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MR. MOODY AND THE REV. T. C. DESBARRES ON THE USE
OF THE BIBLE.

On the second day of the recent Convention in Toronto, presided over by Mr. Moody, the subject of discussion, at the afternoon session of the second day, was the "Use of the Bible." We insert in full the excellent addresses of the Rev. T. C. DesBarres and Mr. Moody :

REV. T. C. DESBARRES opened the topic. He said : "Granting that I live by faith in Christ, there are two essentials I need in order to use this book with effect. First, I must be perfectly persuaded, beyond a shadow of doubt, that it is an inspired book ; and second, I must love it with a perfect love. I take up my Bible at Timothy, 3rd chap, 16 and 17 verses, and find the words, 'All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.' I turn again to 2nd Peter, 1st chap., 21st verse, 'For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.' I turn again to Matthew, 4th chap., 4th verse, and read. 'And He answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' I take the ground, then, from these words, looking at them with the Holy Ghost deep in my heart, that every word of God's truth is inspired. I must believe fully in verbal inspiration in order to understand this Book at all. This is not mine, yours', or anybody's book, but God's book ; and it is written for one special purpose, and that is to glorify Himself. If I am brought from darkness into marvellous light and into unity with Christ, there is a purpose connected with me which I cannot understand, but will be understood in God's own time, perhaps in reference to the salvation of souls, perhaps in order to the establishing and building up of those linked by faith to Christ. Now, any one impressed with the thought that I am linked by faith to Christ, must