

muted with a peaceful, hopeful composing of saintly forms for a sleep that looks forward to its rapturous waking!

With December 31 the mission tour of Scottish churches, which has engaged my attention for more than a month, closed for the time, to be resumed in February. It is purposed to give January to London and the great centers of population in England, and then, if God will, to give two months uninterruptedly to Scotland, until at least all the main body of the population has been overtaken:

This is a natural point of retrospect; and it may be generally said that the results every way, so far as they can be now estimated, abundantly repay all the cost in time and toil. On Monday evening, at Airdrie, I gave the fifty-seventh address on missions since the *Etruria* landed her human cargo on the 16th of November. First, I spent between three and four days in Liverpool, of which some account was given in a previous letter. Then, on November 20th, a welcome meeting was held in the Church of Scotland Assembly Hall, in Edinburgh; and from that day the meetings were held almost daily until the year closed.

The very efficient committee at Edinburgh, with Rev. John Lowe, M.D., as chairman, supported by a committee in the west of Scotland, of which Rev. John Pagan, D.D., is the energetic chairman, have arranged the entire tour, at my request, so that all I have had to do has been to go where I have been sent, thus relieving me from all needless correspondence and perplexity. The arrangements have all been singularly complete. We have been met at trains and escorted to hospitable homes; welcomed with a genuine cordiality; we have found everywhere warm hearts and exceptionally generous co-operation. The whole tour reminds me of Paul's testimony to the Galatians, who "received him as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus," "and would have plucked out their own eyes and given them to him." We have met abundant hospitality and Christian generosity elsewhere; but never any experience of loving kindness that on the whole quite equals this.

A word further ought to be added as to the way in which the meetings have been planned and conducted. The resident clergy and leading laymen and laywomen, too, have been enlisted in the movement in advance, and their cordial support secured. Then their preference for the time, hour and place of meeting has as far as possible been consulted. The meetings have followed each other in so well ordered a scheme that there has been neither loss of time nor retracing of steps. During these past thirty days there have been large and enthusiastic gatherings at Leith, Peebles, Innerleithen, Dalkeith, Haddington, Glasgow, Port Glasgow, Dumbarton, Hellenburgh, Kilmarnock, Paisley, Irvine, Ayr, Greenock, Gourock, Strathaven, Bothwell, Hamilton, Wishaw, Lanark, Motherwell, Airdrie, etc., and