

God, in answer to prayer, breaking over the country. The God of Elijah will give us showers if we look for them and expect them. I believe we get just what we look for and work for. If we work for souls we will get them. To come to the point as to how we can promote revivals; we must adapt ourselves more to the people. We are living in a different way from that of the people of twenty-five years ago. Men think more quickly. We must shorten our services, put more life into them, and have greater variety. If you have a manuscript throw it away and talk right to the people. If you cannot carry your thoughts from the study to the pulpit, how can you expect the people to carry them away. Stand up and talk right at them about twenty or twenty-five minutes, and then pull in your net. What would you think of fishermen who are always setting their nets and never hauling them in. I have heard ministers preach powerful sermons and then, while their hearers were deeply affected, close the book and pronounce the benediction, perhaps saying, "If any of you are troubled about your souls meet me next Friday night." Why, the devil will steal away the seed long before Friday night. Before I was a Christian, I often heard a sermon on Sunday which deeply impressed me. On Monday I was very serious. On Tuesday the whole good effect was gone. I believe if I had been spoken to on Sunday I should have been saved long before I was saved. What we want is to give every opportunity to talk to those who are anxious about their salvation. When a man gets so far as to allow you to talk to him, he seldom goes back. I think our meetings should afford every opportunity of this kind. You may say this opportunity is given in revival meetings. But we should not wait for that, and we should give this opportunity every Sunday night. It has been my privilege to belong to a church for twenty years, and I do not remember any Sunday when there were not enquiries. If an opportunity were given to enquiries in all our churches every Sunday night, I am satisfied that many would come into the light. In most of our churches are faults in this respect. The Sabbath morning services are for Christians. The preaching is not of that class which is designed to bring men to a point about Christianity. The afternoon is given to Sabbath School teaching, and some faithful teachers will seek to bring the scholars to Christ. On Sabbath evening there should be an evangelistic service into which the Gospel should be preached plainly and simply, and conversions should be expected. When in London a friend told me a story regarding a missionary who had returned from India, and was invited to a dinner party. The question of Foreign Missions arose, and a skeptic who was present said, there was a great deal of humbug talked about making native converts. He had been in India for twenty years and had never seen one. The company looked over the table expecting the missionary to answer back, but he said nothing. In the course of the evening the missionary said to the skeptic: "Did you ever see any tigers in India?" "Yes, I have seen hundreds of them, and shot them, too." His whole soul was on fire when the talk about tigers was in progress. He had touched him in the right place. "It is a singular thing," said the missionary, "that I have been in India and have never seen a tiger." One man was looking for tigers, and the other for converts. I firmly believe a man gets just what he looks for. If he looks for souls he will find them. If a man goes into the pulpit and preaches year after year and does not look for souls, he will not get them. So what you want is just to look for souls. Let that be the whole drift of our life's being. In that

way the church will always be in a revived state. I would rather go down into the grave than live without the Spirit of God. One day is just as good as another for bringing souls to God. If a man will only sow the seed, God will water it, and it will bring forth fruit. There is no place where a Christian will not get souls, if such is the aim of his life.

REV. MR. KERR.—I do not think anyone has a better right to address a few words on this subject than I have. Some nine years ago, when Mr. Moody was preaching in London, England, his sermons were published in Montreal. I was living without Christ when a copy of those sermons were put in my hands, and I found they told simply and plainly the loving story of Jesus as I had never heard it before. It came right home to my heart. It seemed as though the Spirit took hold of me and I could not resist. At the expiration of three days I was brought to decision for Christ.

MR. SCHIVEREA.—Nine years ago Mr. Moody was preaching the Gospel, and I was dancing for a living, before the footlights. I heard him preach to sinners. His simple preaching of the Gospel touched my heart, and made me a free man in Christ. From that time I said good-bye to all superstition, and I have since been trying to tell young men what Christ has done for my soul.

MR. MOODY.—I notice in some places that people announce they are going to have a series of revival meetings. I think that is a great mistake. I would say that you are going to have a series of Gospel or Evangelistic meetings; but the moment you talk about revival meetings, every unbeliever braces himself right against the idea, and says to himself, "I am not going to yield." It is God who revives. It always offends me when people say they are going to have revival meetings. I remember reading in a paper that the revival begins to-day, and will close four weeks from now. I was shocked. People seem to have an idea that we can get up revivals. Some one has said they come down from above. Another suggestion I would make is, never count converts. You do not know who is converted. Let the Lord settle that. I cannot look into men's hearts. My experience has taught me that the men who very often look most hopeful, turn out the most unpromising, and the reverse is also the case. You cannot tell. You just go on and sow the seed. Never tell a man he is converted. People say, "Look at Pentecost; three thousand were converted." It does not say "three thousand," it does not number them. It says "About three thousand." It is better not to count

NOON MEETING.

MR. MOODY.—I would suggest as we have three noon prayer meetings, that we proceed in this order: To-day we will pray for ourselves. To-morrow, if the Lord will we will pray for our families, and the next day we will pray for the work we are engaged in. I think that is about the right order. Persons engaged in a work are apt to forget themselves. Before we know it our own part of the vineyard is apt to be left neglected. Let us pray that we may be kept faithful in all things. I do not know any portion of the Scripture so appropriate as the 51st Psalm. It will help to send us even on our knees and make it the prayer of our hearts. Thirty-three times the Psalmist refers to himself. Mr. Moody then read the first nine verses of this Psalm. On the words "Blot out all mine iniquities," Mr. Moody said:—If God blots out all my sins they will be blotted out indeed. I