

November 17th, 1839, was *twenty-seven*: the number formed from that time to the present is *twenty-six*. This Society has two objects in view. It seeks not only to *form* Missions, but to *promote their efficiency*. In other words, when these Institutions have been established, and have existed for some time, it is the anxious wish of the Society, by correspondence, and by visitation, to render such assistance as they may require. They have most of them, their annual public meetings also, at which the Secretary of the Parent Society can render material assistance, by relating what has been done in other towns, and by urging, in a mannner that a stranger only can do, the friends of such Institutions to continued and increased contributions.

The City and Town Mission Society, which has now entered upon the *eighth* year of its existence, has been the instrument of great good. It had at the outset to encounter much difficulty; but each successive year has witnessed its growing strength; and I rejoice to learn, from its Secretary, that "at no time, from its establishment, has its position been so favourable as at the present period."

As specimens of the working of Missions in the provinces, two of the first class may be selected—those of Manchester and Leeds. That of Manchester employs no fewer than *thirty-five* Agents. The following is a statement of their labour and its results for the last two years:—

Tracts distributed . . . . .	802,424
Visits paid, including 26,311 to the sick and the dying . . . . .	308,988
Meetings for reading the Scriptures, exhortation, and prayer . . . . .	10,885
Average attendance at each meeting . . . . .	28
Testaments and Psalms lent . . . . .	1,047