

much skill, though it has not been properly educated. His utterance is remarkably distinct, and he is able by himself to fill with vocal sound a building in which from 10,000 to 15,000 people are congregated. He accompanies himself with a small harmonium. He takes up some sentiment which Mr. Moody has illustrated, and presents it anew, invested with the attractions and sympathetic influence of music, and fixes it more deeply in the heart as well as the memory. There is a special collection of hymns, set to airs which catch at once the popular ear. Some of them are original, others are modifications of familiar songs, but all appear to be in the highest favour, though there is no poetry in them, and though even their orthodoxy may be doubted on one or two points. The singing of Mr. Sankey's solos, however, with touching solemnity, had an effect not less marvellous in its way than the united voices of the immense congregation, led by a trained choir, in the delivery of other hymns. There is an individual character stamped upon them which made them appear to express the feelings of each separate person, and not of the whole collective mass."

One very remarkable feature of the work in Dublin has been the number of Roman Catholics who have attended the meetings, and have been converted not only to Protestantism but to Christ. These, it is said, have sometimes reached *one-fourth* of the whole congregation, while inquirers and converts from among them number some hundreds of souls.

"A young servant in one of the inquiry meetings in Dublin, was heard to say, 'I was a Roman Catholic, but I find that I need not go to the priest now to confess . . . just tell me what THE BIBLE says about it.' One or two passages were found : 1 John, i. 9, and 'There is one Mediator,' etc. ; 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,—saved *'from your sins.'* 'Are you sure,' was the reply, 'that this is sufficient for me—that if I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, I have salvation.' The verse was found, and she read it aloud. 'Oh ! I do, I do, I do with all my heart, and I don't want

anything else now. Tell me, did you say I should find in the Bible everything I want? Oh, how nice ! that's good ! I have never read a word of it, but I will have one now, and I'll never want to go chapel again, nor to go to confession. I'll find all I want HERE !' pressing the Bible in her hand. 'But will the priest not be angry ?' inquired her friend. 'Oh ! that doesn't matter ; he can't save my soul, and he can't put in his finger to stop me from being saved.'

"Protestants and Roman Catholics, Christians and Jews, Presbyterians, Methodists, Moravians, Arians, and Quakers," writes one, "were all mingled together, and all earnestly seeking the Saviour, whom before they had neglected, and, perhaps, despised."

The interest awakened in Belfast and Dublin seems to be spreading to other parts of Ireland, notably to Coleraine, of which place the Rev. David Robb, Congregational Minister of that town, writes, that at "the Sabbath evening meetings in the Town Hall from 700 to 900 persons of all classes, including many who were attending no church, have come, and these hundreds have been moved as if swept by the winds of God, while our friends have held forth the cross of Jesus.

There seems no abatement of interest. Rather the numbers increase, and the solemnity of the meetings deepens. Almost every meeting is the birthplace of souls. Many scores have professed conversion, and almost everywhere we meet with the anxious. Many of the cases are deeply interesting. Some who, through a long life, have been regular church-goers, now say they never saw the truth before. Some who attended no place of worship, but revelled in wickedness, are clothed, and in their right mind. Some whole families have been converted. In one case the children were having family prayer in the absence of their father, a converted man, when one began to cry for forgiveness, and then another, until all found rest, after two hours of crying and tears.

In another case a whole family of grown-up young people, except their father ; in another, a father and three