and make clear anything that is dark in His Word. Then I get hold of the wonderful hope of the coming of the Lord Jesus. Then we must be constantly looking for the coming of Christ. Then I might ask the question, what should be the effect of all this on my heart and life? It should enable me to go forth and preach the gospel with power from heaven. There is a wonderful passage in 2nd Corinthians :—' God hath shined in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.' That is what we want. Every truth we receive should be operative; it should go out from us telling others about the Saviour, that our souls may be built up and established in the most Holy Faith."

MR. MOODY.—Our brother had a pretty hard task. He had the whole Bible for a text and only ten minutes to speak in, but I think that you will agree with me that he got in as much of the Bible in that time as a man could well do. I want to emphasize what he said about the inspiration of the Scriptures. I was a Christian for a number of years before the thought came to me that the text which says, "All scripture is given by inspiration," meant the Old Testament. For the New Testament was not written at that time. I cannot tell what a flood of light was let into my life from that hour. I have been grieved to find so many people, even Christian people, at the present day, losing their confidence in some portions of the Old Testament, and that with a good many others the Old Testament does not come with the same authority as the New. Just as if we had two Bibles. It is one book, and the whole stands or falls together, because the New Testament is all through interwoven with passages from the Old, and you cannot throw one out without the other. The very things in the Old Testament which men cavil most at are the very things which Christ put his seal upon when on earth. Some Christian men have said to me, "You don't believe that story about the flood and about the ark? You don't believe that old sort of fable, do you?" I answer, "Yes." I believe it as much as I believe the sermon on the mount, and when one goes the other must go with it. If the one is not true we have no authority for the other, because Christ connected his return to this earth with the awful event of the deluge, saying, "As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking until the flood swept them away." But people say, "You don't believe that story of Lot and Sodom and Lot's wife?" Yes, just as much as I do the sermon on the mount. As it was in the day's of Lot; they were buying and selling until judgement came upon them, so it will be when Christ comes back to this earth. He has given us a picture of how the world will be when He returns. "But you don't believe about Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt?" Oh yes, I do. I believe it—believe every word of it. "That's queer. Well, you certainly don't believe that old story about Jonah and the whale?" No, I don't give that up. "Well, I thought nobody believed that at the present day. Why, don't you know that scientific men have made a great discovery, that a whale's mouth is not bigger than a man's fist, and that it is perfectly impossible for a whale to swallow a man?" Yes, that is what scientific men say, but I go to the scriptures and I find that the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. The God that created a world could make a fish, could he not? I have a good deal of sympathy with the old woman who said that if the scripture declared that Jonah swallowed a whale she would believe it. I believe that God could make a man swallow a whale if he wished. These things never trouble me. It is lamentable when you find so many Christian people losing confidence in some portions of the Word of God. It is a master stroke of the Devil. If he can get you to give up one thing it will not be long before it all goes. I met a minister once who said he had got down to the four gospels. He taught nothing else. He did not see why he should not go to