

closing with a grand and enthusiastic gathering in great George Street Chapel, which will hold easily two thousand people. The attendance at all these meetings evinced an intelligent and hearty sympathy with the Missionary cause, and furnished an auspicious forecast and foretaste of the gratifications in store. In Edinburgh, on the night of our arrival, a marvellous assembly convened in the Hall of the Church of Scotland, Principal Cairns in the chair. Rev. Dr. Lowe, Chairman of the Committee, having direction of the meetings, remarked to me that no more significant gathering had ever met in Edinburgh. The various denominations, which have been divided by conscientious differences of opinion, and have sometimes waged wars, not without much bitterness, came together with a profound and sincere sympathy, to further the common cause of a world's Evangelization. Men that had met in the arena of theological and ecclesiastical controversy, and engaged in fierce conflict, came into that Hall on a common footing of cordial good will, rallying around a humble advocate of world-wide missions, forgetful of all past issues and minor differences in the one absorbing object—*giving the gospel to this generation.*

The object of this first meeting was to express a hearty welcome from all the bodies represented, and to assure me of the most cordial co-operation in the purpose of this Mission Tour of the Churches. The welcome was given with all the enthusiasm of true Scotchmen. These people are not so easily moved as some, but when they do move it is with great momentum. Meeting after meeting followed, the details of which space does not allow me to give; suffice it to say, that, as in Liverpool, they have followed each other in quick succession, on Thursday in the great Synod Hall, on Friday in the Free Assembly Hall, mainly for Women, on Saturday morning in Moucrieff Hall, for the students, when even the standing room was all in demand; then after two sermons on Missions, the Sabbath evening found me confronting an immense audience at the U.P. Synod Hall, where the most marked movement of the Spirit of God which I have ever witnessed in such a gathering, subdued and melted all hearts. My subject that night was "Individual Responsibility with reference to Missions," and as the duty and privilege of individual giving, and especially *praying*, was urged, and the grand promises to prayerful souls were arrayed before us, a sudden hush fell upon the whole assembly; there was a painful silence, and many bowed in tears before God. As for the speaker, it was with him as with Daniel, when, in his vision beside the Hiddekel, "there remained no strength in him." (Daniel, x. 8.) The sense of the divine presence was positively overwhelming; in no man could produce such an impression; it was manifestly of God, and all felt it to be the gateway of Heaven.

Such a meeting has but one explanation. Ever since it was known that this Mission Tour of the Churches was determined on, and that arrangements were definitely made, there has been an unusual *spirit of prayer*. Those who on their hearts bear the precious interests of God's kingdom, in this land of Martyrs and Missionaries, began praying in secret and praying in little circles, for a mighty manifestation of God's presence and power. Instead of looking to any man, there has been a disposition to fix the eye of faith and prayer on God alone, and those that honor Him, He will honor. Of all the meetings I have ever attended, I remember not one in which God more plainly set all human instruments aside, to speak for Himself in the language that as no human speech as its expression and can be heard only by ears open to the still small voice. Some persons were so moved that they had

to leave the hall. When the meeting adjourned all left in silence, and since then, token after token of the blessing keeps coming to our knowledge. The next day we received a note in a lady's hand, enclosing the money which would buy "one pair of four-button kids," in response to an appeal which I made to Christian women to forego luxuries for the Lord's sake; and turn the moiety to His treasury. The same day brought a half-sovereign, the expression of ill self-denial; and a letter, enclosing two pounds, ten shillings, the proceeds of a bracelet, sold for the Lord's sake. These are but a few signs of God's presence and of a coming harvest of missions. Every day brings increasing encouragement. We can only praise God and give glory to Him.

With Sabbath evening's meeting the series of gatherings in Edinburgh closed for the present, fifteen meetings in all since the *Etruria* anchored in the Mersey River, eight days before. With Monday we began, accompanied by Mrs. Edge, recently returned from Canton, China, and Rev. Henry Rice, on a furlough from Madras, India, to visit cities and towns in the neighborhood of this Scotch Athens. On Monday we held two meetings in Leith, on Tuesday in Peebles and Innerleithen, and today in Dalkeith. The afternoon meetings are principally for the women, and the evening assemblies, held in the largest available places, are crowded to overflowing. We were told yesterday that meetings so large have not been known even in times of great political excitement. Surely God is marching on, and a new departure in missions is at hand.

The Committee having in charge the details of my Tour of the Churches had made singularly complete and satisfactory arrangements. They have secured one or two Missionaries, now at home from their fields, to accompany me. Mrs. Edge is a ready and accomplished speaker and gives vivid glimpses of Chinese home and social life, showing the marked influence of the gospel in modifying and transforming especially the women and girls of the Celestial Empire. Rev. Henry Rice is one of the most fluent, intelligent and striking speakers on Missions that it has been my good fortune to hear. He touches with rare skill the salient points of Missions, and gives both picturesque and impressive views of East Indian religions and customs. His book, recently published, on "Native Life in India," printed by the London Religious Tract Society, compresses into a brief space an immense amount of interesting and instructive matter. He is full of missionary zeal, and zeal according to knowledge. It is with not a little gratification that we add such a man to our REVIEW list of Editorial Correspondents, and announce a series of articles as about to appear in these pages from his instructive and attractive pen.

The details of these meetings we have given to some degree, because these pages will be read not only in Great Britain and the United States and Canada, but in far off lands where Christ's Godly messengers are telling the old, old story. Such a movement at the great centers of Christendom will be felt at the outmost bounds, as a mighty heart throb pulses warm life blood to the extremities of the body. And we bid all missionaries in God's name, "Be of Good Cheer." There is a revival of missionary knowledge and zeal at home, and it means blessing abroad. The key note struck at the opening meeting was "the gospel to be published through all the world in this generation," and this thought seems to be taking possession of the most earnest, prayerful and consecrated men and women on both sides of the sea. God has given us a thousand facilities unknown to our ancestors. He has thrown open the doors to the nations