

cases which have come under our own notice. There are many such.

The meetings are held in the various churches of the city, which are freely tendered for the purpose. Especially was the one held in Rosemary street Church of absorbing interest. Before eight o'clock every seat was occupied, those "who wanted to be Christians" having been invited. This was one of the most deeply interesting meetings which has yet been held. Mr. Moody preached from "What must I do to be saved?" to a very solemn and attentive audience. After a few minutes spent in silent prayer, the Rev. T. Y. Killen led in prayer; another hymn was sung, and then Mr. Moody prayed. The congregation was then dismissed, and those who wanted to become Christians and desired further instruction were asked to come into the body of the church, which was

#### SPEEDILY FILLED.

Many manifested the deepest anxiety. Some were in great distress. A number of young men were drafted off into two of the adjoining rooms, and addressed by two ministers. The rest were talked to in the church, and when, at ten o'clock, the meeting was closed, many still lingered about those who had been speaking to them, seeking to have their difficulties removed. There must have been several hundreds of these anxious inquirers. The overflow meeting filled Donegall Square Church, and was addressed by the Revs. G. Shaw, C. Johnston, and others. A large number remained for the inquiry meeting.

All this is really but the beginning. What will be the result of this work to Ireland, and not to Ireland alone, the blessed Master alone knows.

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#### PROSPECT OF REVIVAL.

At the National Congregational Council recently held at New Haven, Dr. Eddy read a paper showing reasons to hope for a great and immediate effusion of the Holy Spirit. We give the substance of his statements under the following particulars:

1. There is the clearest evidence that a multitude of Christian people, in this land, are just now, like Elijah on Mount Carmel, bowed to the earth in mighty supplication. I happen to know that Christian women, all over the West have been pleading for many months for a great refreshing. The so-called women's temperance meetings have been in the main meetings for prayer that the Lord will come and rain

righteousness on all the churches, on all the people. And there is now a general expectation in that region of a speedy reviving.

2. The spirit of union and fellowship everywhere apparent is another hopeful omen. The great love-feast of Christendom—the late meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York—cannot but be regarded as a distinct intimation of the Lord's purpose to work speedily and mightily through His Church, which is his body—that is to say, his living instrument for the salvation of the world.

3. Knowing, as we do, that the Spirit works in and through the Word, it is encouraging to observe that preaching is becoming more scriptural, more simple, more tender, and more effective; and all this for the very reason that it is growing less metaphysical, less argumentative, less dogmatic and sectarian. It seems clear that God is better known and better preached now than in former years; and that the personal, historical Christ of the gospels, in His purity, His beauty, His dying love, is proclaimed from thousands of pulpits as never before. Surely, Jesus of Nazareth, thus lifted up, will speedily draw all men unto Him.

4. There is a sign of the coming blessing in the new spirit which is beginning to show itself in the laity. Consider how many gifted and even educated men, how many accomplished women are engaged every Sabbath, and not a few on week days as well, in teaching the word of God. And remember that the evangelist whose preaching has stirred all Scotland for the last few months is a plain, homely layman, whose sole power is the gospel of Christ. There could not be a more striking demonstration of reviving life and power in the Church. Would to God that all the Lord's people were prophets!

5. The great work in Scotland, churches and public halls filled to overflowing by crowds eager to hear the simple gospel; tens of thousands congregated in streets, fields, cemeteries; thousands of converts in Edinburgh and Glasgow; a multitude of drunkards reformed; a nation throbbing with a new life; what shall we think? Is not the great revival already begun?

6. Add to this the general feeling, stronger now than it has been at any time since the century opened, that a new era is opening, that vast and wondrous changes are at hand; may we not hope, may we not believe, that God is about to visit his people? Is there not a sound of rain?

7. The consummation of that mystery of iniquity, the Papacy, and the culmination of the anti-Christianism of the age which boldly defies and challenges not only Jesus the Christ, but God the Holy Ghost; these