

Revival Extracts.

[FROM GIBSON'S YEAR OF GRACE.

Answers to Special Prayer.—"I may now mention one or two cases illustrative of answer to prayer. Soon after the revival commenced here, a neighboring clergyman called on me one Saturday, and requested that I and our converts would pray for the conversion of his two sons, boys of ten and twelve years of age. I assented, and next morning, at our prayer-meeting, I proposed to the converts that we should make the conversion of the minister's sons a special topic of supplication every morning during that week.—On the following Friday evening this minister came over, to assist me at our usual evening service, and with tears of thankfulness declared that God had already converted one of his children, and entreated us to continue our supplications for the other. We did so, and in about ten days afterwards the same minister wrote, informing me that his other son was also converted to the Lord.

"Another instance, illustrative of the same fact, is that a poor man, advanced in life and unmarried, who was converted in our congregation, at the beginning of the work. As soon as he had embraced the Lord himself, he became most anxious for the conversion of the family with whom he resided, and of his fellow-workmen in the mill where he was employed. But all these were most ungolly; and when they saw the change which had taken place in him, instead of rejoicing in his joy, they mocked, swore, sung impure songs, and did all they could to thwart and distress him. He saw that remonstrances were in vain, and he resolved to pray for them. He did so; but for a time no answer came, and he was sorely discouraged. Still he resolved to continue his supplications on their behalf; and suddenly

one day the men in the mill were astonished by cries proceeding from their homes which were hard by. The business in the mill was suspended, and when the men rushed to their houses to see what had caused those cries, they found their wives and daughters prostrated under strong convictions, crying for mercy to the Lord.—The hitherto despised convert was at once applied to, and, with a heart overflowing with gratitude, he led their supplications and directed all to Christ. Soon the Lord vouchsafed His mercy; the weeping penitents became rejoicing converts, and wives and daughters were that day added to the Lord.

Scene in a Mill.—"C——'s prayers were as yet, however, only partially answered. They were still to receive a more glorious fulfillment. Some days after the above occurrence, the mill had again to be stopped, but this time not because of the women, but of the men. Husbands and brothers, whilst engaged at their work, were arrested and smitten down whilst in the very act of attending the machinery. Some of the strongest men and greatest scoffers in the whole country fell powerless in a moment under the mighty and mysterious influence that was at work.—Never had there been such a day in that establishment. Strong men might be seen prostrated and crying for mercy; converted wives and daughters bent over them with tears of joy, whilst they returned thanks to God for the awakening of their husbands and brothers, and prayed that soon all might rejoice with one another as heirs together of the grace of life; and such has been the case. Poor C——'s prayers have indeed been answered, for he has just been telling me that the seven souls in the house where he resides are now all converted, and that about ninety-fifths of the workers in the mill have been visited by the Spirit of the Lord.