

their effects. In the prosecution of this great work, we must naturally and laboriously bring the word of God in contact with many minds, the grace and the spirit of Christ with many individual souls; we must nurture small churches and congregations as far as we know on the model of the primitive churches, at a great cost of anxiety for the means to do it; we must impart a sound and broad secular and religious instruction to the young, who in a few years will be the heads of religious families, and by those means we know and feel that, while we are preparing a few happy souls for a purer world, we are also every year training a larger number for the service of God here below. We are spreading evangelical truth, and christian life, and holy influence that will some day pervade this land. The last year of our labors has contributed as much as any one year in this enterprise to the glorious result of all christian work. All the churches and congregations where we have been able to maintain a permanent laborer have shown an increase of congregations in attendance and of membership. Twenty-one have been baptised in our different little churches, and there are other candidates for this ordinance. Since the publication of our last Report, the examinations in the Feller Institute took place in the month of May before an unusually large number of the friends of the Mission. There was a reason for that, as intimated in Professor Roux's Report; it was owing to a somewhat sad circumstance: these examinations were to be the last in that building, for it had been already sold and to be vacated in a few weeks. There was yet another cause for sadness than the mere giving up of a building in which our Missionaries had taught the truth as it is in Jesus for more than twenty years: only during the first years of our establishment there did the truth make any converts from the surrounding resident community, while from year to year almost we were favored with a work of grace among the pupils of the Institute, who were from different parts of our field. With all due humility in the comparison, in leaving it we had something of the sadness which filled the heart of Jesus when He said: "If the miracles that have been wrought among you had been done in Sodom they would have repented." For twenty years our Missionaries have borne there an irreproachable christian character, and still the population remained as it were untouched. The time had arrived for removing the Institution to a more suitable place. It