

OCCASIONAL PAPER, ETC.

THE Committee have the satisfaction of presenting further Reports of the progress of the Mission.

Since the publication of the last Occasional Paper, two additions have been made to the agency employed, viz., Mr. Hurst, transferred from Newfoundland, and appointed lay missionary, and Miss Williams, a teacher of superior qualifications, from the Home and Colonial Institution.

Such has been the progress of the Schools, that the original buildings, kindly lent by the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, the Rector of London (Canada West), were speedily found inadequate, and arrangements have been made for entering on larger premises. The necessity of this step will be seen from the fact, that, during the first six months 304 *were refused admission simply from want of room.* *

It is most gratifying to find that the efforts of Mr. Dillon and his coadjutors have elicited a very cordial response from Christians in the Colony. Thus the Rev. H. Grasett, Examining Chaplain to the Bishop, writes to Mr. Dillon :—

"I am very happy indeed to hear so favorable a report of your progress, and that your schools are in so flourishing a condition. This will, doubtless, be cheering to our friends in the old country who take such a lively interest in the Mission, and encourage them to persevere in a work which promises to be productive of blessings both to the blacks and whites. I have heard from several quarters of Mr. Ballantine's great aptitude for his department of the work, and the zeal and energy with which he fulfils it."

There has, moreover, been no lack of voluntary fellow laborers in the Sunday schools, and in other departments of usefulness, and much liberality has been manifested in contributions towards the heavy expenses on buildings, fittings up, &c. While, however, much has been done

* See Rev. M. M. Dillon's Report.