

Congregationalists, Mr. Fraser among the Presbyterians, and Mr. Arthur among the Methodists, to the work of keeping the theology of English Protestantism from flying away to these same cloud lands where Socrates found the wisdom of his day. And it is impossible to estimate the value of the assistance Moody has given in this work. An old Scotch minister who has lately gone to his rest remarked, as his only criticism on a young man who delivered a high-flown discourse when on trial for license: "The eagle is a proud bird and soars very high in the air, but to lay an egg it must descend to the earth." Mr. Moody has made the lesson hidden under that parable plain to many a young preacher in Britain, and to some old preachers too. The spirit in which the lesson has been received, we can see from the following reference to the American Evangelists in the retiring address of the chairman (Rev. A. Thompson, of Manchester) of the English Congregational Union:—"What a demonstration we have in the spiritual phenomena now going on around us—(may God multiply them a thousand fold!) that those doctrines, which were the life and substance of the old theology, have lost none of their power, none of their adaptation to the wants of men! Speak them as you may, only speak them fully, and from the heart; utter them in the simplest, plainest, most colloquial style, garnished with stories of every-day experience, but with fervid, incisive application; chant them in strains that are level to the capacity of a child, to melodies no artist will own—(cheers) and they shall go forth like a tide of

living energy through the souls of millions, rising and swelling, and spreading still from the hills of Scotland to the factories of Manchester, the docks of Liverpool, the workshops of Birmingham, and the multitudinous thoroughfares and halls of the metropolis; and when men marvel at the success of these simple heralds of Christ, and ask, 'where lies the secret?' let them know that it lies *here*—in aiming point blank at the conscience and the heart with the testimony of God, that the blood of Jesus alone cleanses from guilt—(loud cheers)—that the spirit of grace can at once work a resurrection from the death of sin—that simple faith in Christ brings peace and righteousness, and proves its power by consecrating the whole man to God; preaching in short, the self-same doctrines which won the first victories of Pentecost, and which shall yet renew those victories through the length and breadth of the world." (Cheers.)

Mr. Moody has, without doubt, been the means of turning many from darkness unto light, though we think it useless for men to attempt to make count of the number; but more than that and of greater importance, he has magnified the truth and made it honourable, and exalted the name of the Lord Jesus, as Prophet, Priest and King, so that through this truth (brought once more to the foreground) generations yet unborn, succeeding each other, as the ripples on the water, will be saved and sanctified. Though it is only a handful of corn, and though the soil be the top of the mountains, the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon.