

Simultaneously with the growth of our Association there has been a wide extension of that important field of Christian enterprise from which we are seeking to gather fruit for the garner of our Lord, and it behooves every active member to be diligently engaged, in one or more of those departments of our labour.

The past year has been marked in the annals of the Association more by the manifestation of spiritual life and activity than by the introduction of any novelty into our methods of operation.

We have never lost sight of the fact, that the great and primary object of our united effort is to allure, by the exhibition of the pure light of the Gospel, and the exaltation of our blessed Redeemer's atoning work,—those of our young men who appear to disregard the glorious privileges and advantages which are freely offered to all who will earnestly seek them. And, as contributory to this truly spiritual work we strive to introduce young men into those circles of influence which are best calculated to strengthen the formation of good habits and foster the growth of Christian character.

The various committees under whose direction the proceedings of our Association have been regulated submit their reports, which exhibit the nature and extent of our Society's operations during the past year, and it is hoped that we shall derive from these records new incentives to the exercise of faith and diligence in the prosecution of that Christian work which, in humble dependence upon the Divine Blessing, we have undertaken.

Although these reports of a year's activity cannot fail to elicit expressions of intense thankfulness, yet it reminds us of our not having laboured with that diligence which our privileges and opportunities have demanded.

Let us remember that it is "more blessed to give than to receive"—that the Christian life is one of Ministry—and that we cannot more closely follow our "Great Example" than by endeavouring in the strength of the Lord Jesus to enlist our fellow men as soldiers of the Cross. There are thousands of young men in this large City, who are walking "in the ways of their own heart," and in the sight of "their own eyes,"

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