

with feelings of almost loathing in too many cases. I had much difficulty to persuade a family the other day to employ a coloured lad. They were quite amazed when I told them I had had many years' experience of the negro character, and could testify to their honesty and faithfulness and also religious principle, though improvident."

## 2. TORONTO.

In the city of Toronto Mr. Hosken has continued to labour among the coloured people, upwards of 1,000 in number, who reside there. He has met with much to interest and encourage him in his work. The following extracts are given from Mr. Hosken's Report of September last :—

"I have been enabled to pay 130 visits to coloured people, 110 to whites; 11 lectures have been delivered at the hospital on Sundays; 13 general visits to ditto; 6 visits to gaol; 8 visits to the house of industry; 9 visits to lying-in hospital; class for instruction in reading has been met but a few times; tracts distributed, 400; families of coloured children sent to Sunday-school, 2. One adult, who had fallen into a state of carelessness, has been quickened, reported to pastor, and restored to communion.

"In prosecuting my important work I have met with a great variety of character; the daring sceptic and blasphemous; the confirmed inebriate and licentious; the confirmed impenitent and the trembling penitent, the backslider in heart, and others whose minds seem but rarely to have admitted a Gospel ray, and consequently are asleep in their sins. Many of the above I find among our fugitives.

"To many of our coloured families I trust that my visits have been useful during the quarter. I will instance a few.

### A SOUL KEPT BY GOD.

"Mrs. W.—. This woman has been a resident of Canada for many years past. On the rolls of the Wesleyan Methodist Church her name at one time stood; violent and unremitting bitter dissensions amongst the other members of that Church rendered her withdrawal necessary, she being of a strictly peaceful turn of mind. By the clergy of the Church she appears to have been overlooked, and hence remained without the fold of the visible Church; but, striking to record, she appears to have been preserved in a very gracious manner from falling away from God though so circumstanced. During the past quarter the rough hand of affliction arrested her. Learning this I deemed it my duty to visit her more frequently; those visits were desired earnestly by her. Her confidence in God was remarkably strong, her submission to Him appeared to be complete. Whilst engaged in devotion in several instances the joyous smile, the silent tear, the earnest, but half restrained 'Praise the Lord for his loving kindness to me' showed unmistakably how Divine grace can support its possessor in the furnace of affliction. It was never an hardship to visit Mrs. W.; the chamber where she suffered might be aptly termed, 'The gate of heaven.' Contrary to all expectations she is partially raised and adorns the profession she makes by consistent, earnest, devotedness to God. I am not aware that any other religious visits were paid her during her sickness.

"Mrs. L.—. This woman was convinced of her need of Christ and repeatedly wept while I was attending her, but I did not conclude that she was made a partaker of renewing grace. God (doubtless in love) afflicted her with temporary convulsions. These were made the means of increasing her earnestness for salvation. It is now feared that her disease is settled consumption. I cannot yet conclude that she is scripturally born of the Spirit, but I hope it may be truly said, 'Thou art not far from the kingdom.' No other religious visits are ever paid this woman so far as I know.

### AN INQUIRER.

"Mr. S.—. This is quite an aged person, considered very respectable, and placed by