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DEAR DOCTOR SHERWOOD—Apelles' familiar maxim has been constantly before me in this mission tour of Britain: "*Nulla dies sine linea.*" By the time this letter falls under the eyes of our readers, this six months of daily labor will have closed, and on May 31 it is our expectation to sail for America. The aim has been to let no day pass without a new "line" of definite effort for the cause.

Being now nearly at the end of the work, as mapped out for the British Isles, it may be well to record some impressions made by the experiences of four months in England and Scotland. Everywhere the welcome has been most cordial and the co-operation most generous and complete, recalling what Paul said of the Galatians, that they received him "as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus." Everywhere the assemblies have been large, attentive, responsive, sympathetic. Invitations pour in upon the committee from every quarter, which it is impossible to provide for, and which indicate abundance of opportunity were time only at my disposal.

1. It is quite noticeable, first of all, that here, as in America, *evangelical belief and evangelistic zeal are inseparably wedded.* In proportion to the spread of doubt as to the realities and verities of the Christian religion, is the reign of indifference as to missionary enterprise, or at least, of practical apathy. A firm faith in the Word of God and the person of Christ; clear views of sin and salvation, of law and penalty, and of atoning love and grace, seem to be vitally connected with earnestness and enterprise in world-wide evangelism. Nothing has impressed me more than this, that wherever I have found any man or woman absorbed and engrossed in missions, *invariably* further acquaintance has revealed that there was also hearty acceptance, without question, of the grand truths of Christianity; so that I have come, almost unconsciously, to accept intelligent missionary enthusiasm as a safe gauge of soundness in the faith.

It is to be feared that the so-called "higher criticism" is making