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though attended by depression of spirits.
I think that this is not very unusual if I may judge from what I have heard from some of my acquaintance.
I think it must be in part owing to that self righteousness which cleaves more or less even to the most advanced Christian. While he is in the vigorous of life and able to take an active part in the scenes around him, he is unconscious how much outward things minister to his comfort. But when he is laid aside from these, he learns how ~~little~~ defective his life of faith has been. Perhaps in many cases he has almost to learn over again, that it is not his works that gain acceptance for him with God, but that God accepts his person vile and unprofitable as it is, only for the sake of his dear son. For His sake he loves me freely and delights in me, because he sees me invested with his son's righteousness. All this seems very simple; but to accept it and live upon it, is contrary to nature, and I suppose to the end of our lives, we shall be ever learning to cease to have confidence in the flesh, and to look upon Christ as all in all.
So you have made the acquaintance of a friend of ours, the Rev Sholto Douglas - a warm-hearted, zealous preacher of the Gospel. He is a son (spiritually) of our pastor the Rev Mr. Reene; and so we occasionally hear him preach in Portman Chapel. He took an active part in the Mission services here, 2 years ago; and I think was the instrument in giving more life and vigour to the congregation. He would take a warm interest in Moody & Sankey's services, which appear to be blessed wherever they go. Their ~~directness~~ pointed direct statements of the Gospel, told everywhere, and had an influence on the style of preaching of many ministers who heard them. Their preaching was in fact, a revival of the stirring appeals of Whitfield Wesley and their contemporaries who pressed on their hearers to look for a present salvation. I presume you will have an influx of our countrymen, ~~as~~ to