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The Great Revival in Scotland.

THE religious Revival with which Edinburgh and other parts of Scotland have been blessed; is so wonderful, so cheering, so full of encouragement to all who labour in the Lord's vineyard, that we have thought it desirable to lay before our churches a very full account of it. It is the Lord's doing, and it may well attract our devout attention.

In the last RECORD we gave an outline of the work in Edinburgh till the close of December. Since that time the religious interest in that city has deepened and widened. It has reached all classes, the highest as well as the lowest. Vast congregations, ranging from three thousand to ten thousand, have assembled, night after night, and day after day, to pray and praise, and to listen to the story of the Cross. The movement has extended to other places, and was still extending at the date of our latest Wings.

Watch Night.

On the closing night of the year a Prayer Meeting was held in the Free Assembly Hall, which lasted till five minutes after midnight. The scene was profoundly solemn. The record of the closing minutes of that space will allow us to give:

Mr. Moody read—"and He saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. iv. 19). I will keep his word to Peter. He did become a fisher of men, and caught in one night 3000 in the gospel net. This past year did you caught anything? Follow me,

and I will make you successful. Look back; do you know of any saved for God? I pity the worldly Christian. See Lot knocking at the doors of his sons-in-law and relatives, and begging with fatherly anxiety to flee from the doomed city. They didn't believe him: he had lost his power of testimony: he had no influence: leanness had come to him. I pity the child of God who has no influence. Whoever do not follow Christ, let us! Let 1874 be a prosperous year to every child of God here. Let us leave our "nets" and let our first thought be regarding every man how we can win him to Christ. You do not know how much you may be the means of doing for Christ during 1874, if you will only try. From one converted a hundred, and from a hundred ten thousand may be saved. These may win a hundred thousand to God. The little rivulet that rises like a thread in the mountain becomes at length a great rolling river when it falls into the sea! A Sabbath-school teacher attending one of these meetings, left her class for that purpose. I asked her how she could do that; she said, Oh! there were only five little boys in it. Why! one of these little boys may be a John Knox, a Bunyan, a Chalmers. Andrew, looking at these three thousand men of Peter's might have called them his grandchildren. A little girl can follow Jesus and work for Him, and she can influence those whom we can't get at. A blind man was seen carrying a lantern, and he was asked what he did that for, "To prevent others stumbling over me." We are either winning souls to Christ, or others are stumbling over us.

Argue all night with an infidel, and he'll get the better of you in some way; but ask what is to be said about converts he knows of, and that puzzles him, he cannot understand the change wrought by conversion.

There was now silent prayer, that we might win souls to Christ in 1874. The Jubilee Singers broke the silence with "Steal away to Jesus."