

With another lass—a newsgirl who lived in the Cowgate—he entered into earnest conversation, and found that whilst she regularly supplied reading matter to others she was herself unable to read. Notwithstanding her illiteracy and nurture in a faith to which he was opposed, he drew from her that she knew God had made her, that Jesus is the Saviour, and that there are three Persons in the Godhead.

“Though a Roman Catholic,” he wrote, “she possesses the elements of Christian knowledge, and may be *before many more highly favored in the sight of heaven*. I gave her twopence instead of a halfpenny for the *News*.”

A voyage over the Atlantic usually involved a moderate number of public appointments. In 1888 he read a paper at the London Missionary Conference and took part in its discussions, as well as in the great after-meeting in the Free Assembly Hall in Edinburgh at which Drs. Pierson and Gordon made their notable appearance in Scotland. He never refused an invitation to deliver an address on Temperance at the Saturday night meeting in Carrubbers Close Mission, or to occupy some prominent pulpit on a Sunday; but on the whole, in travel, he was more amenable to reason than at home as to the amount of work which it was right for him to attempt and yet claim to be resting.

One curious fact deserves notice. The incessant strain of his life created in him a real heart-