

position near the tent. But Angus kept a standing position between the wall and the ingathered wanderers. "Come in among us and sit down; you have done well," spoke at last the preacher. To this invitation the cow-herd replied with deference, but with firmness, "No, Mr. Cook, I'll not sit down, but I'll stand right here. You hold up the gospel to them there, and while stick and strength stand good to me, I'll hold them to you." And so the work went on that day. Without distraction the preacher preached Christ to a compact body of hearers, for the cow-herd kept them together till the business was over, and the congregation dismissed with the shadows of evening around.

Now, that simple incident, grotesque though it be, is not without a lesson to us in these days. Among us there are not men exactly like that Hebridean cow-herd; nor would his offices and his weapons on the rim of a Canadian camp-meeting be acceptable to our Canadian youth. His ways and his weapons suited his character and his surroundings; but the essential features of his ministration are never out of place—indeed, are much needed at the present time on our own continent.

There is perhaps in the world no country more liberally supplied with churches and ministers than this America of ours. In every city, town, village and township churches are found, of stone, of brick, or of wood; and in their pulpits stand from Sabbath to Sabbath ministers who have been trained for the work, and who are good preachers and faithful workmen each in his own way and measure. Now, when a young man is converted and wishes at once and without loss of time to work for Christ, is there not work enough to his hand in gathering into the half empty churches the wanderers and the stragglers? The cow-herd, when he saw the minister had from his place in the pulpit failed to persuade the thoughtless crowd, did not therefore propose to take the minister's place to try his hand at exhortation. In quite another way he *compelled* them to come in. He felt that his strength lay not in speaking, but in persuading to hear those who could speak.