

Irish courts, to which reference has been made in former Reports, a weekly prayer meeting has been established, attended by an average of thirty or forty poor persons. The bargemen of the canal are addressed every Sunday afternoon. When the students first commenced their efforts on behalf of this neglected class of men, scarcely one of them possessed a copy of the Scriptures. During the past year nearly 300 have been induced to purchase at a reduced price the New Testament; and many are found carefully reading the Word when the students pay their accustomed visits. Owing to the extensive building operations in Highbury, large bodies of brickmakers and carpenters have been brought together; these have been regularly visited and addressed by the students. A similar work has been carried on in the cattle lairs and coal yards. During the summer months ten or twelve different open air preaching stations were occupied on the Sunday evenings, under the direction of the Committee of the Islington Church Home Mission. By efforts such as these the missionary spirit is fostered, and much valuable experience gained, whilst at the same time an incalculable benefit is being conferred on hundreds, and even thousands, in the immediate neighbourhood of the Institution.

"In closing this Report, the Principal desires to express his sense of the invaluable services of the Vice-Principal and Tutor, whose labours and energies are unceasingly devoted to the best interests of the students; and who, by their ready and kind co-operation have greatly assisted and relieved him in his onerous and most responsible duties."

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#### "ESSAYS AND REVIEWS" INDICTED IN ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL.

We recently published a statement that the authors of the famous "Essays and Reviews" were to be held accountable to the constituted authorities of the Church of England, for the so-called heresies uttered by them. The *London Times* of the 19th of June brings us the report of the committee appointed by the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury to consider the subject matter of the obnoxious volume. The *Times* says:

The Venerable Archdeacon Denison rose and said: In discharge of my duty as chairman of the committee appointed in the early part of this year, by direction of his grace the President and the bishops of the Upper House, to examine a book called "Essays and Reviews," I beg to read the report agreed to by the committee:

"The Committee of the Lower House of Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, appointed by the direction of his Grace the President and their Lordships of the Upper House, to examine a book, entitled 'Essays and Reviews,' and to report thereon to the Lower House, 'in order that the Lower House may communicate to the Upper House whether there are sufficient grounds for proceeding to a Synodical judgment upon the book,' report as follows: