

of the greatest men of any age or country.

We reached London on Saturday, 28th ult. On Sunday morning we went to hear Spurgeon, in the Surrey Music Hall. An immense audience was present. Spurgeon looks much as he is represented in the last picture of him, published by Sheldon & Co., of New York; but this does not do him justice. The first is a caricature. He never sat down from the time he entered the pulpit until the close of the service. He joined the immense congregation in singing the hymns, and appeared to do it with a will. He read the 51st Psalm, and his commentary on it bore very much the aspect of a sermon. He preached a characteristic discourse afterwards on God's justice in forgiving sin. His printed sermons give a very correct idea of his style. He is very earnest, has a rapid delivery, and keeps up one's attention admirably. His manner is graceful, and you feel that he is perfectly at home in the pulpit. We heard him in his own chapel in the evening, before a much smaller audience. The sermon was on the Sovereignty of God, and a grand sermon it was too. He was more eloquent than in the morning. We sat a while with him in his vestry, and enjoyed a very pleasant conversation with him. Socially, he is exceedingly agreeable. He told us how negotiations failed, which contemplated his visiting America, and uttered the strongest expressions of abhorrence to slavery that we ever heard from human lips, not excepting Garrison himself. Taking him, all in all, he is a very remarkable man. He gave notice on Sabbath evening that he would baptize on two evenings this week. His church numbers eleven hundred members, and have two communion seasons in the month, dividing into two parts. He says every member is thoroughly Calvinistic in doctrinal views, and that he knows the spiritual condition of all of them, through the agency of his church officers. Everything is conducted by system, and no member of the church can be absent from service three times without his knowing it. He has fine generalship, and is doubtless accomplishing great good. May he be kept humble, and long be spared.

Yours sincerely, W. C. C.