Forsaking All for Christ.

Referring to Christ's calling the disciples, at the Sea of Galilee, after they had taken their nets full of fishes Mr. Moody said:

Some one might ask, "Why didn't the Lord call those men when their nets were all empty?" It seems rathsingular that He should have told them to cast out to sea and cast their nets and get their ship full of fish; but I—perhaps it is just imagination of mine, but I can imagine that the Lord wanted to test them. There are a good many men that will follow Christ if it don't cost them anything. If they have not got anything to leave they say. "Well, we might as well follow this Galilean as any one." But I believe the Lord wanted to test them, and he gave them success, and right in the very height of their success, he says, "Now, you follow me." They had been toiling all night, and caught nothing. Then Peter might have said to John, "Well, we might as well follow this stranger as anything. We have caught all fish in the lake." But he gave them a grand success. Looking as if the lake was full of fish. "Now," He says, "you leave them and follow Me." I would not give much for a disciple that is not willng to leave something. There are a good many men who if they could put the fish in a bag and throw it across their back and follow Christ they would do it. A great many men in the saloon business say —have said to me—"I would be willing to go into a different kind of business, if the Christian people would come forward and get me something better I would leave it." You could get a good many disciples in that way. You could have every church in Cleveland full before the 1st of January in that way. Then you would have to go to work and empty them—get them out. We have too many of that kind now; that is the trouble.

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Miss Julia E. Smith, of Glastonbury, Conn., explains in the Springfield *Union* how she came to make a translation of the Bible. She says: "This translation was never made for the public, but for the gratification of six persons, the five sisters Smith and one friend. They were all interested, 20 or 30 years ago, in searching the Scriptures, after the notorious Miller doctrine came out, and they met weekly for that purpose. They were all anxious to know the liberal meaning of every word God had spoken, and as I had got a knowledge at our academy when a school-girl of Greek and Latin, I began the translation of the Greek New Testament. As I put the same English word for the same word in Greek, it gave a much clearer view of the text. I then rendered the Septuagint into English, at the advice of a most learned friend, who said the Hebrew was a very simple language, easily learned, as there was but one book of pure Hebrew in the world, and that was the Bible. He also wrote that if I would learn that tongue I could see with my own eyes, and not through the glasses of my neighbors. I followed his advice, and a most delightful work it was, making the whole agree, taking the New Testament with it, from Genesis to Revelation. I was sufficiently paid, and wrote out the Greek and Hebrew twice each, and the Vatican Bible, and the Vulgate once."

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