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Moody in Toronto. Mr. Moody has been conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in Toronto with all his old-time power. It is not the power of oratory, for oratory there is none, save that which Hon. Joseph Howe defined as "speaking the truth and feeling it." It is not the power of logical reasoning, profound thought, or brilliant imagery. A plain man, often blunt and abrupt, speaks in a simple, sometimes ungrammatical, matter of fact, way; and yet crowded audiences hang unwearied, night after night, on every word he speaks, and many are awakened from sin to a new and better life. Moody's "old-time power" is no human power. It is the power of God and it does not wane with age. Where that power works there is no "dead line of fifty." He preaches the great outstanding truths of the Word of God, and relies upon the Spirit of God to make that Word effectual, and he is not disappointed. Both the Word and the Spirit honor all the drafts that are made upon them. What a lesson in these two facts for all who seek to win men for Christ.

France in Madagascar. France seems determined to push her unrighteous claims in Madagascar. Her government has voted a large sum for the purpose. The poor Hovas, tired of yielding little by little, as they have before done, to her aggressions, and finding that such yielding but paves the way to further demands, have determined to resist to the bitter end, and are preaching a holy war. The most touching pages of history are those that tell of patriotic peoples fighting bravely to the death, for home and country, against the greed and rapacity of stronger powers, and it seems that the writing of such pages is not yet done. The Church of Christ has a deep interest in the struggle. Protestant Missions have achieved in Madagascar one of their greatest triumphs. The fires of persecution have burned long and fiercely. It is a martyr church. The victory of France will mean in a large measure the supremacy of Rome and the loss of religious liberty.

Dr. Parkhurst. A "kent" and honored name at present is that of this plain Presbyterian minister in New York city. Two years ago he became convinced, by ample proof, after careful search, that the whole municipal system of New York was unutterably corrupt, that the official staff, from the mayor and police court judges down to the rank and file of the guardians of the peace, was one vast black-mailing organization, fostering crime of every sort, and extorting large bribes therefor, and making even

innocent men and women pay for leave to carry on their lawful callings. Did a victim complain, redress was impossible, and the very attempt only brought upon him (or her) the vengeance of the powers.

Dr. Parkhurst opened the campaign by a sermon in which he denounced the wrongs and wrong-doers in the most scathing terms, and this was but the beginning of a crusade that never flagged. Some friends disapproved of his course, others were indifferent, while of his enemies, some were angry and some laughed him to scorn. Almost single handed he went forward. He had to bear coldness, indifference, abuse, calumny, threats, and danger even to life, but he never faltered. At length his persistent work in pulpit and press, and in other ways, began to tell. A committee of inquiry was appointed by the Government of the State. Darker and darker were the depths which its searchlight revealed, until a long-suffering, ease-loving, party-serving people, arose indignantly, and at the elections a few days since, swept the evil brood from power. The victory was a grand one, and to Dr. Parkhurst, under God, is the honor chiefly due.

A phase of modern civic life has in this case been revealed which other cities are beginning to find is not limited to one, which shows the need there is for the faithful preaching and teaching of righteousness, and for the faithful use by the people of the ballot with which God has entrusted them. A lesson that should be learned from it, by the constituents of every village, town, municipality, district, county, or nation, that has representative Government, is, the responsibility of the voter for the character of that Government, and his duty to watch closely those to whom, by his ballot, he entrusts the management of its public affairs, and to permit none but clean, true men, to rule.

TAKE TIME FOR THE BIBLE.

As we drift along the swift, relentless current of time toward the end of life; as days and weeks and months and years follow each other in breathless haste, and we reflect now and then for a moment that, at any rate for us, much of this earthly career has passed irrevocably; what are the interests, thoughts, *aye, the books*, which really command our attention? What do we read and leave unread? *What time do we give to the Bible?* No other book, let us be sure of it, can equally avail to prepare us for that which lies before us; for the unknown anxieties and sorrows which are sooner or later the portion of most men and women: for the gradual approach of death; for the period, be it long, or short, of waiting and preparation for the throne and the face of the Eternal Judge. Looking back from that world, how shall we desire to have made the most of our best guide to it! How shall we grudge the hours we have wasted on any—be they thoughts, or books, or teachers—which only belong to the things of time!—*Canon Liddon.*