

PERSONAL WORK

It is not enough for the Missioner to come down to the hall, fire off his address, and then retreat into the fastness of the manse. His task is to win souls, and such work must always be intensely individual.

Perhaps God may so deal with the people that they will come seeking you. Then, of course, there need be no delay in setting before them their individual relation to God. They will, probably, speak freely, and you will find out, without trouble, what their difficulties are.

Often, however, you will need to seek for the souls you desire to win. From the very beginning, be on the outlook for them. As the Mission goes on, you will learn from their faces who they are with whom the Spirit of God is working. Try, even before they leave the place of meeting, to get into some personal relation with them. If possible, let not the night pass without an interview. In any case, don't let them slip through your fingers. The minister of the parish will, no doubt, have a number in mind whom he desires to have brought over the line during the Mission. He or his workers will make opportunities for you.

And now, my dear fellow, you are, indeed, in the thick of it! If preaching is hard, this is harder still, and calls for the exercise of all your consecrated powers, and flings you back in pro-