

which is a continuation of the Temple Hill, and is accepted by most authorities as the site on which the royal palace stood, and, of course, the "King's garden" would be on the same ridge. There may be more steps still to find, as the explorations still go on. As these steps also lead up to the Temple, they may have formed the "ascert" (1 Kings x. 5) that so astonished the Queen of Sheba when she came to see Solomon. It is certainly a very striking thing to find that this great stair should have been so long hidden under ground, and we have no notice of it from the time of Nehemiah till the pick and shovel of the modern archaeologist have laid it bare.

But this is not all. In the account of the pilgrimage of Antoninus Martyr (published by the Palestine Pilgrims' Texts Society), which dates from the sixth century this author describes the descent by "many steps" to the Fountain of Siloam, and adds that there was a church there. This church has also been found, along with the stair. The steps came down at the west end of the church, and they seem from their height above the level of the church floor to have made it difficult to have a door in that direction. So there are stairs on the north leading down, where there are arches by which the church was entered. The church, according to the report, possessed what is almost, if not wholly, a unique feature. That is that the water coming through the rock-cut conduit to the pool passes under the altar. This, it may be assumed, was done to carry out the idea of "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystals, proceeding out of the throne" (Revelations xxii. 1).

MR. MOODY IN TORONTO.

Mr. Moody's visit to Toronto last week was brief. On Wednesday he gave two addresses one in the afternoon and one in the evening and at both Massey Hall was crowded. At both meetings the evangelist made special appeals for work among the criminal classes in the jails, and announced that the collections at these meetings would be devoted to sending literature to the prisoners.

In the afternoon his text was from the 91st Psalm, the seven promises therein:

I will deliver him.
I will answer his call.
I will be with him in trouble.
I will call him.
I will satisfy him.
I will set him on high.
I will show him my salvation.

"These are seven things that God has promised to do," Mr. Moody proceeded. "Moses wrote that psalm and he might have written it after a terrible calamity like the scourge they had in Egypt, when the first born from the palace to the hovel was smitten by death, or when they had been bitten by fiery serpents in the desert."

"I have no sympathy," said the evangelist, "with this idea that Jesus Christ saves me and then leaves me in bondage to some besetting sin or some habit that mars my life, that cripples my influences and hinders my progress toward heaven. I believe that Jesus Christ delivers me from every besetting sin."

"Welcome His promise that if we will put our trust in Him He will deliver us not only from the outward sins but the inward sins, and give us the victory over the flesh and the world and Satan."

"The next thing God says is 'I will answer his call.' I believe that every one of us is so near heaven that God can hear our call to-day; in other words, that we are within calling distance."

"I do not care what your past life has been or how black it has been. If you call honestly, God will answer you. Mark you, there is a sham cry. You, mothers, understand that; you know whether your children cry honestly or whether it is a sham cry. Let them cry the cry of distress and how quickly the mother will leave everything and fly to her child. There is a make believe cry, a sham cry, and there is an honest cry. I have been in this work for 40 years and I have never seen a man in earnest about his soul's salvation who called upon God for mercy and did not get it. I know a lot of people pretend to be in earnest and do not get anything. They only pretend and do not really mean business. When a man or woman is honest and sincere and wants salvation all he or she has to do is to call. If you want salvation

you can have it. You are a free agent. You can hurl it back into the face of Jehovah or you can receive salvation if you will. I heard some time ago of an old missionary that came back to spend the closing years of his life here. He was afflicted with an incurable disease and had to go to the hospital to undergo an operation from which he did not know whether he would get over it or not. When all the preparations for the operation had been made and the surgeon stood with his instruments and informed him that all was ready, the old man said, 'Well, wait a minute' and then he sang the old hymn he had learnt from his mother:

'When I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
And if I die before I wake
I pray the Lord my soul to take.'

"Oh, the sweetness and simplicity of that prayer, in its child-like trust. What we want to do is to keep simple like children."

"Some people say they can't. Perhaps you cannot make an eloquent prayer. I hope you can't. I have heard about all the eloquent prayers I ever want to. (Laughter.) But you can every one of you pray 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' You can say that. What! Can't you? You can every one of you. 'I will answer his call.' You ask Him. I know it; the Bible teaches it, and, thank God, I know it from experience. Don't you know that He not only hears, but answers your prayer? What an army I would have stand' up here if I were to ask every-body that has had answers to prayer to rise. If I did so and an infidel were here he would run and hide his head with shame. You might as well tell me I do not exist as tell me that God does not answer prayer."

The other promises, were likewise explained and illustrated by examples from Christian experience.

EVENING SERVICE.

His text in the evening was "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalms 32. He said: "There are two ways of covering sin, and only two ways—God's way and man's way. No man has ever yet succeeded in covering his sin. Not only that, but Scripture says: 'He that covereth his sin shall not prosper.' I have no doubt that the reason so many men have a stormy voyage, a hard time, is because there is some accursed sin in their lives. I am not talking for the outside any more than I am for the churches. I believe that if they have sins that they are not willing to confess they are not going to prosper. There is some secret sin that is hindering their growth. Where do the defaulting Presidents of banks come from? Many of them out of the churches. They have sat under the ministry and have heard men over and over again preaching against sin, but who have not struck home. These men forget they have sins to confess as well as the ungodly and the people outside of the church. There are three kinds of confession of sin. All sin is against God and all must be confessed to God. If I have committed a sin against God, a secret sin, I do not tell anybody about it, but I confess it to God. If I have sinned against some man or woman, I have not only to confess that sin to God but I have to confess it to them, and if I have too much pride to confess it to them, I have too much pride to go to God, and God will not hear me. If I have been a public transgressor my confession must be as public as the transgression. When a man is ready and willing to confess his sins and turn from them God covers them. The greatest blessing that can come to you this side of Heaven is to have your sin covered by God, for God covers sin and it can never be found in time or eternity. It is a great honor for a man to be forgiven and not have a cloud between him and Heaven, between him and the smiling face of his Father. . . . What I want to see here to-night is for you Christian people to take the high level," said Mr. Moody, "and there has got to be a high tone in our churches before we can reach the people. How are you going to preach to other people and show them how to confess their faults to one another first, and then to God, if you do not do it first yourselves?" inquired Mr. Moody, addressing the minister's in the audience. The effectiveness of the Keswick teachings was endorsed by Mr. Moody, who said that more of this kind of work was needed in Canada. . . . An interesting Bible talk followed.