

in future to study the Word of God more closely and prayerfully than ever he did. His power seems to have begun with that resolution. The Bible has, to a large extent, been dethroned from its old place of supremacy in the thought and in the speech of Christian people. It has had, indeed, enough to do, what with sensational preaching, and what with rationalistic preaching, to hold its own, even in Christian pulpits. It has been, however, one of the characteristics of Mr. Moody's preaching to exalt the Bible, and to enthrone it in the place belonging to it, as our only infallible rule of faith and practice. And wherever he goes, he causes people to rub the dust off the neglected volume, and teaches them to find it better than thousands of gold and silver. The impetus given to Bible-reading still continues in Edinburgh, if we may judge from the following facts:—

"A Bible reading is held by Mr. Wilson, of the Tolbooth Church, on Monday evenings, attended by 350. Some of the young persons there have given incidental evidence of having read over the whole of the four gospels in a week, searching for passages on some particular topic, without the aid of a concordance. About three hundred attend a Bible class or conversational lecture on Sunday mornings, begun by Professor Blaikie about six weeks ago, for young men and men generally impressed during this movement and desirous of more systematic instruction. As a proof of the indirect influence of the movement in collateral directions, it may be stated that Professor MacGregor recently convened a meeting to consider whether a ladies' theological class would be welcomed; his room was quite filled, chiefly with ladies coming from the daily prayer meeting, and it has now been arranged that such a class shall be carried on during the next three months."

4. Daily Prayer-Meeting. The attendance at the noon meeting continues good, ranging from 900 to 1200. The avoidance of startling novelties, and the deep rich sense of spiritual enjoyment which characterized the earlier meetings, still continue. The evening meeting, under the care chiefly of pro-

fessional men and students of the new college, continues to attract clerks, shopmen and mechanics, whose business debars them from the noon meeting. From this meeting deputations are sent right and left to work for the Master, and to this meeting they come back telling of their success and of their trials, and getting in return counsel and sympathy. At the close of the public meeting half an hour is devoted to conference with those who are in perplexity, and at ten o'clock precisely the lights are lowered and the great crowd disperses quietly to their homes, chiefly in the old town.

The old capital, whence emanated the blessings of the Reformation to Scotland, seems destined once again to become to the land a centre of revived life. It is a common remark that from Edinburgh the work is "breaking out" on every side. The following description suggests the days of the Apostles, when christians went everywhere preaching the gospel:—

"For a considerable time past, a large number of ministers and laymen have been going out to places in the neighbourhood, and at a considerable distance, to hold meetings there. Several young men went to Glasgow, especially during the week of special effort for young men, and were able to render material help. Some students of the New College have thrown themselves with extraordinary fervour into this deputation work, and their services in many instances appear to have been attended with quite a remarkable blessing. It would be almost endless to specify all the places where meetings have been held, and where a remarkably lively interest has prevailed. It is a common remark that the work is "breaking out" everywhere. The deputies who go out, while they make known the gospel message, do so by telling how it has been received in Edinburgh—what peace and blessing it has brought to many there. In some places the impression produced has been quite unprecedented. Edinburgh obtained a pre-eminence in the beginning of the winter which it has never lost. The fact of an awakening taking place in Edinburgh made an impression far and near of a very remarkable kind. At the daily prayer meeting the other day, a minister from Liverpool rose up and said that