

and with this, vast and most delightful results might be anticipated.

Notwithstanding the extensive local sphere which the Society had around them, the great importance of a Mission to the country parts of the Province, was pressed on their attention, about three years ago, and they undertook the enterprise. They heard of the cause languishing, of Societies declining, of intemperance renewing or extending its hold; and they believed that the visit of a faithful messenger would do much good, in reviving, reorganizing, forming new Societies, and generally extending the influence of a principle of the utmost consequence to public and private prosperity. The enterprise was attended with pecuniary risk, and some might think it hazardous as regarded such responsibility; but the evil which might result from neglect, and the good which might be expected from exertion, seemed too great to admit of hesitation, when any opportunity for action appeared. The Committee to whom was entrusted the subject resolved on the attempt;—they sent the Rev. Mr. Knowlan, west, and Rev. G. J. McDonald, east, and gave sanction and hearty thanks to Judge Marshall in his gratuitous services, and the result has triumphantly proved the wisdom of daring to do good under difficulties. Inestimable benefits have followed the endeavour; the pecuniary debt which remains can easily be discharged by a little public exertion; and the whole expense should not be put in comparison with a very small part of the good achieved. The Mission has opened up new paths of usefulness, and has reacted on the Home Society; its principle was, to improve opportunities wherever they appeared, instead of resting satisfied with attacking barriers near at hand, which were stubborn in resistance, and might be best impressed by the general progress. This is the spirit of Missions in every cause; and the generous feeling which impels them is never without due reward coming back to the bosom where it originated. The home-field should be carefully cultivated; but a Mission abroad, occasionally, may plant valuable germs in the wild and solitary place, which may bear fruit abundantly, and thus add to the general riches.