

Secondly, the building.—In the judgment of the committee the building should comprise a hall capable of containing a thousand persons; a library sufficiently large to receive the books already collected in the Congregational Library, with such additions as it is expected will be made; a waiting-room, and offices for the accommodation of *all* our denominational institutions; and, in the basement, a strong, fire-proof room for the deposit of deeds and other important documents; and all necessary offices.

Thirdly, the uses to which the building should be applied.—The hall to be used for public meetings of a religious or a benevolent character, and for literary or scientific purposes. It will afford a great convenience for the Annual Assembly, or other meetings of the Congregational Union, and, if found expedient, might be occasionally used, like some other public buildings, for public worship. Arrangements are contemplated for increasing, under proper regulations, facilities of access to the library for literary purposes. By the concentration of all our denominational organizations in one building, it is obvious many advantages will be secured.

As the building will not be raised, like some others, by shares or loans bearing interest, but by the free contributions of those who feel interested in the object, the charge for offices occupied by the different societies, and for the use of the hall, will be moderate, but must be sufficient to provide for the payment of the librarian, hall-keeper, rates, taxes, and occasional repairs.

Finally, as to the cost of the building.—On this the committee do not venture to express an opinion, further than to remind their friends that it will necessarily be considerable. A freehold site (and it must be freehold) in the city of London will be a serious item in the cost. The building too, with the greatest regard to economy, must still be worthy alike of the occasion and of the Congregational community to whom it will belong.

Such are the views which, after careful and mature consideration, the committee entertain of this interesting and important object. They submit them with confidence to the contributors to the Bicentenary Fund and others, and would respectfully but very earnestly appeal to the entire denomination to aid them in carrying out a scheme, the necessity for which is urgent, and the advantages of which are great and manifold. An early intimation of the sums to be appropriated to this object will enable the committee to adopt such measures for carrying it into effect as circumstances will admit.

Signed, by order of the Committee,

THOMAS JAMES, *Honorary Secretary*.

THE MIDNIGHT CRY.—The Committee of the Midnight Meetings send out men at night into the vicious scenes of the Haymarket, &c., from Ten p.m. to Two a.m., with long placards, containing striking passages of Scripture in English and French. Hundreds stop and read. Let the Gospel continue thus to be preached. The cost each night is 10s. for four men.

Will any friend meet the expense of one week's publications, or even one night?

Contributions thankfully received by the Treasurer, Lieut.-Col. John Worthy, 12 Westbourne-park-villas, W.; or the Secretary, Mr. Theophilus Smith, 27 Red Lion-square, W.C.

The commemorative services of St. Bartholomew's Day have been followed up in Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Norwich, and Bocking by public meetings and conferences of a very successful character. It is evident that the question has taken a deep hold upon the Nonconformists of England and Wales, and that after the excitement of the Bicentenary has passed away, their faith in their principles and resolution to maintain them will have been permanently deepened.—*Nonconformist*.