

The recent Mission of Rev. G. J. McDonald to the Eastern Shores, seems to demand particular attention at the present time; it therefore forms the chief feature of this report, other matters being only incidentally introduced. Last Spring, facts illustrative of the educational destitution of the shores were brought to the notice of the Mission Committee, and they were advised to connect enquiries and some exertions, in this important matter, with Temperance objects. An appeal had been made to the Legislature, respecting the Shore Settlements; sympathy was expressed, but nothing was done; and to humble, private exertion was left the task of attempting the accomplishment of some immediate good. Education seemed a fitting companion to Temperance. It would be a glorious work to supplant the bottle by the book;—to remove a cause of idleness and ignorance, and introduce the germs of mental activity and knowledge,—to rout a vicious indulgence, which, under the mask of pleasure, was misery in itself and misery in its results,—and to establish the true pleasures which arise from moral, religious education,—from the School-house, the domestic fireside, and the place of worship. The Temperance exertion, by the blessing of Providence, cast devils from the dwelling and made it clean and garnished, but some occupants should be provided for the vacancy, lest lukewarmness and relapse should be experienced. Therefore, hand in hand with Temperance, go the blessings of Education, rational recreation and Religion; Temperance is the natural forerunner, the assistant of these, and cannot be a solitary virtue. With such views the Committee directed their Missionary on the shores, to make educational objects part of his duty,—to enquire into the state of Education, and to advance it in any manner within his power. He performed his task, reported his progress, and from his report the subjoined outline-narrative, has been drawn.

Respecting the subject generally, the Missionary remarks, "that from the commencement of the Total Abstinence Reformation, success has always been in proportion to well directed efforts," and he argues that this must