

rather than to reap, that you are sent into the field. It is with souls in the spring-time of life that as teachers you have to do; wonder not therefore if in your work you should so often find that saying true, "One soweth, and another reapeth" (John iv. 37).

Finally, dear fellow-labourers, "put ye on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, lowly, of meekness, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering" (Col. iii. 12). Be gentle unto all, patient, as well as apt to teach; "in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves" (2 Tim. ii. 24). Remember that the more wayward and trying your scholars are, the more they stand in need of your loving care; and when tempted to fail or be discouraged, "consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Heb. xii. 3). Seek to commend Christ to them by the blameless consistency of your daily walk, and by faithful diligence in your own daily duty. Beware lest, by conformity to the spirit and ways of the world, you perplex your scholars, and sadden your more earnest fellow-teachers. Mr. McCheyne's words to a minister are applicable also to you: "Your sermon teaches on Sabbath—your life teaches all the week."

Go on, sowing in faith, though often and long you may have to sow in tears. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good" (Eccles. xi. 6).

### CITY MISSIONS.

Having nothing special for the present month on the subject of Home Missions in general, we regard the opportunity favourable for giving some information on the subject of work among the lapsed and careless population of the City of Halifax.

For several years a City Missionary has been supported by the Congregations of St. Matthews, Chalmers and Poplar Grove, each contributing one third of the support, and all matters connected with the mission were conducted with the greatest harmony and cordiality. Their first mission field was in Albemarle and Barrack Streets, and their regular and most successful missionary Mr. Grierson, was reluctantly given up at the earnest solicitation of the Committee of the Industrial School to take charge of this institution.

Before the Committee of the three con-

gregations could secure a suitable successor, the field referred to was partially occupied by another City Missionary. Having secured the valuable services of Mr. James Patterson of Pictou in May last, new ground was broken in the North end of the City, and Mr. Patterson has for some eight or nine months been very zealously and laboriously engaged in various ways, "sowing" in this new district the good seed of the word. The following statements contains the chief portions of a verbal report recently delivered by him at a Congregational Missionary Meeting in Poplar Grove Church. It was designed only to outline his course of action and note a few results.

#### MR. PATTERSON'S STATEMENTS.

I am glad to have the opportunity of giving you some account of the mission in my district; for the more you know of this, or any other order of Christian work, the greater I believe will be your interest in it. The unexpected calls to which a City Missionary is subjected, have prevented me from making a memorandum of any incidents that I might lay before you; I must therefore trust to memory.

My first month in the mission was spent in Albemarle and Barrack Streets. But in the early part of June, as the chairman has told you I was placed at the north end of the city, to open a new mission in the district extending between Jacob and North streets, and between Water, and City and Park streets. So large a portion of the city could not be attended to by one missionary, and therefore the plan adopted was to give special attention to the most destitute part of it. Having chosen City and Albro streets, as the centre of my work, I called at almost every house on these streets, north of Gerrish Hill, before the close of June, and while I have ever since given most of my time to this neighbourhood, my visits have also been extended more or less to every other street in the district. Up to the present time, I have visited 275 distinct families. Of these families 75 belong to the Roman Catholic Church, 80, though poor and comparatively neglected, are yet so connected with different congregations that I only pay them one occasional visit; and about 120 are of the careless and neglected class, who are the proper objects of city mission work, as they are really lost to the different churches with which they claim connection, and are living without God in the world, and in neglect of all the means of grace,—and living in intemperance and poverty, immorality and vice. These 120 families I