

island, that God may pour out upon them in still more copious measure, his Spirit as "a Spirit of grace and of supplication," that they may be humbled on account of past shortcomings,—that they may be excited to diligence and activity in seeking to reach to still higher degrees of holy attainment,—that his own work in the midst of the years may be revived amongst them,—so that from them, as a portion of his own heritage, a revenue of praise may arise to his holy name.

In the other Congregations of a missionary character connected with the Synod, the same or similar plans of usefulness are prosecuted, and God is blessing the labours of his servants, who are placed over them, in the same manner, with more or less success. The result of these labours cannot now be fully estimated,—“the day shall declare it.” In the meanwhile, how earnestly ought all who are interested in the cause of truth, and the progress of the gospel, and the religious training of a young and rising generation, to seek that God may strengthen the hands of his servants more and more for the work in which they are engaged, and make them the honored instruments of turning many “from darkness to light, and from the service of Satan to that of the living and true God!”

STATIONS WITH LOCATED PREACHERS.

The number of Stations enjoying at present the benefits of the system of location is *twenty*. These are variously situated in different parts of the country. In the case of some of these Stations, a regular dispensation of divine ordinances has been established, and the preaching of the gospel and other means of instruction that have been employed, have been attended with marked and pleasing effects. In regard to all of them, it may be said, that the “*Locating System*,” by which a Preacher is led to settle down in one place, and to devote his attention to *Missionary* work for three, six, or twelve months, or upwards, has been productive of eminent advantage. The labours of Preachers so occupied, are most interesting; and, viewed in relation to the sphere in which they are situated are, in the highest degree, useful. The following are a few extracts from the Reports of some of the Preachers who were located for different periods at our Stations during the past year:—

“According to appointment,” writes one who was sent to a very needful Station on the borders of England,—“I entered on my labours at ——— in January, and continued during the months of January, February, and March, to follow out the design of my mission. I preached every Sabbath—morning and evening. The attendance varied from 35 to 75. There was a Sabbath school taught in the afternoon, attended by about 24 boys and girls. Some of them were merely learning to read and appeared to receive no other instruction than that which they here obtained. We had a prayer meeting every Thursday evening, attended by from 20 to 24. I visited the people one or two days every week and distributed religious tracts. The town contains a population of 6000 or 7000 souls.