

attended by colored people alone—adults—numbering about sixty, so that your agents are giving a scriptural education to, in round numbers, one hundred and thirty of a race who, without the interference of your Society, would be left totally destitute. If to this number be added those who attend the cottage lectures of your agents, it will be seen that we have a mighty engine at work which, if properly directed and liberally supported, must be productive of incalculable blessings, not only to the fugitives, but to their fellow bondsmen. Our success here, will in time open to us doors in other places, and fresh inducements will be held out to the toil-worn slave to seek the real blessings of freedom.

This city is likely to become the head-quarters of the fugitives, who are crowding in so rapidly that it is supposed their number has increased lately by 50 per cent.

The system of instruction pursued in your Schools is raising up friends to that, and to your Society in this place, and it is not too much to expect that the godless system adopted in the public schools of the country will in time be abandoned for a more enlightened religious one.

Your agents cannot conclude this Report without expressing thankfulness that although having many difficulties to contend with, they have also much encouragement both from the success that has attended their Mission, and the sympathy and support of many kind friends; and humbly would they pray that Divine grace may enable them faithfully and zealously to perform their important duties, that Christ may be glorified in them and by them.

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REPORTS OF MR. HURST, LAY MISSIONARY.

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My labors continue the same as when I sent the last Report. I attend school every morning for a short time; to teach singing, and two afternoons in the week to teach music. The rest of my time is spent in visiting from house to house, in the Sunday-school, and with evening Meetings.

The Sunday-school in the Colored Chapel has increased considerably. Forty-five persons have been admitted, all adults, except ten. I give an explanation of the lesson or an address to them every Sunday, that even those who cannot read may have the same instruction as the rest. It is pleasing to see the intelligence with which a number of middle-aged and young persons answer questions together. This school has been a valuable key to me, in becoming acquainted with the negro character, and introducing myself amongst them.

Of all the obstacles in our way, prejudice of different kinds is about the greatest: persons unacquainted with the circumstances cannot form a correct idea of the difficulty of breaking it down. Most white men refuse to lease a house to a colored man; and I heard an instance last week of a white man declaring he would leave