

Twelve brothers request prayer for the conversion of sisters, fourteen sisters for brothers, nine children for parents and so on. It is touching to hear many requests made for persons who have fallen under the influence of strong drink, and whose fetters are so frightfully strong that no hand but God's can avail to break them. The requests for prayer are diversified by requests for special thanksgiving; sometimes, perhaps, expressed in language that strikes one as too confident, but the very expression of that confidence indicating such a belief in the presence of a Divine power that the ordinary caution which is so characteristic of our countrymen is laid aside. At one of the daily prayer meetings a well-known and conspicuous citizen, bearing a name honoured in the history of evangelism, asked the meeting to give thanks with him on behalf of one of his sons brought under the power of the truth on the previous Sunday night—one for whom many prayers had been offered, but about whom his family had begun almost to despair. The emotion of the father was very powerful, and the vast assemblage, while joining in his thanksgiving, acquired fresh hope and confidence for similar cases not yet disposed of. Another very interesting and striking occurrence took place on another day. An esteemed and godly minister from a country town rose up and bore his testimony to the good which the meetings had done to himself. He had fallen, he said, into a state of depression; had been discouraged at the apparent want of success in his work, and with the view of recruiting his strength, had left home for a little, intending to go south for change and refreshment. In passing through Edinburgh he had come to these meetings, and a new light had burst on his soul. He had seen the glorious sufficiency of the Saviour to bear all his burdens and supply all his need; he had rolled all his cares over on Him, and had got such an impressive view of His grace and love that his heart was quite lifted up, he needed no further recruiting, he was eager to be back to his work. The quiet, solemn joy of the speaker made a deep impression on the meeting, and seemed to open a fresh view of the grace which is free to all.

#### RESULTS.

On Thursday, the number of anxious persons who attended the after meeting was so large that difficulty was found in disposing of them, the number of Christian friends for conversing with the inquirers being all too small. It is well to state here that precautions have been taken to secure that none but trustworthy persons shall be allowed to take part in this most delicate and momentous branch of the work. Tick-

ets are given to those who are considered capable of assisting in the duty, and these have to be shown at the door of the inquiry room by those who enter for the purpose of guiding inquirers. Besides the cases of those who entered the inquirers' room, it was evident that not a few instances of solemnising impression took place in the pews. Persons were seen here and there evidently deeply touched either by the addresses or by the singing. In fact, since the movement began, there have been several such cases in the different places of meeting. Gaily dressed females have been observed showing themselves at the beginning highly amused at the whole thing; but during the services they have been seen to bow their heads as if struck by the power of God, and pressing into the inquiring rooms, have remarkably verified the description of those who came to scoff and remained to pray.

Among the most direct and touching fruits of saving impressions in the case of any one, affectionate interest in the welfare of other members of the family is one of the surest and most uniform. A working man of fifty years of age, for example, is impressed and brought to peace in believing and immediately he comes to the minister and cries with streaming eyes, "Oh, pray for my two sons!" A father and his son are seen at another meeting with arms around each other's necks. In many cases the work of conversion seems to go through whole families. That peculiar joyfulness and expectation which mark young converts are often the means of leading others to the fountain, and two, three, four, and even more members of the same family share the blessing. There have been some very remarkable conversions of sceptics. Dr. Andrew Thompson told of one who, having been awakened on the previous week, had gone for the first time to church on the previous Sunday. He had hardly been in a place of worship for years, and a week before he would have scouted the idea. He was so happy in the morning that he returned in the afternoon. The blessing seemed to come down upon him. We have heard of the case of another sceptic who had carried his unbelief to the verge of blasphemy, and who has now come to the foot of the Cross. The number of interesting cases is quite too large to be specified.

#### THE CHILDREN.

On Sunday morning at nine o'clock, Mr. Moody addressed a meeting of Sabbath school and Bible-class teachers in the Free Assembly Hall. Having read five or six portions of Scripture to show that when Christ was on earth He was the light of the world, and when He went away He left His followers to reflect that light, he