

which are hereunto subjoined, your Committee learn that in many pleasing instances, their labours have been crowned with obvious and abundant success. The intemperate and idle have become sober and industrious; the vicious and immoral have been reclaimed and reformed; and some, there is good reason to believe, have been hopefully converted to the faith of the Gospel. In this work of faith and labour of love, it is surely no less the privilege than the duty of all the faithful in Christ Jesus, earnestly and prayerfully to persevere, authorised and sanctioned as they are by the word of God, and owned and blessed by his Spirit.

But from these journals your Committee glean also intelligence of a kind different from this—intelligence which, while it pains our sympathies, rebukes our apathetic indifference, and cruel neglect of the moral and spiritual condition of our fellow citizens.

With the rapidly increasing population of the city, intemperance, ignorance, and vice keep pace, if they do not actually greatly increase. Large numbers of our citizens never enter the house of God, are utterly ignorant of the Gospel, openly and grossly desecrate the Sabbath, and totally neglect the instruction of their children. In short, there are many of our neighbours, notwithstanding their relations to us, and their claims upon us, living in a state of practical heathenism.

Christian friends, is it in accordance with the teaching or genius of our holy, and benign, and active Christianity? Is it consistent with our profession of obedience to Christ and devotion to his cause? Is it in unison with our feelings of benevolent compassion for our erring and suffering brethren, to allow such a state of things to continue, without making every sacrifice; and putting forth every effort to effect a remedy? That something is already done, is well, but something more must be attempted, ere we be held guiltless, "For we are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us, and we would not hear."

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