

so earnestly entreated to come to Him who will give them rest ; and by degrees that rest steals like music into their souls, whether they come forward to the "penitent form" or not. Young lads come for an evening's entertainment, attracted by the brightness and "life" of the place, with the evident intention of having "some fun" in the stirring choruses and the speeches of the "boys" on the platform ; but occasionally some chord that can respond vibrates to a random touch, and the thoughtless boy begins a new life, and becomes an earnest soldier and a Red Cross Knight. Even children come, drawn by the music and the simple rendering of the "Old, old story," new to many of them ; and who can tell how their plastic natures may yet be moulded thus for time and eternity ?

As for the "soldiers" themselves, most of them are, as has been said, faithful soldiers and servants of Jesus Christ. There is among them many a Dinah Morris as well as many a Seth Bede, although, of course, the intellectual and moral fibre are not often so fine as in George Eliot's gentle field-preacher. But if their purely intellectual knowledge is often small, their love and obedience are great—a love and obedience not at all confined to the meetings, but influencing the whole of their work-day life. If their speech is rude and often "slangy," though, indeed, many of them speak with a power and propriety surprising in men of their class, their hearts at least are generally tender and true, and they speak in the strength of love. If there are many things that jar upon a reverent and cultivated Christian, it is easy to see that the irreverence is only apparent, arising from defective education, and that the most startling eccentricities which char-