

cities give for non-attendance at church—(the high price of the pews rents)—cannot be a plea in Toronto, for we believe there is not a place of worship in the city where there are not many pews set apart for strangers.

*Carelessness, irreligion, profligacy, and scepticism*, are the true causes of this neglect of, or contempt for the public ordinances of religion, and as unhappily these abound in all large cities, the aggressive measure of carrying the Gospel to them was adopted, and resulted in the formation of those Societies which are known as "City Missions."

In London, Manchester, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and some other cities, *these* have been in operation for many years, and they have been signally owned and honoured of God, for they have broken in upon the strongholds of irreligion, vice and crime, in the densely crowded parts of these cities, and have rescued many from the hands of the destroyer.

The same sad state of a large portion of our population, and a similar desire to send the Gospel amongst them, led to the formation of the "TORONTO CITY MISSION," above five years ago, and since that time the Committee, according to the measure of support they have received from the Christian public (which, however, has not been at all equal to the importance of the cause), have anxiously sought to carry out the great object of the Mission.

Three years ago, it was proposed at the public meeting that on account of the extent of the field to be occupied, two Missionaries should be employed in addition to the one already engaged in the work; but inadequacy of funds prevented the Committee from acting on the proposition.

Last year, however, through the active exertions of the Ladies' Committee, funds were provided, and two additional Missionaries, Mr. Gemmil and Mr. Johnstone, were employed for a great part of that year. These, with the first Missionary, Mr. Stewart, were actively engaged in distinct portions of the city; but unfortunately ere the year closed, the Committee were compelled to discontinue the services of those who had so recently been brought into the work, and for the same reason that has always crippled their efforts—the want of funds.

But experience has fully satisfied them, that such labour is imperatively called for, because such labourers are peculiarly fitted to reach and to affect that class, for whose benefit the Mission was instituted, and which, unhappily, is a numerous one in our city; and they cannot but hope, that when the subject is prayerfully considered, the friends of truth will be induced to come forward more liberally, and enable them