

Professor at Bishop's College, Lennoxville; and Mr. Empson, the able master of the Boys' Model School, Bonaventure Street, has resigned his post, preparatory to entering upon another sphere of life. These are serious changes, and devolve upon the Committee much cause for anxious and prayerful thought, as these posts cannot be easily filled with suitable men. They have, however, the satisfaction of knowing that these agents now go forth to wider fields, where the experience they have acquired in the Society's operations will give them greater efficiency in the cause of that Master whom it is their great desire to glorify. They have also the gratification of perceiving that God is raising up others to fill their place. A Bible-woman has already done much in a peculiar portion of the City Mission, where a Missionary could do but little. The employment of a second is contemplated*; and a candidate for the Ministry, who has already approved himself in various teaching and lay missionary duties, will be appointed temporarily as City Missionary.

GENERAL STATE OF THE WORK.—The Committee are glad to perceive increased and spreading energy in the effort to instruct the people. In this city especially means are provided for educating the masses, down to the very lowest strata,—ragged schools for the ragged and common schools in no small measure free for those immediately above them; and Bible-women and Missionaries strive to fill these schools by their influence and advice, giving at the same time needful religious training. It is nevertheless a stern conflict with ignorance, vice, and superstition; and the emigration from the mother country demands a continual strain upon the energies of the people of God to meet the ever-increasing exigencies of the day; and the Committee are startled from time to time by such instances of dreadful irreligion and ignorance as imperil everlasting as well as temporal interests.

The Missionary work in the schools is scarcely second in importance to that in the homes of the poor, for it has been known that homes have been reached by this means which were in a great degree impenetrable through many other means that had been tried; the Committee therefore commend it to the prayers

* She has since been engaged.