

Missions, J. Thornhill, Esq., of Stockport, England. Having long and efficiently filled that responsible situation, he has, during the past year, been called home to an eternal rest. Long will his services be remembered with gratitude, and his memory cherished, on both sides the mighty Atlantic. The annexed brief notice of our departed brother's decease, claims a place in the present Report:—

It is our painful duty to announce the death of our beloved friend Jonathan Thornhill, Esq., who, for the period of twelve years, has so efficiently discharged the duties of Treasurer for the Missions. Our esteemed friend has been unwell for several weeks; yet no serious apprehensions were entertained as to the result. His exit, therefore, was very sudden. On Thursday, the 6th April, 1848, while dressing, and apparently better than usual, he was seized with a violent pain in the region of the abdomen, and in a few moments expired. His death has produced a shock which vibrates through the whole Connexion, and over a wide surface of the public community. His urbanity and kindness of heart—his simplicity, humility, and piety, commanded general esteem. His departure is deeply deplored as a loss to the Circuit, the Mission, and the Connexion generally. Under the distress felt by this painful dispensation, it is our consolation to know, that our beloved friend was favoured during his illness with the consolations of the Holy Spirit, and seemed to breathe habitually the spirit of humble prayer and praise. Our loss, therefore, is his eternal gain.

Your Committee contemplate, with unmingled satisfaction, the efforts of the Parent Society to promote the extension and efficiency of our work, and the comfort of our Missionaries in Canada; nor is that satisfaction marred by a reference to the results attending the efforts of our Auxiliary Society during the past year. In order, however, to estimate our Colonial efforts aright, it must be borne in mind, that but a small portion of the expences involved in carrying on our work is paid from the Mission fund or English grants; which renders it necessary for each station to furnish a large proportion of the salary and expences of the resident Missionary or Missionaries, exclusive of what is contributed toward the Mission fund. Added to this consideration, which affects our operations at all times, several peculiar difficulties have been encountered during the past year—difficulties of so grave a character, that many of our friends predicted a heavy decrease in our funds. Of these your Committee would refer to the comparatively small amount of time and attention which other engagements permitted the General Superintendent to devote to the Mission.

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