

## Revival Intelligence.

One grand result of the revival in London has been to multiply the living witnesses for truth. Christians, apparently possessed by a dumb spirit, have now their tongues set free, and they speak lovingly, tenderly, faithfully to the perishing. More than this, young Christians recently converted, with burning words, commend to all around Him whom they have newly found as their own Deliverer and Redeemer. Thus, open-air preaching becomes an established institution—permanent, I trust, till the dawn of that Millennial era, when none shall need to say to his brother, "Know the Lord," and when even of London itself, with its teeming millions, the name shall be "Jehovah Shammah"—"The Lord is there."

Lord Shaftesbury has recently presided at a meeting held at the residence of Mr. George Moore, in Kensington Palace Gardens, for the purpose of hearing, from the Bishop of London and the Earl of Shaftesbury, statements relating to the movement for preaching in theatres and halls, and also to the operations of the London Diocesan Home Mission. It has been resolved that the special services shall be continued for another winter and spring season.

"We were encouraged," said Lord Shaftesbury, "by the results of the first year's experiment to go on with a second, and this has been no less serviceable. The testimony of magistrates, of clergymen, of the police, of all who come frequently in contact with the masses, has been universal. I hold in my hand a letter from a working clergyman fully substantiating this fact, and showing that many of the criminal and vicious of both sexes resorted to church after their feelings had been first moved by the theatre services."

At a tea-meeting in connection with the movement, four men spoke with deep feeling, and implored the promoters, for God's sake, not to abandon their object. *These men had all been converted from a state of blasphemous infidelity; and one of them, with an eloquence almost agonizing, had represented the consequences which must ensue on a discontinuance of this work of salvation.*

The Rev. W. Brock, of Bloomsbury, bore witness, from what he saw and heard at one of the services of the London Diocesan Mission, to the blessing likely to follow from its operations. And the writer feels great satisfaction in heartily indorsing this statement. The Bishop of London originated the movement; the clergymen employed in the work are, as a rule, earnest, affectionate, and informal in the sense that they know how to stoop to conquer, and make poor men and women feel that they are not despised, but loved.

"Never," said Lord Shaftesbury, "were people as ready as now to listen to the Word of God, if preached with sincerity and earnestness. Never had there been so much opportunity for spreading the knowledge of Christian truth—never were people so ready to be led in the right way." All this is true, even while we have had great "tragedies" and great cryings in London of late; and while Satan and his agents have been so malignant, busy, and successful, that it has been said, "London was never so bad as it is now."

"My Lord," said one of four men once wicked exceedingly, who entreated Lord Shaftesbury not to discontinue the services in theatres, "you see me a trophy of mercy, picked up at a theatre. O! how earnestly do I bless God that they" (the services) "ever were established." He then added

with deep emotion, "I am humbled and ashamed to confess it. For twenty years I was a detestable Deist, opposing the gospel because I hated it, ridiculing those who believed it. As for a place of worship, I never entered one. I lived in sin, and loved it. Curiosity led me into the theatre. The words of eternal truth entered into my soul. I stood appalled before the magnitude of my sin. My state of mind I cannot describe. I flew to prayer. It was a death-struggle with me. At length—but the rest is sweetly told by the poet. (He here quoted Cowper's lines:—"I was a stricken deer," &c.) Now, I go out, after my work, by the wayside, and humbly and earnestly proclaim that gospel I had so long laboured to destroy."

The aggregate number who attended during the last series of special services, amounted to no less than 260,000 persons.

The Bible-women of London, to the number of 150, have recently been entertained, for a long summer day, by Mr. Barclay, a city banker, at his country seat. The projector of this noblest of Home Missions, "L. N. R.," with the lady superintendents, and many others, were present on this interesting occasion. Ere the Bible-women left the beautiful grounds of their host, young ladies presented each of them with a bouquet of the choicest flowers. These flowers would soon fade; and for many a long day, the Bible-women will not tread the green sward, or hear the song of birds, nor look on rural scenes of loveliness. But they have set their hearts on diffusing the fragrance of "The Rose of Sharon," and through their instrumentality, many a howling moral waste of London, where nought but the briars and thorns of sin and misery were to be seen, is now becoming as a garden of the Lord.

The state of the Jews in London and all over the world is receiving a larger measure of interest than usual. The spiritual and moral condition of the mass is deplorable; some rabbinical and bigoted, others rationalistic and sceptical; very many more utterly indifferent to religion, and eager in the pursuit of pleasure and gain. But yet there are signs of coming blessing. The Old Testament Scriptures, long neglected, are now being taught to the young, and to adults the New Testament is by many read in secret. The writer has under instruction at this time a young German Jew of good family, who, having received some years ago, in his native country, an English New Testament, has, by the reading of it and the teaching of the Holy Spirit, been led on, step by step, towards the light, and ere long, I believe, will publicly avow his faith in Jesus as the Messiah.

"Cases of Jewish inquirers are constantly arising." Such is the testimony of the venerable and excellent Ridley Herschell, whose ministry as a son of Abraham, according to the flesh and the spirit, God has so greatly honoured in this metropolis. The writer also was privileged, not long since, in the presence of a large congregation, publicly to baptize two German Jews now resident in London. They are husband and wife; and, immediately after their own baptism, they became sponsors for a little daughter, who was also received into the visible church of Christ. Both are natives of Austria, highly educated and accomplished. They have passed through deep waters from temporal losses, which drove them to England and London. But here they found the goodly Pearl, and are rich indeed. And here, too, in spite of golden temptations held out to them in their poverty not to abandon Judaism, they have publicly avowed the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and the King of Israel.