

EXTRACTS

FROM THE

Report of the City Missionary.

Our Mission Building is situated in the heart of one of the most densely populated districts of the city. The majority of the families belong to the respectable working class, and a large proportion of them are Roman Catholics. Our business is to search out individuals and families and children, not attending any stated place of worship, and to encourage their attendance at the means of grace.

Our work is almost exclusively confined to Protestants; because Roman Catholics are less accessible, and our lapsed Protestants furnish ample scope for our undivided attention. The majority of those we visit are Presbyterian, or at least claim to be so, a few are Episcopal, one or two Methodist, and occasionally individual cases have been met with, lapsed through drink, or so mixed up by intermarriage as to claim no religious connection whatever,

We seldom meet with scepticism or avowed infidelity, liquor, indifference and improvidence are the principal evils with which we have to contend.

In the Nazareth Street School Room, in addition to the Sabbath School we have Singing Meetings, Band of Hope Meetings, and Mothers' Meetings, these latter being conducted by the ladies of our Presbyterian Missionary Society, and a trained nurse and Bible woman, supported by them, for city Mission Work. At these meetings, clothing is provided, goods are cut and shaped and supplied on easy terms at less than cost, books, tracts and other gifts are occasionally provided, hymns are sung, and Scripture read. Mothers are visited at their houses, and in cases of domestic sickness, are attended by the nurse, medical aid being also provided when necessary. Lines to the Hospital are granted, needful cases are recommended to the respective National Societies, and any removed to the Hospital are waited on by your Missionary.