

and intercession. The Committee would remark, that until the near approach of death, there seemed to linger in the mind of this poor man a sort of superstitious desire for the administration of the Lord's Supper, a rite which is essentially of a social character, and not intended to have been otherwise observed, and the administration of which, under such circumstances, has the most evident tendency to deceive. The desire, also, expressed by L—— about dying in communion with a particular Church, because it was the Church of his parents, seemed to have its origin in the want of a distinct apprehension that if he were a member of the invisible Household and family of faith, the particular branch to which he belonged was of small moment. But great allowance must even be made for minds not accustomed to reason closely on such subjects.

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Again must the Committee, as in former Reports, take up a lamentation over the intemperance which prevails in the City. Almost every page of the Missionaries' Journal bears sad testimony that it yet abounds to a fearful extent. The following specimens may suffice :—

June 18th.—Visited the Jail—found a sailor in it, who was taken up for being in liquor. He is 42 years of age, the son of religious parents from the County Down. For 22 years had rarely entered a place of worship, and for the last 12 years not at all. Got drunk last Saturday, and on Sunday morning found himself lying on the beach, all his clothes gone, and with them fifty-five dollars in cash! Poor Jack listened with attention to the Missionary's exhortations, and earnestly promised amendment. Another man said he had got drunk on his way from Kingston, for which offence he was shut up. A third was found drunk in his own waggon, and a fourth had been induced to take liquor by a pretended friend, had become quarrelsome, and shared the fate of the others. They all promised reformation, and to pay attention to their eternal interests.

November 20th.—Visited fourteen families. Met with one in great distress, without fire and without food; the wife lately dead—had been given to drink. The husband, though sober at the moment, a very intemperate person. He and his three children have no bread to eat. This man was wont to earn seven dollars a week.

November 21st.—Another case of drunkenness. Found the wife

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