

points where congregations varying from 30 to 120, have assembled for the worship of God during the summer, are left almost entirely without supply for the present half year. This is due in part to want of funds, but even more to the paucity of labourers, and as some Presbyteries remote from the College, and unable to avail themselves of the services of students during the winter season, must be even in a worse condition, it is surely time some measures were adopted to remedy an evil of so serious, and for the future of our Church, so threatening a character.

JOHN M. KING, Convener.

KNOX COLLEGE STUDENTS' MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT.

In the good Providence of God, we are once more permitted to meet in this Hall for the purpose of celebrating the fourth anniversary of our Society, as re-organized at the consummation of the Union in 1861. In surveying our past history, we discover many evidences of God's presence, many manifestations of his power. "The Lord hath done great things by us, whereof we are glad;" and it becomes us on again meeting together to deliberate upon matters pertaining to the well-being and prosperity of our Society, to render thanks to God for all that he hath wrought in us and by us in the past, and for the preserving care he hath exercised over each of us during the past year. No breach has been made in our number by the hand of death, and we would thank God for the measure of prosperity that has attended our labours in the mission field or otherwise during the months of our separation. While we feel sorry that circumstances have prevented a few of the Society's members from coming up with us this session, we are happy to learn that the membership on the whole will be but slightly diminished, the vacant places being nearly all filled by others whom we gladly welcome to our ranks. We humbly pray that the Great Shepherd may guide us in all our deliberations and labours during the session which has been commenced under such favourable auspices.

It now becomes the duty of your Committee to present a short report of the Society's operations during the past year. Last session the regular monthly meetings were well attended, and were characterized by earnestness and zeal in the prosecution of the interests of the Society, and charity and goodwill among its members. At the close of the session, your missionary, Mr. Paradis, who was not without experience in dealing with Roman Catholics, proceeded to the Society's mission-field in the counties of Essex and Kent. From various reports which had reached us, the Society had reason to suppose that Tilbury would prove a favourable field of operation during the summer, and thither your missionary hastened. But instead of finding the people disposed to listen to the Gospel message, as we were led to anticipate from the reports we had heard of that place, every where ignorance, superstition, bigotry and priestcraft presented their almost insurmountable barriers. Some difficulty with the priest with respect to secular affairs, proved to be the source of the rumours we had heard, and that being removed, Catholicism regained its power. The priest who is now labouring among them is very acceptable to the people, and seems to have succeeded in lulling to sleep the enquirers after truth, and in again spreading over their minds the mantle of Roman darkness out of which a few had been endeavouring to grope their way while the dissatisfaction with the former priest continued. At St. Francis and Stony Point, by means of public lectures, night schools and conversations, your missionary endeavoured to spread among the people a knowledge of the way of life. But on account of the active opposition of the priest, his labours were far from being attended with an encouraging measure of success. Very few of the