

The celebration of the approaching "Bicentenary of Nonconformity"—the anniversary of the ejection of 2,000 ministers from the Church of England, August 24, 1662, engaged a large measure of attention on the second day of meeting. It was proposed not only to celebrate the event by appropriate addresses, services, and publications, but by the erection of 100 memorial chapels during the year 1862, a grand project worthy of the occasion. A speech of graphic power and thrilling effect was delivered in relation to our Nonconformist forefathers, by the Rev. Dr. Vaughan. In the whole course of my life, I have never heard anything that so stirred my soul, or that so completely charmed, awed, bowed, and inspired by turns, a whole assembly. The sublimity of some passages, and the majestic grandeur of others, were indescribable. It was worth crossing the Atlantic to hear that one speech. The contrast between the fealty to truth and conscience, displayed by the ejected ministers of 1662, and the sophistication and elasticity of conscience manifested by some men who now minister at the altars of the Church of England, while they disbelieve her articles, and reject a large portion of the Book of God, was terribly graphic. Would that the Seven Essayists had been there to hear it!

The subject of Evangelistic effort in Britain was introduced by Mr. S. Morley who moved a resolution on the subject, and strenuously advocated the employment of lay agency on a larger scale. A variety of views on this subject were presented in the course of a brief discussion which followed, and exhausted the morning. Rev. John Kelly of Liverpool, now both venerable and feeble with age, gave some wise cautions to his lay brethren not to let outdoor work lessen their earnest attention to their own families. Some, he very wisely remarked, had nearly all the work to do, which they could possibly accomplish, at their own firesides, though besides there were incidental opportunities of speaking a "word in season," which he trusted they would improve.

Dinner at the Town Hall was served as on the day previous, a few speeches followed, and in the evening the building was filled to its utmost capacity by an audience convened to hear Congregational principles illustrated and enforced.

Many noble utterances were given forth, which must have told on the consciences and hearts of the vast assemblage.

A very brief reference to this morning's session, must close this narration. Two hours or more were spent in considering the spiritual condition of continental Europe, the subject being introduced by a paper prepared and read by Rev. J. B. Paton, M.A. As one practical result, it is proposed to build, as soon as may be, a Congregational Chapel in Paris, where many English people are now settling, invited by business openings. Then followed a paper on the relations subsisting between pastors and the families in their congregations, by Rev. A. M. Henderson of Claremont Chapel, Pentonville. The influence of the family, its importance, and its claims on pastoral attention, were admirably presented. Visitation, catechetical instruction, and preaching directly to children, were urged. The difficulties in the way of overtaking pastoral work among families were clearly stated, especially those arising from the over-taxation of ministerial energies, and the non-appreciation of such effort by heads of families. Several brethren expressed their views on this large and important subject, among them some of the delegates, who looked