

## RESULTS IN PHILADELPHIA.

[In answer to the question "Was any good done?" in connection with Mr. Moody's visit to Philadelphia, we are glad to find an emphatic *Yes*, from such an observant and judicious witness as the *Presbyterian* of that city. In giving its favourable verdict the *Presbyterian* takes a broad, general view of the work done, which is far wiser than to count the number of conversions in regard to which there cannot be so much certainty till time tests them.]

We shall be compelled to wait until the issues of time are made up, to appreciate the value of the services held at the "Depot Church" in Philadelphia. The ungainly place was emphatically transfigured, and set apart from a common to a sacred use—so sacred did it become, that a sigh involuntarily rose as we turned away from the place of so many prayers, and we hope, the place of so many immortal births. And now that more than a week has rolled by since the last lingering echo of praise rose heavenward, we are better prepared to speak of the results.

## CAUTION.

We do not as journalists, as is well known, represent what is known as the "gospel of gush." We have never committed ourselves to the mission of blowing spiritual bubbles as a business, hence we did not, in the beginning, rise to the bubble-heights of certain enthusiasts, and prophecy of the things probably coming on the earth, instead of telling our readers the truth about what was already here. It is better to spend one's breath in admiration of sunsets than sunrises, for the former tells what the day has been, but the latter cannot reveal what it will be.

We further denounced certain abuses which made the Brooklyn meetings largely a failure. We told the truth about this, to the chagrin of these same enthusiasts, and we believe that the note of warning, from this and other sources, saved us from a ruinous repetition in this respect. We begged

for places for the poor and neglected, and for consideration from the more fortunate church people of their privations, needs, and their disappointments in seeking for spiritual satisfaction; we think not without effect. In shaping public opinion to this blessed end, our editorials were quoted and commended in several of the best secular papers, as both considerate and just.

## WAS GOOD DONE.

But now as the meetings have closed, we desire to be as candid in commending what we have seen, heard and felt, as we were in protesting against what would have been abuses, if they had not been squelched in the beginning. The question is now propounded all about, "Was any good done?" And some of the early enthusiasts who would not so much as tolerate a dissent begin to doubt. We reply, that one of the editors of the *Presbyterian*, who was on the Executive Committee, and had fair opportunities to know of both plans, operations, and effects, upon mature consideration, does not hesitate to say "Yes." And to any asking in what direction it was done, he replies, In many ways; in more than we will have either time or space to consider."

## THE PRESS.

Among these is the fact that this has been the occasion of the utilization of almost the entire secular press in the interests of religion. Beyond computation is the influence in favour of vital religion from this source. For two months the secular press of Philadelphia has teemed with revival sentiments and revival fervours. Since the death of the Redeemer nothing like it has occurred. We might well ask, as we read the pungent editorials of many newspapers, both hopeful and encouraging in tone, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" There is no sign of mod-