

Nazareth Street Mission.

During the past year, the work at the Mission Hall has been continued along the lines of former years. Services have been held on Thursday, and Sunday evenings. The attendance at these meetings has been good. During the summer as a rule fewer people attend, after being shut up for a week in their close and dusty workshops, they are strongly inclined to take a stroll by the river, or to resort to one of the up-town parks on Sunday evenings with their families, away from the oppressive air, and smoky begrimed streets of their homes.

Last summer however the attendance was larger than the year preceding, at the same season. In winter large numbers of people avail themselves of the privilege of gospel meetings, and the services seem to be much appreciated; as a rule there are present fewer men than women. One marked difference this year is that larger numbers of the young manifest an interest. It is most encouraging to see the boys and the girls of the Sunday school regularly taking their places at the meetings, sometimes bringing their parents and friends with them. These young people are the most difficult to interest, and often it is a most trying experiment to secure their attention; the mission hall being on the corner of two streets, where in the summer evenings crowds of boys are shouting and playing, and when the street cars and cabs gallop over the stony pavement, amid all this to secure and hold the attention of an audience, especially when the hall is hot and uncomfortable, is no easy matter. In regard to order however we have nothing to complain; those attending the services have due regard for the house of God, and as a rule are in behaviour most discreet.

During the winter a missionary meeting called the "Honan Mission Band" meets fortnightly, on Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock; its object is to interest the young, by giving them an opportunity of contributing something for the work, and of hearing missionary news from the