

aggression, with due provision for church-life. Mr. Moody has now discovered that great non-sectarian missions carried on apart from organized church-life, are a rope of sand. The Salvation Army is face to face with the embarrassing fact, that it makes no regular provision for administering the holy sacraments, expressly ordained by our Lord. And yet aggressive work must be conducted on an unsectarian basis, if it is to succeed on a large scale among non-church-goers. We act upon that principle. We furnish a basis broad enough for all earnest Christians. But, on the other hand, we urge all converts to join some church, and if they wish to remain with us, we provide them with the safeguards—the Scriptural instruction and church privileges—which our Lord and His apostles deemed necessary. We do not intrude our ordinances upon those who do not desire them. But they are in the background—a guarantee for the solidity, the continuity and the permanence of the work." *Solidity, continuity, permanence.* These are the attributes of any work that is worth the name. Gold, silver and precious stones may be hard to get, still, even a few of them well and firmly laid may, for the builder, be immensely preferable to an imposing structure of wood, hay and stubble, especially if fire is to try it. And every man's works shall be tried of what sort it is.

Let it be known that the West Central is only one of several such missions in London, and of others in Manchester, Liverpool and Birmingham, of which as much of interest might be written. But having attended to this specimen, we must turn to something nearer home.

The Annual Report of our own Missionary Society is a remarkably full presentation of the operations of that department of our Church work; it is well arranged, and both in its survey of the work done during the year, and in its statements regarding the receipts and expenditure it is clear and explicit. There is an abridgment of this Report in the Missionary Tract Series, which is of great value, and ought, according to its title, "Information for the People," to be circulated by the thousand. The table of percentage expenditure, printed on the last page,