

the Hospital, where he expressed a desire to have some person to read and pray with him. The Serjeant sent for me. I went to see him, and found that he felt much distressed on account of his evil heart, and his sinfulness in the sight of God. He asked for a Tract called "*The Roll Call*," which I procured him. I gave him also a Tract entitled, "*Ye must be born again*," which I humbly hope proved the power of God to his salvation. He died shortly after, with a good hope of enjoying life eternal, through the merits of a crucified Redeemer. I would likewise mention the case of a person in the same company with myself, who, upon reading a Tract on Prayer, was induced to inquire whether he had ever performed that duty. Upon a serious consideration of the subject, I have reason to hope that he has become a new creature in Christ Jesus, having since united himself to a Christian society, where he maintains a good religious character. A young man in the 24th Regiment, and another in the Guards, to whom I gave them, have since united themselves to Christian churches, and are, I trust, truly converted to the Lord.

"There are several other cases, in which I have reason to hope that the blessing of God has succeeded my efforts; so that I am constrained to continue to work with diligence. And my prayer to Almighty God is, that during the year that lies before us, a greater degree of powerful exertion may be made by the Young Men's Tract Society."

Another distributor speaks with delight of the readiness with which the Tracts were received and read, by many of the French Canadians. Here is a promising field, which deserves to be cultivated with assiduity.

#### LOVELY FRUITS OF THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

[We had laid aside the following paper for insertion, some time ago; but the pressure of other matter excluded it. Still it is too delightful to be lost, and we gladly insert it now. Will not our kind British friends remember also the crying wants of their FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN in *Canada* ?]

If the happy time is ever to arrive, when Christians shall be of one heart, and one soul, when one work shall employ their hands, and one prayer fill their hearts, it will be when the true missionary spirit prevails. It may be known to our readers, that the English Baptist Missionary Society, in view of the wants of India, recently undertook to

enlarge their operations, by the addition of ten missionaries. For this purpose, they made a special effort among the friends of missions in England, of all denominations, to raise £5,000 sterling, and the Committee resolved that, for every £500 thus raised, they would send out one missionary, whom they engaged afterwards to support.

The following extract of a letter, to Mr. Pearce, from Rev. James Hill, of Oxford, who resided many years in Calcutta, in connection with the London Missionary Society, and was intimately acquainted with the course of the Baptist missionaries, will shew the spirit which prevails among these fellow-labourers:—

"I would avail myself of this opportunity of adverting to a feature in the labours of your Society in India, which you in your letter have modestly overlooked, or not brought prominently into view—that is, the direct bearing which many of those labours have had on the exertions and general usefulness of the missionaries of other denominations. I allude particularly to the translations of the Holy Scriptures, which have been executed by some, more especially by one, of your number; which, together with those that have issued from the Serampore press, have furnished other missionaries, whose talents and physical energies qualified them for the more active duties of preachers to the natives, with the means of giving extension, efficiency, and durability to their labours, beyond what could have been obtained simply by oral instruction. The School-Book Society, which has supplied excellent elementary works in all the more popular languages of that part of India; and the Christian Tract and Book Society, the fruits of which are reaped by every Christian mission in the east—the former almost entirely, the latter to a great extent—have been indebted to your society for their most active and efficient agents."

Every one who loves the missionary cause, and is extensively acquainted with its movements, has heard of the Rev. Richard Knill, late of Petersburg, and formerly missionary in India. He writes to one of the Baptist brethren this characteristic letter:

DEAR MR. DYER,—I have read the Appeal of Br. Pearce, and I trust it will pierce ten thousand hearts, and make them feel deeply and effectually for India.

He pleads for ten missionaries, and surely his plea will be heard. You have the men, but you want £5000 for their equipment and passage-money, &c. &c. Well, £5000 make just one hundred fifties, when distributed among the three kingdoms. I will give you one fifty on Christmas-day, if your friends