

the benefit of our school. From this cause the population is composed more of families who have resided some time in Canada, than of fugitives from the United States; the latter class generally remain in the frontier towns. At present there are not more than three thousand fugitives in the Province, while the resident coloured population cannot be less than thirty thousand. These mostly reside in the West, and are endeavouring to support themselves by their own industry. Such as are steady and economical, will, in a short time, provide themselves with comfortable homes.

At Buxton, we endeavoured, as far as possible, to prevent drunkenness and Sabbath desecration. Although no Temperance Society has been formed, yet the total abstinence principle has been rigidly observed; no intoxicating drinks are used at any of their gatherings, nor has there been seen, during the past two years, a single case of drunkenness in the settlement. Although all do not attend Church regularly, yet, nearly all attend to the outward observance of the Lord's day. In September last, the Lord's Supper was dispensed, for the first time at the Mission, by Dr. Willis, who preached and presided on the occasion; Mr. King, the missionary, acting as elder. It was a time of refreshing to all. Eight members belonging to the settlement, besides a number from the churches in Tilbury and Chatham, sat down at the Lord's table. For want of room in the house, the services were conducted in a grove adjoining the Mission premises. It was delightful to see the settlers gathering from the bush on the Sabbath morn; and refreshing to hear the voice of prayer and praise ascend from the forest, where, a few years ago, all was stillness and solitude.

The attendance at church depends much on the state of the weather, varying from one hundred to one hundred and forty. There appears to be among all a growing desire for the word and ordinances, but more particularly in the Bible Class, which is composed of those who are regular in their attendance at church. The Sabbath School has increased considerably during the past year; there are, at present, fifty-three enrolled, and their numbers are increasing.

Mr. John Straith, from Knox's College, Toronto, who has charge at present of the day-school, and who superintends the Sabbath School, has succeeded in obtaining a number of male and female teach-

ers from the young people in the neighbourhood, who have kindly consented to take classes in the school. A want of teachers in this department is a difficult one, which has been hitherto felt, there being but one, and at most only two teachers to attend to all the classes. This want has now been supplied, and the result is, an increased attendance at the school.—The attendance at the day-school is also steady and on the increase; the number on the roll is seventy-three, about twenty of these are the children of white parents, who send to the Mission school, there being no other school in the neighbourhood.

With the view of carrying out one of the objects of the Mission, the training up of a native agency, a Latin class was formed last November, consisting of six African youths, who have made considerable progress, and appear to be no way deficient in point of intellect, in acquiring the language. The hope is entertained, with the blessing of God, to have some of these youths prepared for the college, and, we trust, that the school will be one of the fountains that will send forth healing waters to Africa. The Treasurer will report on the financial state of the Mission, which will require to be placed on a more efficient and permanent basis.

In November last, Mr. King visited the United States, with the view of awakening an interest in the Mission, and, if possible, obtaining co-operation in aiding to support it. His object was not so much to collect funds, as to form Associations that would act permanently in future.—As the season was too far advanced for travelling, he was only able to visit a few places in Michigan, and one in Illinois. All the members of the Association formed in Chicago, feel a lively interest in our operations. The coloured inhabitants of that city, presented a complete set of Mitchell's Outline Maps, for the day school, also a beautiful map of Palestine for the Sabbath School.

In reviewing the past, grateful thanks are due to God for his goodness vouchsafed. The health of the station has, in general, been good, and the progress in all departments gradual and steady.

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