

God acceptably, but that God's grace never compelled men to serve Him against their will. Those who are working or wish to work for the Bishop's Church in Manitoulin Island are reminded that all work is to be sent to the Rectory by the 17th of April.

### AMONG THE SLUMS.

*(From the Canadian Missionary.)*

My first visit to the Centre Street Mission was with Mr. Beverley Jones, the founder of this philanthropic work.

One hot Sunday morning in September, 1883, leaving the shaded streets and handsome residences of the aristocratic quarter lying about St. George's, we were soon in the odorous atmosphere of the chapel. We entered a small, semi-gothic, rough-cast building, where we found some sixty boys and girls assembled for Sunday School, and only waiting for the Superintendent. School was opened with a short, bright service, a prayer, and some Moody and Sankey hymns, which the children, especially the coloured portion of them, sung with much vigor.

"Well, what do you think of them?" said Mr. Jones, when service was over.

"Much too respectable. I thought your work was among the waifs and outcasts. These children seem far too clean."

"Oh! you mustn't be deceived by appearances. They're got up for Sunday School. If you want to see their homes come with me, for I must visit one."

Out into the sweltering sun, down the street, and through a gate into a low court yard. What a sight! Half-a-dozen boys basking on the stone pavement; one almost naked, washing at the pump; dirty tenement houses—dens more than habitations—and the notes of a tavern song from an upper window!

Mr. Jones sent a boy in to announce his arrival, and soon a large, slatternly woman, her face bearing every mark of the degradation produced by vice, appeared. Then began a conversation, the object of which was to persuade the woman that her daughter, who had been sent to the country, was well provided for—objections on her part, answered by assertions and arguments on ours. It seems she had a bright, pretty daughter of six or seven years, whom Mr. Jones and his co-workers were endeavouring to rescue from her mother's fate—a life of sin and debauchery. With this view they had taken her from her vile surroundings, and placed her in a comfortable farmer's home. A promise that she might visit her daughter, and a supply of provisions for a Sunday dinner, satisfied her for the present.

From such courts as these come the children of the Mission School. Many of them have been in jail for petty theft. They are born and reared in vice. No one cares for them, or shews them kindness, but the little band of workers in the Mission. It is not necessary always to seek "Greenland's Icy Mountains," or "India's Coral Strand," in order to convert the heathen.

Here lies the work of God ready to your hand.

### TEMPERANCE GUILD.

There was a general meeting of the Temperance Guild held in the Schoolroom on Wednesday evening, April 18th. Through some misunderstanding, very few were present. However, there was no lack of enthusiasm. After a short address from the Rector, a satisfactory financial report was read by the Treasurer, Mr. Hayes, and the election of Officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: President.—The Rev. J. D. Cayley. Vice-Presidents.—The Rev. R. J. Moore and Mrs. Harvard. Secretary.—Frank Cayley. Treasurer.—H. Hayes. Organist.—E. W. Phillips. Executive Committee.—Mrs. McKean, Miss Moffatt, Miss Street, Mr. Foster, Mr. Kirkpatrick. Music Committee.—Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Phillips, Miss M. Cayley. Delegates to a meeting of Secretaries to be held at S. James's School House, Thursday, March 26th.—Miss McKean, Miss Street, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Foster. Delegate to Diocesan Board.—Mr. Foster.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers, also to Mrs. Harvard and Mr. Phillips for their exertions in getting up "The Old Folkes' Concert" in St. Andrew's Hall, from which fifty dollars was cleared after all expenses had been paid. The meeting was then dismissed with the benediction by the Rector.

### YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

A meeting was held in the school-room on Tuesday evening, 17th March, for the purpose of forming a Young Men's Literary and Debating Society. An encouraging number was present. Mr. Moore was called upon to take the chair, and opened the proceedings with a short address. After a discussion, in which nearly all present took part, the election of officers was proceeded with. The Rector was elected President; The Rev. Prof. Clark, and Rev. R. J. Moore, Vice-Presidents; Mr. Richard L. Cowan, Sec'y and Treas. The first meeting of the Society is to be held on Monday, April 13th. The subject selected for debate is the "Scott Act." Mr. Parsons will contribute a reading, and Mr. Moore a short essay. The Secretary will receive applications for membership.