

notwithstanding; and without efficient help even their tremendous energies could not accomplish a tithe of what they do accomplish. The movement happily is thus backed up. Active and competent helpers of one sort or other may be reckoned by the hundred. Committee men and secretaries; choir leaders and choirs; assistant preachers and Christian workers; ladies and gentlemen; ministers and young converts; all help to water the word and bring in the sheaves, whilst money almost *ad libitum* is freely forthcoming that the people may hear the gospel. Architects, contractors, writers, advertisers, bill distributors, &c., also lend their help, while thousands the world over are praying for a blessing.

Yet with all this stupendous amount of united effort, and all this freely consecrated wealth, with the unique and remarkable gifts of the evangelists themselves, and the rich blessing of God poured upon their labours, what is the utmost the movement can accomplish in the way of reaching the population of the metropolis?

Fifteen separate missions in widely different parts of London will each affect say 25,000, and the whole campaign consequently 375,000. If it extend to sixteen separate missions, then 400,000 persons may hear the message of salvation from these evangelists. Thus the utmost that can be hoped for as regards numbers, and may justly be considered a glorious result of the work of *one year*, the rest of which must needs be more or less devoted to rest.

But 400,000 is not one-tenth part of the population of London and its suburbs, which is reckoned now at about *five millions*.

It would therefore take Messrs. Moody and Sankey and their fellow-workers of every description *twelve years* of such intense, arduous, unrelenting, and united labour, to carry the gospel to *all* the people living in London and its suburbs, and it would cost moreover a fabulous sum of money!

Nor is that all? The inhabitants of London are nominal Christians to begin with; they can read; they have the Bible, they have some knowledge, however defective, of its contents. Mr. Moody can freely speak to them of the love of God without stopping to explain what love is, or that God is not a bit of painted and gilded wood. He can allude to the good Samaritan or the prodigal son without pausing to tell the stories. He has only to put a finishing

touch as it were to a work already more than half done. Other men laboured, and he enters into their labours. Christian mothers, Christian teachers, Christian friends, Christian books and papers, Christian laws and customs, Christian preachers and teachers, have already enlightened the mind and awakened the conscience, and prepared the way of the Lord in the souls to which Mr. Moody preaches and Mr. Sankey sings; and they will continue to water the word when the evangelists are gone. Give them, on the contrary, an audience as unprepared as the crowd that gathers in the street of a Chinese town or an African market-place, and what would they accomplish by a fortnight's meetings?

Nor is that all! Moody speaks and Sankey sings to men and women in their own tongue wherein they were born. What if they had first to acquire, and then, with difficulty and many a blunder, to use a foreign idiom? and what, if that idiom, even when fully acquired, contained no words expressive of such ideas as goodness, holiness, love, peace, purity, heaven, or even of His character, according to our conception of the Divine being?

It would take the evangelists and all their friends twelve years to evangelize London—and that giving only a fortnight's meetings to each section—how long would it take them effectually to evangelize a similar population of heathen Chinese or Africans?

They could not do it effectually in the term of their natural lives! and if one or two men had to attempt it without friend or helper of any kind, and in spite of adverse climate and bad health, and poverty and loneliness, and every conceivable discouragement?

Yet to evangelize the heathen and Mohammedan worlds *there are* (according to the best and most recent estimates, including the agents of all evangelical societies) *Missionaries only at the rate of one to every four hundred thousand!* And so unequal is the distribution of even this inadequate force, that practically in many places there is *only one* to a population as large as that of all London, as large as that which, as we have seen, it would take Messrs. Moody and Sankey and all their friends, and resources, twelve years to reach with a single fortnight's preaching!

Let us ponder these things in our hearts and remember that God loves *the world*, not the English; that Christ died for all men, not for white men only; and bade