

ward himself, just so that it might not remain that miserable number. God used that despised hymn to bring rest to that man's soul. I have seen him take up the little book in meetings, and talk about that hymn and say, "I think it is the sweetest hymn in the English language." We called him our eighty-eighth man. When I returned from England I sent an enquiry as to how he was getting on. He had gone home to be with the Saviour. He had run the race and won the crown.

MR. MOODY'S ADDRESS.

MR. MOODY said.—My text to-night is Galatians vi., 7: "Be not deceived—God is not mocked—for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." I believed this text twenty years ago, I believe it a hundred times more to-night. Every year it goes deeper and deeper into my heart. If there is any skeptic here to-night I want to call his attention to one fact which he will admit whether he believes in the Bible or not. It is this—A man must reap what he sows. You can scarcely take up a newspaper without receiving proof of the truth that a man's sins will surely find him out. I would like to have that text put up in letters of fire in every hall of learning and every counting-house. I need not dwell upon the first part of the text. Every child knows what it is to be deceived. We have all been deceived, by enemies and friends; by neighbours and relatives; we have been deceived by our own hearts. But we must bear in mind that we cannot deceive God, and it is vain for us to try to conceal our sins from Him. And not only can he not be deceived, but it is impossible for Him to deceive. I want to talk to you about sowing and reaping, and I will divide my text into four heads. (1) A man expects to reap whatever he sows. (2) He expects to reap the same kind of seed that he sows. (3) He expects to reap more than he sows. (4) Ignorance of the kind of seed will make a difference. If a farmer were certain that his crop would be destroyed he would not sow seed, because he would be losing his time and wasting his money. A man who is learning a trade or profession will work on laborer's wages or less. He is sowing and expects to reap, to earn in a year as much as a laborer does in five years. Next a man expects to reap the same kind of seed that he sows. If a man sows wheat he expects to reap wheat; if he sows barley he does not expect to raise pumpkins. And this is true in the spiritual as in the natural world. If a man is selfish he will reap selfishness; if he is a liar he will reap lies. To illustrate this truth that a man must reap what he sows, I will take two scripture characters, Jacob and David. Men have said to me that Jacob was by nature a worse man than Esau. What I am showing is that God made Jacob reap exactly the kind of crop that he sowed. What a rascally trick Jacob played on Esau. He took a piece of a kid, had it dressed to taste like venison, and then, disguising his voice, approached his blind old father. The old man was quite surprised that Esau should have returned so soon, and said that the voice was the voice of Jacob, "Come near and let me feel thy hands." He put out his hand covered with kid skin, and the father said, "It is the hand of Esau, but the voice of Jacob." By lying and deceit he got the birthright, and the blessing which belonged to Esau. God afterwards meets him at Bethel and gives him the promise. Some men say "That is a queer God who so deals with transgressors, who go from Him with lies on their lips, and without manifesting signs of repentance." But wait a little while. That is the mistake they make. They read a chapter and then close the Bible and say, "It is a queer God and a queer book."

If you want to see how God deals with a man, you must in take his life from the cradle to the grave. He goes down to Haran for twenty years. He had Rachel and other wives, by whom he had a family of children, twelve sons. The same sin that came out in Isaac's family is coming out now. There was hostility and enmity. Murderers rankling in the heart of brethren. Joseph, Jacob's son, was sold into slavery for twenty pieces of silver. The bright kid, dipped Joseph's coat in the blood, and took the garment to the old father. His eyes are growing dim, and old age is creeping over him, but he saw that it was Joseph's coat, and said it had been torn by wild beasts. A wail comes up from the broken heart of Jacob, which has descended through the ages, the reckoning day has come. For twenty years Jacob mourned for Joseph, thinking he was dead, and many and many a time doubtless he thought how in past days he had deceived his father Isaac. The next character to which I refer is David. I never hear a man mock the sins of David but I tremble for him. I would rather play with forks and lightning than make sport of the sins of which David was guilty. If ever a man was punished for what he did, David was the man. God took him from the sheepfold and placed him in a high position. In a dark hour his eye fell upon another man's wife, and he committed that awful, the dark, the damning sin of adultery. I know how men talk about it; some do not think it is a sin that God will punish. Read the Bible and you will find thine own God punished that sin. I don't know that there is a shorter way to hell than that of the harlot. To cover up the crime of adultery David committed the crime of murder. Nathan crossed his path. Some Nathan wins or crosses our paths unless we are converted. This was his punishment: "Behold I will raise up evil against thee, it shall come out of thine own house." David committed the sin in the dark. He thought no one would be able to bring it to light, for he was the king. But did not the punishment come upon him? His son committed adultery with his sister. David committed murder, and Absalom to wipe out the disgrace went and murdered Amnon, his brother. He reaped the same kind of seed he sowed. David rebelled against God and Absalom rebelled against David. At Absalom's death the king cried out—"Oh Absalom, my son, would to God I had died for thee." Men do not reap alone the results of their sins. A man's children and friends have to reap likewise. And so it was with David. Yet you find men ridiculing David's sin, and they seem to forget that God punished him, and made him reap the same kind of seed. The Bible is full of such cases. Coming to the third head, a man reaps more than he sows. I say that if a man did not expect to reap more than he sowed he would keep his seed. David took one lie; ten other lies came in its train. It did not take long for Jacob to kill the kid and get the blessing; but he mourned twenty years for Joseph, and he dreamed that he could hear his passionate cries for help. From the time David committed adultery there was no more peace for him and his family. There is a man in an Ohio town who has been there for thirty six years. He is a millionaire. When the railway company wanted to run their line to Cleveland he declined to give the desired land, and the matter went into the courts, and he was defeated. The company got the necessary power and laid the line through his farm. When trains were running he placed an obstruction on the track; there was a great accident, attended with loss of life. He was committed to prison for life. The city has grown to a population of 160,000; it has swept over his farm making him a very wealthy man. But he