

There are, however, two or three things much needed, and it would be an act of special kindness, if the friends of the Society would set themselves to supply this need. The liquidation of the debt, which has increased during the past year £100, and now amounts to £850, is much needed. The establishment of a Depot, for which there is a suitable room, and which would materially decrease the stationery expenses, now amounting to an average of £120 per an., is equally needed. But more than all, a greater interest in the work, manifested, by frequent visits, and by much prayer on its behalf, is needed.

In thanking the Agents of the Society in this City, the Committee will not *name* any; they will only say, that from their own observation, as well as from the Report of their Superintendent, they are satisfied; and they pray that God may give grace to all, enabling them to be zealous faithful, and prayerful in the year upon which we have just entered.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

These schools are of much greater importance than might at first sight be admitted, but it must *appear* when it is remembered that destitute places are sought, where paucity of numbers, and poverty make it almost impossible for the people to support an efficient school. But besides, it should be borne in mind that the supervision of the Society, thus permitted, secures a Missionary school-master, who *should* be, and generally is, a willing assistant of the pastor.

The good effect produced in a small community by a pious teacher is not easily estimated; it is not confined to the school-room, nor to the young persons usually assembled. A faithful teacher finds hourly opportunity of speaking of the love of God in Christ Jesus, and of inculcating at least, the morality which the word of God teaches. These things we know the children talk of at home, and in some instances *practise*, to the surprise of those around them. A faithful teacher, moreover, visits regularly the pupils in their own dwellings, and thus finds many an opening for usefulness and instructive conversation; and on a Sunday, in many a secluded place, the people have little else to remind them of Sabbath duties, besides their children wending their way to