

were impressed; therefore he might be allowed to state, from facts that could not be denied, that the opposite was the case in his parish, where the majority of those who had professed were young men. At the meetings the proportion had been about seven men to one woman.'

But why, we are sometimes asked, should we rejoice at this? And why have a week of prayer for *young men*, more than for any other class of the community?

#### YOUNG WOMEN.

We do not mean to say that the work has been confined in the smallest degree to any special class; for if any class has tasted the blessing peculiarly, it has been the young of both sexes—not children chiefly, but those who, though past childhood, have still most of their life in the future, and not in the past; who have come to the age when character is forming rapidly, when when decisions must be made, when life must be given to a good or an evil master. But the work among young women has been quite as deep, though quieter than among the other sex. Especially have Christian women, under the influence of a revived love and zeal, been making fresh efforts to reach the neglected of their own sex. One of these plans is meeting of mill-girls, held twice a week, in a poor part of Glasgow, and addressed by ladies only. The first night it was attempted, a Saturday night, the ladies went, and were not at all surprised to find no audience assembled. They therefore went out, by two and two, into the streets, speaking to the girls whom they met, and inviting them in. About 300 accepted the invitation, and of these, thirty remained to be spoken with afterwards.

#### SPECIAL EFFORTS.

The work among young men divides itself naturally into two parts; the efforts to win young men, and the efforts made by themselves to win others. Few young men have been changed or freshly quickened during the past winter, who are not already seeking to help others. The Young Men's Christian Associations of Edinburgh and Glasgow have been sending out delegates, two and two, to tell of the progress of the work, and preach the gospel in various places, not only in Scotland, but throughout England and Ireland.

The history of these deputations is intensely interesting. They have often been the means of arousing an interest in revival work when all before had been languishing. At Crieff, for instance, where a deputation from Glasgow went, they had meetings of from four to five hundred young men, where not 60 could have been assembled before.

In Comrie, the Edinburgh delegates held three weeks of meetings. The second week a special effort was made to reach the young men, by holding a meeting for men only after the general meeting of the Sabbath evening. This most interesting meeting was attended by over a hundred men and boys. The Holy Spirit's presence seemed manifested in an overpowering measure, there being a rapt stillness over the audience, and not a few being melted to tears. About a third of the entire number remained, professing to be anxious about their souls' salvation. On the last day of the young men's visit, a most interesting meeting was held; a Sabbath morning "Fellowship Association" meeting for the first time; *newly born* as the result of the revival in that place. No wonder that there was warmth, earnestness, and joy in the hearts of those present that morning.

#### ON THE COAST.

Mr. Gregory, of Anstruther, gave an extremely interesting account of the work on the coast there. At first, he said, the awakening seemed principally among the young women, and especially the *mothers*, came under its influence. But all this time the men were away fishing and seemed utterly debarred from partaking of the blessing. It was not until after the Week of Prayer for young men that the first man was converted. At that time the fellowship meeting of young men numbered only six; and there seemed not another suitable to join it. Within a fortnight it grew to forty. Numbers of young men were gathered in; and now, he said, 'We have many cases of fathers of families being gathered in. There were added to the communion roll, at that time, one-seventh part of its previous number.' In answer to the question often asked, as to how the work was to be continued, Mr. Gregory said that these young men themselves were the very best means of carrying it on. There were still many in this town and neighborhood who held aloof from the movement with scorn, and who could not be reached either by ordinary means or by extraordinary services. Those who had so lately received life for themselves grew deeply distressed at this, and a number of men met to consider what was to be done. The last thing I heard before leaving home, was that forty persons had been set apart to visit every house in the place, to endeavour to draw them out to services, or at least to press them with the gospel individually. They were to be sent out two and two, an older and a younger man together. This was entirely of their own suggestion and execution. Some of these zealous workers had been quite outside the Church former-