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efficient, the Secretary must be a man of high character and high competency. Only such men can overcome the difficulties of their constitution; for such men will overcome anything within the limits of possibility. Of this fact we have a striking illustration in the admirable working of the London City Mission at the present time. Its Committee is composed of very superior men, who discharge their functions in the best manner; but its life, its soul, the mainspring of its power, lie in its secretaryship. It was a happy hour for it, and the perishing multitudes, whose salvation is the object of its labours, when the Rev. Robert Ainslie resigned his pastoral charge, and wholly consecrated his time, talents, labours, and experience to this one undertaking. This measure has been the principal means of its prosperity. Had the Committee, in a perverse fit of pernicious economy, selected some feeble man, who might have been had for half his salary, their affairs would this day have presented a very different aspect. In this matter the London Committee present an example of practical sagacity, which all the cities and great towns in England, where such Missions are or may be established, would do well to imitate. It is everywhere an essential condition of efficiency, if not almost of existence. In every case a minister, of the first class, should be selected, and solicited to resign his charge that he may devote himself solely to this one thing. This resignation ought invariably to be insisted on. The junction of important pastoral charges with onerous secretaryships, cannot be too much deprecated. Men of extraordinary energy may, indeed, do much towards the efficient discharge of double functions; but this is the exception, and the reverse is the rule. There is still, however,