

known to their nearest neighbours, while the business of the world may so occupy their attention that they will not give one thought to eternity; if they are unconnected with any Christian Congregation, they may not have a single friend to direct their steps to the path which leads to everlasting life. To supply this grievous deficiency, City Missions were originally instituted. It is now five years since the Toronto Mission was established. For four years, the Committee were only able to employ one Missionary, Mr. Paul Stewart. Within the last six months, a second has been employed, Mr. Johnston, Student in Knox's College; and lately a third has been added, Mr. Gemmill, who acted for a considerable time in the same capacity, in Greenock and Montreal. Our last Report alluded to the probability of a Ladies' Committee being formed, to aid in collecting funds, and in the management of the Society, and we have the pleasure to state, that the Committee has been for some months in operation, and the value of their services has been already experienced, in an increase of funds, and an extended interest being taken in the prosperity of the Society.

The Committee have no dazzling list of triumphs to record. Indeed it is rarely that city Missions can do so. The Gospel has been at one time or other set before the greater number of those who inhabit our Cities, and it is a peculiarly hard work to rouse the obstinate heart to the cordial reception of its precious yet rejected truths. The visits of the Missionary are, besides, generally destitute of those circumstances of comfort and convenience, which afford the best opportunities for recommending the truth to the hearers. But, with every disadvantage, your Committee have pleasure in stating, that decided proofs have been afforded that the blessing of God has rested on the labours of the Mission. They shall now give some extracts from the reports of Mr. Stewart.

From 21st to 26th May, 1849.—Visited about 75 families; good impressions seemed to be made in some cases: one man said "I am almost persuaded to be a Christian;" another, "What you have said leaves me without excuse;" a third has been induced to read the Holy Scriptures, and another has become a sober man. Several have been persuaded to attend places of public worship, while others have of their own accord resumed the reading of the Scriptures, which they had long neglected. One man is now studying the Bible, who has not had a copy of it in his possession for forty years, till it was furnished through

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