

minute talks were given by men appointed beforehand; one of them by a very intelligent man, a noted infidel and opposer of our work up to four days ago, on 'The Causes and the Cure of Infidelity.' It had a very powerful effect, and several new voices were heard in confession and prayer. In the women's meeting six non-Protestants declared themselves as seeking after Christ, and asked help. On Saturday evening *thirteen* neighbourhood prayer-meetings were attended each by from twenty to forty persons.

"*The Lord's Day, January 28.*—We met for the first time in the new church. The heavy winter rains stopped for us till evening, so that the day was bright and clear—a blessing heartily appreciated, since there are no windows in the church as yet. In the morning the sermon was on 'Revivals,' and eight hundred people listened. In the afternoon the sermon was from the text, 'Be not deceived, God is not mocked.' Twelve hundred people, by count, filled every inch of floor and gallery. Both after this service and that of the morning we were compelled to hold little gatherings for prayer in the corners of the audience room, to help men smitten to the heart by the sword of the Spirit. Some of these cases were exceedingly interesting. Thus God filled the new temple on the first day it was occupied with the glory of His presence.

"In the evening there were five hundred present, in spite of the rain, and thanks and praise were given to God for the new church. We witnessed the public confessions of those we had talked and prayed with during the day, one of them a thief and gambler; and the reconciliation between an influential man in the community and six others who had wronged him seven years ago, he having stood aloof from the church all that time in consequence. After the meeting we went to his house and urged him now to make his peace with God, also.

"*Monday.*—Rain all day. We went about seeing as many of the inquirers as we could, and had joyful news from the influential man mentioned above. He could not rest last night, thinking of his sins against God and his need of reconciliation with Him. He seems now to have made the great decision, and is one of the happiest men I ever saw. Other interesting cases were found by us that day, showing the secret work of the Spirit in places and ways beyond our expectation."

Mr. Christie reports several cases of special interest as occurring on Tuesday and Wednesday, but on Thursday, the day before he wrote, he says:

"This was the greatest of all days for the work among the women! Two hundred and fifty women were present at the noon meeting. The sermon was on 'Sin,' with explanation of each of the Ten Commandments. The truth of God struck home at last to dark, stupid, senseless hearts, and the prayer-meeting that succeeded was one of extraordinary power.

Thirty-six women took part, most of them under deep conviction of sin. It was a scene never to be forgotten. For many days we have been burdened with desire for the salvation of these poor souls, and now the answer of God has come in such a manner as to turn all our sorrow into joy!

"In the evening came a meeting of Christians, to organize for the work. After prayers and earnest addresses—the best of them from some of the new converts—some seventy-five persons offered themselves as workers, and were divided into bands of three, four, or five, to each of which a special work will be assigned this evening.

"Dear Brethren, it is with hearts full of wonder and joy that we see the progress of this great movement; a thousand testimonies prove to us that it is indeed from God. To Him be all the praise!"

A LETTER has just been received from President Wheeler, of Armenia College, in which he says:

"You will be glad to learn that the week of prayer is passing with evident tokens of good among the students. Never has the religious condition of the college been so good as now. At a prayer-meeting, last evening, which I was able to close only after two hours, some forty persons took part, among whom was a talented young Armenian from Sivas—one who has hitherto stoutly resisted all evangelical influence. A companion of his seems to be a sincere Christian."

From many other portions of the foreign field tidings are coming of quickened religious interest. The same Spirit who is now specially present in many churches in the home land is visiting in power the mission fields. Let united prayer go up for the continuance and increase of these revival influences.

#### REV. JOSEPH COOK ON MISSIONS.

In a prelude to a recent Boston "Monday Lecture" Mr. Joseph Cook, who has recently returned from a tour around the globe, took occasion to give his views upon missions, which we copy in a condensed form from the *New York Independent*:

There are three hundred millions of women now on this planet who have only the Buddhist hope of being born again as men instead of toads or snakes. There are eighty millions of women in Moslem harems. There are uncounted millions of men and women and children growing up in the most degraded superstitions, and suffering in mind, body and estate from inherited pagan customs. In the name of mere philanthropy and secular prudence Christian missions ought to receive a support, immediate, abundant, permanent, unflinching.

All that united Protestant Christendom together raises annually for missions would not pay the liquor bill of the United States for three days, nor that of