

was assigned to a chairman, with two or three assistants, the members of the Mission Committee taking the general supervision of several districts each. By-laws were also framed for the guidance of the work which will be found at the end of this Report. Only by such a complete system as this, for which we are greatly indebted to Mr. Menzies, could great efficiency be secured from such an agency. As it is, the seed has been but weakly sown, yet we look with confidence for an eternal harvest.

District No. 1, (Griffintown, eastern part) was under the care of Mr. John MacDougall, assisted more or less by a dozen brethren, four or five being present at each meeting. Two weekly meetings were maintained till April 6th, one averaging over twenty in attendance, the other about fifteen. Visiting was kept up and some good was manifest.

District No. 2, (Griffintown, western part) was under Mr. James Ross, who reported encouragingly of two weekly meetings, maintained with the assistance of several of the brethren, the attendance varying from six to twenty-one.

District No. 3, (Point St. Charles) was superintended by Mr. Cushing, with some assistants, who carefully visited the district, and maintained two meetings. One of these was in the vicinity of the Sugar-house, where they were informed by the residents that there were scarcely any Protestants. On examination, however, they found seventeen families within half a mile of their centre, some of which were visited many times, the work being by no means devoid of interest. Mr. Cushing writes in January, "a member of committee called on a family of whom little appeared to be known by the neighbours, and while conversing on the object of the visit, the mother appeared much affected, and at last burst into tears, exclaiming, 'Sir, you are the first person who has spoken a kind word to us since we came to the country.'" The whole family earnestly entreated him to call again. They have since regularly attended the meeting. This meeting died away when

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