

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD



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"A Friend of the Friendless."

MUCH attention has of late years been directed to the noble work being performed in aid of the helpless and friendless, and especially among poor children.

It is hard to know of suffering men and women, but it is still harder to know of the misery of children. The young should be happy, yet to many of them happiness is a feeling unknown.

Among those who made a noble response to the pathetic appeal from these little sufferers is William Quarrier, of Glasgow, who heard the cry of the weeping children, and has devoted his life to drying their tears. Forty-eight years ago a boy of eight stood, bare-footed, bareheaded, and numb with cold, in the streets of Glasgow. He had tasted no food for a day and a half. His eager, imploring eyes looked in vain to each

passer by for help. He wondered in a boyish fashion why nobody pitied him, and thought if he

could give a copper to the starving how differently he would act. Then came the resolution that when he came to be a big man, and earned enough money, he would comfort and care for the waifs of the street.

That boy was William Quarrier, and the childish determination was the first step towards the work of later years.

Mr. Quarrier's mother was a widow and very poor, so he was sent at an early age to do something for himself. His associations were of anything but a favorable nature. His companions were the boys of the district, rude in speech and rough in manner. Fortunately for the subject of this sketch, he was brought under Christian influence.

With his conversion the desire to help out-cast children returned to him. He felt God had called him to that work, and set about preparing for it. His plan was to gather enough money to found a Home. He devoted

himself with redoubled earnestness to business, with the aim of acquiring wealth to spend on poor boys.

He prayed for prosperity, believing he would get it, as it was to be used for God's glory. And he did



MR. WILLIAM QUARRIER.

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