

young John Livingstone, though a mere licentiate. The communion Sabbath was greatly enjoyed, so much so that the minister and people desired Mr. Livingstone to preach again on the Monday. Much against his will, he did so, taking for his text Ezekiel xxxvi., 25, 26. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you." The impression was overwhelming, no fewer than 500 persons owing their conversion to the sermon. On this account, the Church appointed the Monday after the communion to be a day of thanksgiving as it continues to the present time. Towards the end of that seventeenth century, a wealthy Presbyterian lady of London, who had led a fashionable life and was in a depressed state of soul, dreamed that she was in a certain church, listening to a preacher who gave her relief from the text Psalm cxvi., 7, "Return unto thy rest, O my soul." She went all over London seeking the well defined features of church and minister, and at last found them in Mr. Shower and his chapel in Old Jewry. To her attendant she told the circumstances of the dream, and, when the minister gave forth his text, it was the final coincidence. She found rest for her soul. About the same time, Mr. Doolittle preached in another Presbyterian Church in the metropolis. It was the custom in those days to lock worshippers in the pews, as the guards still lock passengers in railway carriages. The minister saw a young man preparing to escape from confinement, and, with his eye upon him, asked an aged Christian brother the question, "Do you regret having come to Christ?" He answered "No, I only regret that I came not sooner." Then Mr. Doolittle asked the restive young man, "Young man, are you willing to come?" After some hesitation, he answered "Yes." "When?" asked the minister; and he replied "Now." "Then stay and hear the text, II Corinthians, vi., 2, "Behold now is the accepted time." Not only was the young man savingly converted, but his father, on whose account he had endeavoured to escape, because he had threatened to disinherit his son if he found him in a Presbyterian Church, was by his example led to the truth.