

MYSELF AND OTHERS.

A FAMOUS preacher of former days wrote in large characters, twice over, on separate pages of his pocket book, these memoranda :—

“TALK NOT ABOUT MYSELF.”
“SPEAK EVIL OF NO MAN.”

The Rev. W. J. Dawson has published “Some plain words on Gambling” in which occurs the following :

“Now, what is gambling?” he asked. “There are those who do not respect the Bible, who respect Herbert Spencer, let him define it for us. *“Gambling is a kind of action by which pleasure is obtained at the cost of pain to another. It affords no equivalent to the general good: the happiness of the winner implies the misery of the loser.”*”

Music can be overdone. A Roman Catholic paper in Philadelphia complained the other day that the warbling miss who “does” the amens kept it up so long in St. Augustine’s Church that a devout “bead-repeater,” who was vainly endeavouring to keep his mind on his prayers while she warbled a four and a-half minute amen, finally turned round to the choir loft, and said, “May the devil choke you ! The Lord forgive me !” —*New York Independent.*

A CHAPLAIN once asked the Duke of Wellington whether we ought to take the gospel to the Hindoos. The old duke, every inch a soldier, asked, “What are your marching orders?” The chaplain replied, “Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations.” “Then,” said the duke, “obey your orders.”

In the late General Convention of the Church in California, a question was asked as to whether the catechism and formularies of the church were made the basis of the religious instruction ; and the rectors of the several schools were not slow in seizing the opportunity of bearing testimony on this point ; one illustration will suffice to show the nature of what goes on in all : A Jewish gentleman wished to send his son to Trinity school, San Francisco, but requested that he be excused from the class in the catechism and church history. The rector’s reply was that if the boy came, no exemption could be made ; and he added : “Even if you do not accept Christianity, you must admit it as a historic fact and influence, and as such you must recognize the importance of studying it.” The boy entered the school, and is now a candidate for Baptism.

A story of the Peninsular War will serve to illustrate the moral effect of the influence of one man. The English army was drawn up awaiting the attack of the French army under Soult, who was about to deliver battle, when a solitary horseman was seen riding down the road which ran the length of the English lines. As he was recognised by the regiment at its extremity, it sent up a ringing British cheer, which was taken up all along the line as it became known that the Duke of Wellington had joined the troops. The victory that followed was largely due to the effect produced by the advent of that one man. Something of this kind attaches to the presence of the Bishop as he moves about his diocese directing, encouraging, and stimulating the efforts of the Church.