

MISSION WORK IN GLASGOW.

Evangelists and Mission work in Glasgow are carried on upon an extensive scale. The city mission employs paid missionaries, whose duties are to visit prescribed districts several hours every day, deliver tracts, converse and pray with the poor people, and endeavor to get as many as possible to attend Sabbath meetings. In this way the worst parts of the city have come under their influence. But the missionary labours are not at all pleasant. He has to visit filthy dens, and talk with, if possible filthier people. Troubles above measure are poured into his ears; and his sympathies are in great demand. He finds that it is little comfort to say to cold, ragged; hungry wives and children, "Be ye warmed, clothed and fed." If, therefore, he wants an opportunity to preach the gospel to these people, he must endeavor to provide them with loaves and fishes. At times the missionary also experiences priestly kindness by having an occasional shower of stones about his ears should he chance to come into too close proximity to members of the R. C. Church, a godly number of whom generally cross his path, there being a large Irish population in the lanes and closes of the city. In James Morrison Hall famishing hundreds gather every Sabbath morning, when a substantial breakfast is served out to them by willing lady and gentlemen volunteers. Then an opportunity is presented to the workers to "speak a word in season," and tell of Him who is "the bread and water of life." During the warm summer months a large tent capable of holding hundreds of people, is pitched on Glasgow Green, and to this tent is transferred the Sabbath morning breakfasts and Sabbath and week-evening evangelistic meetings. Much good is done by this practical method of working.—*Queens College Journal*.

Some bad boys had tried to persuade a good little boy to play truant. "No, no, I cannot," said he. "Why? Now why?" they asked. "Why, answered the boy, "because if I do I shall have to pray it all out to God at my mother's knee to-night." "O, well," they said, "in that case you had better not go." Bad boys expect of boys better brought up than themselves better things than they can practice. But you see what a bridle the habit of prayer puts on a little child.—*Childs Delight*.

YOUR BETTER SELF.

Moralizers say, Be yourself; but they often forget to tell which self they mean. Is it the self which speaks through the animal nature, and which clamors that the whole man be brought into subjection to it, or the self which speaks in moments of intense spiritual feeling, and which refuses to hold any parley with the lower nature? Is it the self that would give up all for others, or the self which would grasp all for its own good;—the self which would place beneath the microscope, without emotion, the blood that was shed on Calvary, or the self that loses self at the foot of the cross? A friend saw General Gordon's face flush with pride and ambition when Sir Samuel Baker told him that he was likely to be called to the governor-general of the Soudan. Late that night Gordon entered his friend's room; and began inquiringly, "You saw me to-day?" Then he said quietly, "Yes, you saw me; that was myself—the self I want to get rid of." These words contain the kernel of the whole matter. We are not one self, but many selves; and the proffered advice, Be yourself, is only worth following when it means, Be your best self—your highest self; not the self that you ought to get rid of.—*S. S. Times*.

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