

do with them at all. So far as I am concerned I do not take part in them because I do not feel that I could do so with profit. There may be those who can do so without loss of prestige or injury to their work, but it is certainly otherwise with many.

In every move therefore, the clergyman makes, in every undertaking he puts his hand to, the object and purpose of his ministry should be supreme. If this or that amusement can be made the channel for reaching the hearts of men with the truth of God, if all this attainment or that culture is blessed by the Master it is well. But let no one engage in anything because others have done so and succeeded. Let all things be done with due regard to my temperament my attainments and my work.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION.

Mr. A. M. Crombie, Manager of the Bank of Commerce, occupied the chair, and the meeting opened by singing the hymn "Jesus shall reign," after which the Rev. C. J. James led in prayer. The Annual report was then read by the Secretary, Mr. R. E. Crane. This showed that 140 cases had been helped by the Society of which at least 60 had turned out satisfactorily. Twenty-eight had got work through the efforts of the Society. A room had been taken near the gaol where prisoners could go on leaving, till they could get employment. For various reasons this particular room had to be given up, but it was hoped to secure a better one before long. \$264 had been disbursed by the Society.

Mr. Crombie regretted the inadvertant omission of the names of Rev. Mr. Bothwick and Canon Rollitt from the report, to both of which gentlemen the Association owed hearty thanks for courteous assistance in its work. He then read an extract from a blue book on the importance of "aid after release" from prison. He said the Toronto Association had an income of \$3000, but that from all he could learn