

would the humane be seen rushing from every street by the shortest roads to stay the course of the traveller, and to turn his steps into the right direction. Every other business would sink into insignificance, and appear almost sinful, when placed in comparison with the saving of the daily emigrants from destruction.

Christian friends—our city contains above thirty thousand inhabitants. Two of the number die every day by a decree which is far beyond all human control. They either enter into a state of happiness, to swell the number of those who have “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the lamb,” or they go away into perdition, and are forever shut out from the presence of God. If we shew our sympathy and benevolence to our fellow citizens, by hurrying to their aid when their property is endangered by fire, and if we would turn their steps from the road, which leads to temporal death, how much more are we bound to warn them of the awful dangers of death eternal, and to direct them to the paths which lead to everlasting life. Faint indeed is the most appropriate imagery to convey any idea of the vast loss sustained by the perishing of a single soul, or the unspeakable gain of one soul being for ever saved. The powers of man cannot compute the value of an immortal soul, because time has no measure for eternity. The regular preaching of the gospel, and the Church organisations in such a city as Toronto, are supposed by many to be sufficient for the religious interests of the whole people. As the gospel is within the reach of every one, it is said, if some will not listen, they must perish. They who reason so, it is much to be feared, have inadequate ideas of the importance of religion, and it may well be doubted whether the gospel has come home to themselves in demonstration of the spirit, and in power. The man who has felt the power of true religion, burns with desire to communicate it to others. He who has found a pearl, does not content himself with wrapping it in a napkin, but invites his neighbours to rejoice with him over his precious acquisition. With devoted affection to him, who has called him out from the world, he would be ever desirous to bring new followers to his blessed Lord and Master. But means must be employed to seek them out, and bring them within the fold of Christ. Every faithful minister preaches the gospel to all who come, visits his flock and attends on them in sickness, and goes where he is likely to be useful.—But beyond the ordinary range of ministerial influence, there is a great mass of people who are sunk in ignorance or superstition, or who are degraded by vice, who live in open sin, and are without God, and with-