

In closing our Report we would express our deep interest in the work, and our determination to persevere. We would pray that the Holy Spirit may descend and bless our feeble endeavours, so that this desert 'may rejoice and blossom as the rose.'

The following extract is deserving of special attention:—

"While wandering through my District with a bundle of Tracts, I am often introduced to scenes and placed in circumstances that would escape the observation of the casual observer; many, many scenes of the most abject poverty and wretchedness;—of unblushing guilt and deepest despair,—are presented to my notice while engaged in disseminating the precious truths of the Gospel through the medium of these little messengers. I would now present to the Association a subject, which from my long experience as a Tract distributor, I am convinced is most important: I allude to the necessity there exists for some asylum being provided for female servants out of place. There is, it is true, a place of refuge provided for the guilty but repentant female; where an opportunity is afforded her to regain that position in society from which she has so awfully fallen; but for the class I refer to, (so much exposed to want and its consequent temptations), nothing as yet has been done in this city. I am persuaded that the many abodes of iniquity in this city, are in a great measure supplied with victims from this class. It may not be generally known that the proprietors of these places, '(whose gates are the gates of hell),' are during the summer season in the habit of regularly resorting to the steamboat landing, and there selecting their intended victims from the mass of emigrants daily arriving; engage them ostensibly as servants by the lure of high wages, and thus secured, and once fairly entered into these horrid dens! once within the clutches of these fiends in human form! the fate of the basely entrapped stranger is inevitable; the most diabolical means are employed to accomplish her ruin. And this effected, what is left for the being so cruelly betrayed, but to hide her shame and sorrow in the grave!

The resident domestic is often through ignorance similarly ensnared; but with this class their ruin is generally the result of the adverse circumstances to which they are exposed.

At the commencement of a Canadian winter employment is very difficult to be obtained, and as saving money for future contingencies is not much practised by those referred to; many of them so situated at that inclement season, without employment, without the means of support, are driven to infamy, and it may be, to eternal as well as temporal ruin, in preference to starving or freezing in our streets."

It may be asked, "Is this not a sketch of fancy!" "can it be possible that in this city, in our very midst, such wickedness is practised?" It is, alas! too true. The horrible reality can be ascertained by any who wish to make enquiry on the subject. But shall such a state of things be allowed to con-