

humbly believe that God, of His great mercy, has prospered them, especially in the effort to obtain suitable agents for carrying on the operations of the Society, and to procure the means for defraying the expenses. They desire to ascribe all the praise and glory to their Heavenly Father.

HOPE FOR THE TIME TO COME.—Their hope is in the goodness and love of the Lord Jesus Christ. They look up to him as the Great Head of the Church. With faith in His promises, they commit their cause into His hands. In choosing agents, they desire and resolve, as far as in them lies, to accept of none but those who are qualified, above all things, by spiritual endowments for the employment which they seek. In prosecuting their labors, they will always aim, by God's grace, at keeping distinctly in view, as the great means for blessing the land in which they live, "Jesus Christ and Him crucified, the alone hope of fallen man"; and in all things they pray that they may be so influenced by the Spirit of God, that, with a single eye to God's glory, they may strive for the salvation of the perishing, and for the building up of the believers in their most holy faith.

AGENTS.—The Committee deprecate changes. They have ever perceived that the steady, quiet performance of duties by tried, painstaking, God-fearing agents is more successful and more blessed than the spasmodic and impulsive starts so often seen under new influences and so often praised. They are always desirous therefore of retaining those who have approved themselves in the post assigned to them, and through another year this has been the case. There have been no material changes, nevertheless some are contemplated, not by the Committee, but by various agents, to whom wider spheres of usefulness have been opened, and more solemn responsibilities in the Gospel work. The City Missionary has been ordained, and the claims of destitute country missions, combined with his own failing health under the pressure of the arduous duties (none more trying) of the city mission, have induced him to resign the post which he so anxiously filled. The French teacher, the Rev. C. Roux, whose gentle and conscientious performance of his most difficult work endeared him to all, has been appointed French