

towards meeting local changes at the centre of operations, the responsibility of sustaining the Mission, as a whole, devolves with even increased urgency on British Christians. The work has been commenced with evident tokens of the Divine blessing, and it must not only be sustained, but developed. Branches must be thrown out in the different Canadian towns at which fugitives congregate; schools must be opened, Bibles, books, and school supplies sent out, and additional agents appointed, as new openings arise. Never had the Mission to the Free Colored Population greater claims on the sympathy of the friends of Negro Evangelization, and the Committee earnestly trust that this appeal will call forth increased support from the Christian public.

With these remarks they proceed to submit the various Reports of the agents employed :—

REPORT OF THE REV. M. M. DILLON,

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MISSION.

London, Canada West, July 12, 1855.

The encouraging prospects which under the Divine blessing shone so brightly upon our Mission with the commencement of the present year, have not in the least grown dim; until from little beginnings we have now gained a firm footing in the affections of the people both white and colored. It is true, many a dark cloud may at times have appeared upon our horizon, but thanks be to God, they all burst in mercy over our heads. We may have had many discouragements, but truly it becomes us to be thankful; many an Ebenezer of gratitude have we reason to set up, and well may we exclaim "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

In referring to all my former communications, you will perceive that I stated from the very commencement of our labors, that in order to benefit the colored people, and under God, effect the main object of our mission, the Society had to be worked on its more general objects, and not with reference to any one class in particular. We have, therefore, gone among these poor people plainly and boldly proclaiming, "We come to you not as a separate class to whom we have a peculiar and special mission, but we come to you in common with your white brethren, desiring to set aside all distinctions, and proclaim to you both on the equal necessity of your souls' wants, the free and full salvation extended to the chief of sinners through the atoning merits of a Saviour's blood. Desiring your religious, intellectual, and moral improvement, and knowing how much an enlightened, liberal, and truly Scriptural education will