

acknowledge the amount sent in by the different Churches in such a way as to meet the eye of those who subscribe so willingly. It ought also to be mentioned that the Ladies' Aid Society gave various donations in clothing etc. to the St. Nicholas Street Temperance Home, the Montreal General Hospital, the Hervey Institute, etc., which are not reckoned in the above statement. Nor, although almost entirely dedicating its energies and benefactions to assisting general Christian work, has it been unmindful of the fact that there are hundreds of young women, the Class in the Congregation from which its ranks were originally wholly recruited, who equally belong to the Church, but are doing little for it, and many of whom are not even known to myself. With the laudable design of drawing at least some of these into an active sympathy with their Society, the Office-Bearers repeatedly invited them to meet socially in the Lecture Room. There is much in which, by hand and head employed at leisure hours, the very busiest of that number might materially aid the Aid Society in their blessed exertions for common good.

I have hitherto only indirectly alluded to three Congregational agencies which are entitled to special and separate mention.

1. *The East End Mission.* It will be remembered that this Mission has been more or less under the wing of St. Andrew's Church for about nine years. It has had a chequered history, but I am happy to say that, under the unwearied ministry of the Rev. S. Massey, it has been, for upwards of three years, successful beyond the most sanguine expectations. I am all the more thankful for this, as I was not one of those who, at first, favoured the planting of our Mission so far from our own Church; and there can be no doubt that the Mission Church itself is not in the most central or suitable locality. But Mr. Massey is one who does not know what insuperable difficulties are, and neither situation nor opposition has prevented the perfect prosperity of his labours. He holds two Services each Sunday and a week day one on Thursday evening. As is generally the case, the chief congregation is on the Sunday evening, when the attendance is very large. The Sabbath School meets in the morning, and continues to be quite full; many of the Teachers being also Teachers in that of St. Andrew's Church, and going down from up-town with praiseworthy regularity. There is every reason to believe that the Mission has been a blessing to many who, but for it, would be without the means of grace. It always gives me great pleasure to dispense both the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism in the Panet St. Church, and the sight of so many availing themselves of these most holy ordinances is unspeakably touching.

2. *The Sunday School.* It is not at all necessary, I trust, to unfold all the satisfaction I have had, more particularly for the last five years, in this part of our Congregational life. I could not, even though it were. My joy in being with the dear lambs of the flock from Sunday to Sunday, being identified with them in their pursuits and exercises, is simply unutterable. God, Who knows my heart, knows that I love the Sunday School with a deep and passionate love; and I never can or will think of it in any other light than as one of the most important departments of the work of the Church. The number of those belonging to it is about 400 with upwards of 30 Teachers, and the average attendance is close upon 240—taking in the Mission Sunday School, the roll of Sabbath Scholars in connection with St. Andrew's Church reaches beyond 600. For the last five years, I have had great happiness in conducting a general lesson for the whole School, chiefly upon the previous Sunday's passage, at the close of the exercises, which serves the double object of refreshing the memory of the Scholar and establishing a bond between myself and all in all the classes. Sunday School offerings have all along been taken up each Sunday, which, for the past ten years, aggregated the sum of \$1435.07 and were given partly for the support of native children in several of the Orphanages in India, and partly to the East End Mission, Hervey Institute, Ladies' Benevolent Institution, Canadian Woman's Board of Missions (Workers for Christ), Deaf and Dumb Institution, Canada Sunday School Union &c. &c. The library is being, every year or two, largely replenished, and is one of the best in the City. A new feature, introduced within the last four years, is the formation of a Band of Hope, composed of both those who do not see their way to take a pledge and those who do; and the fortnightly meetings of this Comprehensive Temperance Society