

entry into the City, accompanied by brilliant military escort to hold the Assizes, and make the 'General Jail Delivery.'

I am not to expatiate on the marvellous changes that have taken place in Glasgow during these 70 years. They would easily fill a volume. The population has increased from 202,426 in 1831, to upwards of a million in 1891. Among the many splendid edifices that have been erected in the interval, the Municipal Buildings in George Square, and the new University on Gilmour Hill are the most important, while the deepening of the Clyde from five or six feet at high water to twenty-five feet, has been of incalculable value to commerce, and given rise to vast ship-building yards and marine engine shops where many of the largest and fleetest of the 'Ocean Greyhounds' have been built and engined, as well as many of the mighty iron-clads in the Royal Navy. The administration of the corporation, the City of Glasgow, is admitted to be the very best in the Kingdom. Its affairs, I am told, are managed with great prudence and economy. "Boodling is unknown." Whatever it has taken in hand has prospered, financially and otherwise. The old motto of the City—"Let Glasgow flourish"—has been amply justified, and there can be no doubt that its prosperity is in large measure due to the 'preaching of the Word' and its educational institutions.

The Cathedral has been internally restored and beautified, and is considered one of the best specimens of Old English Gothic. It occupies the site of St. Mungo's cell and the tree on which was hung the bell that summoned his savage neighbours to worship. The emblems on the City Coat of Arms are a tree, a bell, a bird and a fish with a ring in its mouth connected with which is an old legend too lengthy for my present purpose. Hence the rhyme familiar to every Glasgow school-boy.—

"The tree that never grew,
And the bell that never rang;
The bird that never flew.
And the fish that never swam"

The Presbyterian Churches of all denominations in Glasgow in 1831 numbered 46. In 1901 there were, by actual count, 265