

work to try to lead those poor prisoners to Christ ; and when I go to God in prayer and ask Him to pour out His spirit upon the Word and apply it to their hearts, I praise the Lord ; I know He hears and answers prayer. Not long ago, when I was visiting the Prison and giving tracts on a Sabbath afternoon, one poor prisoner wept bitterly, and asked me to pray for him. I told him to kneel down inside his cell while I knelt outside, and I prayed with him, and got him to engage in prayer. His prayer was indeed the publican's—'God be merciful to me, a sinner'—and as he cried earnestly to God with all his heart, God heard and answered his prayer, and blessed his soul before I left. I believe God has honoured this Sabbath school during the past year by His divine presence."

W. A., a teacher, writes : "So far as I have attended the school, I find the class very attentive to instructions given, although, as yet, I see no marked change in any of them. But I trust, with God's blessing, they may yet be brought to a knowledge of the truth."

A. R., a teacher, writes : "During the time I have been a teacher I have met with some hardened in sin, and others that have changed greatly and are desirous of getting to heaven. I can say for myself, I feel richly blessed, from time to time, when speaking to those young men of their soul's salvation."

TORONTO CITY JAIL MISSION.

The Toronto City Jail Mission, which was commenced nine years ago, has been continued by the Association, and has been successfully maintained last year by Mr. S. Roberts, the painstaking and indefatigable Superintendent of the Mission. He has been ably assisted by a number of Christian friends, who volunteer their services as teachers. Mr. Roberts' report we append herewith.

It has been urged that, with all of this expenditure of Christian labor in our jails and prisons, crime is on the increase. True ; but not as a rule among those who have received instruction in these establishments. There are exceptions, we fear, but the large increase of crime is among those who have never been in our jails and prisons. It seems as though a

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