

pleading poverty, as an excuse for not giving, is discrediting the promises of God, and losing sight of God's special providence; for there is that giveth, and it increaseth; and there is that which withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty. Finally, Brethren and Sisters, in connexion with your present duty—the Missionary Society—the claims of thousands of the unsaved in Canado, hear and ponder the words of God himself, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither thou goest."

STATE OF THE MISSIONS.

KINGSTON.—Increase, twenty-one.—We have regarded this Mission with special interest from its commencement, as forming a sort of centre of Missionary operations for our Eastern work. For several years the cause was a struggle for existence; but of late, the erection of a commodious church in the city during the last year has given an additional stimulus to the enterprise. Open-air preaching in the summer, faithful pastoral visiting, and special revival services in the winter, have been blessed.

PORTLAND.—Increase, four.—The increase the preceding year was fifty; and although the number this year is few, yet the Mission has gained in consolidation, and it numbers a membership of 282. In July last, this Mission detached Piccadilly from itself, as a separate Station, with a few preaching places and a number of members, which partly accounts for the small increase shown. May the onward movement still be sounded!

NAPANEE.—Increase, one.—We were *sanguine enough to believe*, that as this Mission commenced the year with two Missionaries, additional places might be missioned, and consequently an increase of the membership would have corresponded. After the first quarter of the year, however, one of Missionaries was withdrawn, and the work on the old ground has not been much expanded. Still we trust that vigorous and faithful effort will realize its appropriate results on this Station.