

"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found : call upon Him while He is near." He got the attention of the immense audience at once by a homely, telling illustration, and kept it to the close. It made a deep impression when he said you can find Christ right here in this building to-night, if you will only seek Him. Do you believe that sinners can find Christ here to-night, Dr. Hatfield ? (Turning to Dr. Hatfield.) I certainly do, said Dr. Hatfield. Do you, Dr. Smith ? Mr. Moody continued. Mr. Smith said that he had no doubt of it, and Mr. Moody said that from the letters he is constantly receiving he is convinced that God is striving with many a heart in this city. Why, I wouldn't even dare to advise you to go home to read your Bibles and pray. Now is the accepted time, and some of you may not even live to get home to-night.

At the close of this sermon he read the following letter, which he had received just before he came to the meeting. The letter had a deep black border, which told stronger than words of death and sorrow.

"My dear wife passed peacefully away to her rest on the afternoon of the 19th inst., after three days' illness. Her love for the Master and His cause increased toward the last. It has left a terrible blank in my house, but the knowledge that she is with Jesus whom she loved so to sing about, wonderfully softens the blow. Heaven will be dearer to me than ever, because she is there. To me your remembrance will ever be dear, as being the means in God's hand of bringing her to Himself."

He then told of the lady's conversion, and followed it with an invitation for those interested to go into the inquiry rooms, which invitation was accepted by a large number.

The young men's meeting in the M. E. Church, Arch and Broad Streets, from 9 to 10 o'clock each evening, has continued to be one of the most interesting meetings held. It is crowded nightly, and large numbers of young men ask prayer, and remain to be conversed with, and there is good reason to hope that a large number have given themselves to Christ. The Parents'

meeting in Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, at the same hour, has been well attended, and while some advanced in years have asked prayers for themselves, most earnest petitions go up nightly for the conversion of sons and daughters.

On the 13th December, Mr. Moody held an all-day inquiry meeting, of which the correspondent of the N.Y. *Daily Witness* says : "For six hours yesterday afternoon, Mr. Moody and a number of earnest men and women who have been co-workers with him in this city, were employed in the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, conversing with inquirers. Men and women, old and young, rich and well-to-do as well as the children of poverty and want, came to unburden their hearts' sorrow, and seek advice and relief. There were no formal services. Every one came and went just as they saw fit. But many who came doubting and downcast, went away trusting and joyful. The first all-day inquiry meeting held in this city was 'a time of refreshing,' as much to those engaged in the work as to those who sought and found help in conversation with Christian people, and for the first time enjoyed communion with God.

"The evening services in the depot Tabernacle were varied by the holding of a praise and prayer meeting, instead of the usual sermon by Mr. Moody. The exercises were conducted by Mr. John Wannamaker, who was surrounded on the platform by many prominent ministers and laymen, and there was a congregation of about six thousand persons. Throughout there was the greatest attention.

"The young men's meeting followed. Although the number in attendance has not greatly increased during the three weeks which have elapsed since the meetings began, there has been a manifest improvement in the tone of the meetings. Most of those who participate are either young men engaged in personal work for Christ, or new converts, who tell in simple language the way in which they have been reclaimed. Last evening Mr. John Field narrated, for the encouragement of all who had just commenced a Christian's life, the circumstances of his father's death on board the vessel which was bringing the