

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF

The Toronto City Mission,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1858.

TORONTO :

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1859.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION.

“The object of the Society shall be, to extend the knowledge of the Gospel, irrespective of peculiar tenets in regard to Church government, among the poor of this City, by domiciliary visits for religious conversation and reading the Scriptures; by meetings for prayer and Christian instruction; by promoting the circulation of the Scriptures and Religious Tracts; by stimulating the poor to a regular attendance upon the preaching of the Gospel; by increasing Scriptural education; by the formation of Loan Libraries; and the adoption of such other means as the managers may judge important, in order to attain the designs of the Society.

“For carrying these objects into effect, the Society, recognizing the obligations on Christians to visit the poor, will avail itself of voluntary agents, as far as they may be obtained, who shall be employed as Superintendents or Visitors. Individuals of approved character and qualifications shall also be engaged to give up their time to the work, who shall be remunerated for their services, and be entirely at the disposal of the managers. No person shall be recognized as an agent of this Society, either gratuitously or paid, who is not of decided piety and evangelical principles.”

List of Officers.

COMMITTEE:

PETER BROWN, Esq.	JAMES FRASER, Esq.
PETER FREELAND, Esq.	HUGH MILLER, Esq.
HON. OLIVER MOWAT, M.P.P.	JOHN RIDDELL, Esq.
HENRY FOWLER, Esq.	— KERR, Esq.
A. T. McCORD, Esq.	GEORGE HAGUE, Esq.
F. T. PARSONS, Esq.	JAMES BAIN, Esq.

JOHN MACKINTOSH, Esq.

Treasurer—W. D. TAYLOR, Esq.

Secretaries—JOHN C. GEIKIE and G. A. PYPER, Esqs.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the TORONTO CITY MISSION was held in Knox's Church, Queen Street, on Thursday, Nov. 18th, 1858, at half-past 7 o'clock. After singing and prayer the Rev. Dr. JENNINGS was called to the Chair, in the absence of the Pastor of the Church, the Rev. A. TOPP.

The Report having been read, with the Treasurer's Report and Statement, it was then

Moved by the Rev. Dr. FYFE, seconded by PETER BROWN, Esq., and

Resolved, 1.—That the Report now read be adopted and printed.

Moved by the Rev. W. GREGG, seconded by Rev. W. REID, and supported by Rev. F. H. MARLING, and

Resolved, 2.—That it is at once our interest and duty, while in no measure diminishing our efforts for the benefit of our fellow men at a distance, to care especially for those who, close at hand, and of the same race and empire as ourselves, are in want of all the aid, physical and religious, that we can bestow on them, and that the Agency of City Missions is admirably adapted to meet and relieve their case.

A collection having been taken up, it was then

Moved by A. T. McCORD, Esq., seconded by G. A. PYPER, Esq., and

Resolved, 3.—That the following gentlemen be the Committee and Office-bearers of the City Mission for the ensuing year:—

Committee—PETER BROWN, Esq.; PETER FREELAND, Esq.; HON. OLIVER MOWAT, M. P. P., HENRY FOWLER, Esq.; A. T. McCORD, Esq.; F. T. PARSONS, Esq.; JOHN MACKINTOSH, Esq.; JAMES FRASER, Esq.; HUGH MILLER, Esq.; JOHN RIDDELL, Esq.; — KERR, Esq.; GEORGE HAGUE, Esq.; JAMES BAIN, Esq. *Treasurer*—W. D. TAYLOR, Esq. *Secretaries*—JOHN C. GEIKIE and G. A. PYPER, Esqs.

All Evangelical Ministers in the City are ex-officio officers of the Committee.

After the benediction, which was pronounced by the Rev. J. ELLERBY, the meeting broke up.

REPORT.

The City Mission has been, as usual, in steady operation since last Report, nor is there any agency that more justly claims a liberal regard. Its object needs only to be stated to secure universal favour. Other missions seek the desolate of other lands ; this finds its sphere among the desolate immediately around us. It leaves to other instrumentalities the elevation of the foreign heathen, and goes forth into our own lanes and alleys, to search out the heathen in our midst. For it is a melancholy fact, that, if in our cities there be high civilization, and a concentration of religious agencies, there is yet a grievous counterpart of social degradation, ignorance and ungodliness, lying in the darker shadow from the light which it so closely approaches. We have the naked to clothe, the hungry to feed, the outcast to reclaim, the desolate to comfort, the benighted to enlighten, the valley of the shadow of death dark to us all, but darkened with additional gloom to not a few, to lighten for the lonely footstep. All we have hitherto been able to do has been but little compared to the necessities which press on us, but still amidst much that has been beyond our reach we have been enabled to do something. If the favour of God be shown by the permission to accomplish good, the Mission has not been unnoticed by Him whom it has been instituted to honour. It is the prayer of the Committee that the future may see growing zeal and faithfulness in the direction

"I have often wondered what made these people come to my meeting—but I think there is an overruling Providence in it who wisely adapts the means to the end. A prayer meeting is commenced not by a minister but by a missionary ; not in a church but in an humble dwelling, and this is precisely what suits this people. They will go and continue to go to this humble dwelling, corresponding perhaps a little with themselves, when they could not be persuaded to go to a church or chapel."

"I lately visited a house where was a man, his wife and four little children in poor circumstances owing to want of employment. The man is a sober industrious carpenter, and has tried hard, but can get no work. Through the kindness of one gentleman they have got some wood from the House of Industry lately, for which they seem very thankful. I was affected to tears to see a poor little child wasted almost to a skeleton through a severe cough, sitting in its mother's bosom as though it wished to say 'give me health.' She had just returned with it from the hospital, and the Doctor told her that if she wished to spare the child's life she must go immediately and get it a bottle of the best wine. 'I cannot get it now,' said she, 'but I hope to have a chance of earning a little money soon.' I went immediately and got the wine, and it had the desired effect, for the child is now playing about the house and seems getting quite well again."

An illustration of the beneficent action of the City Mission has lately been afforded, so striking as to leave no room for indifference on the part of any. One half of the world, says the proverb, does not know how the other half lives. We know neither half the struggles through which some pass, nor half the nobleness of some passages of the obscurest lives, nor, happily, half the degradation on which the sun daily looks down even in the next street. One family with which the agent of the Society became first acquainted, some time since, by the attendance of some of its members at the Sabbath School of the Mission, at the Don, presents in brief an epitome of what can seldom be found,

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except in many. Of the children three young women had attended the School, but having left it suddenly had been for some months lost sight of. At last they were discovered, and the story of the household came fully out. The mother led a dissipated and immoral life, and had led her daughters into profligacy, which ended in their being sent to gaol. The father and mother were often in gaol, either at the same time, or the one got free only to find that the other had been again confined. Two little boys were kept by their mother in the infamous house she frequented when at liberty, to beg for her. The three girls were come upon by the missionary while in gaol, and with them the benefits of the mission began. They were persuaded to enter the Magdalen Asylum, when they gave steady evidence, by a long continued reform, that they had been won from the error of their ways. It is surely no light thing that God has permitted an agent of the Society thus to bring back to the light of life three of one family from the very gates of death and of hell. While the daughters were at the Magdalen Asylum, the father was sent to gaol, and while there was visited, and promised reformation. On getting free he seemed to remember his promise, and at once left for a country town where he could get employment. Thus another of the household was, for the time at least, drawn up from the abyss. During the father's imprisonment, the mother also was sent to gaol, and her two boys of 6 and 7 years respectively, were thus left alone and uncared for. Learning their position, the agent took steps to get them admitted to the House of Industry, and after a short time got them sent away to a married sister in the States, who was in a comfortable position, and kindly offered to take care of them. Thus two more waifs were saved from we know not how sad a future. The mother, once more free, returned to her wickedness, but was soon in a miserable condition, disease of the lungs which had long been hanging about her, having reached its later stages. For her an order on the Hospital was got, and she was taken there, that she might, at least, die in comfort, rather than in the filth and

misery in which she was lying. After a time her day came, and the poor sinful creature had to put off mortality. What the state of her soul was we cannot tell. She gave little ground for hope, unless it were in the last words she was heard to utter, which were "Lord have mercy on my soul."

Extracts might be multiplied, but they would only illustrate similar cases. Those given show how diversified, as well as signal are the benefits the Mission is fitted to confer. That an agency is permitted us by which our fellows can be so much benefitted is surely an all powerful reason for interest in its support. The aid given it in the past has already accomplished much, but there is enough to task our efforts to whatever extent they may be increased. Let it not be said that our brethren were near us ready to perish, and we stood aloof. He who gives us all we have watches our use of it, and promises that that which is liberally dispensed, will be still more liberally repaid. Let the unspeakable gift which is our pledge for Eternity rouse us to gratitude, and secure us the reward of the bountiful.

Since last meeting, the Society has been deprived of the services of one whose name will long be remembered in connection, not with the City Mission only, but with all other similar institutions in this city. In a moment, but not unprepared, Miss Brown was called before the Judge, and took her place in the better world. The Committee most unfeignedly express their sense of her great worth, and of the loss those have suffered whom she has left behind. To herself, they feel, the summons was great gain,—an entrance into the Joy of Her Lord, without the painful avenue of fears, and environment of languishing and sickness through which it is reached by most. May the same mind that was in her, be in us who are still here, the same zeal, the same humility, and may we at the end have the same reward !

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Angus, Mrs.	-	-	1 3	Baldwin, Mrs. E.	-	5 0
Arthurs, Mrs.	-	1	5 0	Betley & Kay,	-	1 5 0
Adill, J. S.	-	-	2 6	Brown, Peter	-	2 10 0
Ashworth, W. H.	-	-	10 0	Brown, George	-	2 10 0
Atkinson, W. S.	-	-	2 6	Brown, Mrs. G.	-	5 0
Adams, J. (M.D.)	-	-	10 0	Bausley, D.	-	5 0
Armour, A. H.	-	-	10 0	Bryce & McMurrich,	-	5 0 0
Armstrong, J. R.	-	-	2 6	Beatty, George	-	1 5 0
Anker, Mrs.	-	-	5 0	Blake, Mrs.	-	1 0 0
A Friend,	-	-	1 3	Bowes, Mrs.	-	1 0 0
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" "	-	-	2 6	Brooke, Mrs. C. R.	-	5 0
" "	-	-	1 3	Brown, Mrs.	-	5 0
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Gampbell, Jas.	-	-	-	1	3	Gillies, Miss	-	-	-	2	6
Casper, Jas.	-	-	-	1	3	Garden, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	3
Currie, Mrs.	-	-	-	3	9	Gooch, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	6
Clarke, Mr. Wm.	-	-	-	2	6	Geikie, Dr.	-	-	-	5	0
Cameron, Miss E.	-	-	-	0	7½						
Christie, Mr. H.	-	-	-	2	7½	Hornbrook, Thos.	-	-	-	1	3
Croft, Mrs.	-	-	-	10	0	Hooper, Chas. E.	-	-	-	1	3
Christie, Wm.	-	-	-	2	6	Hales, Jas.	-	-	-	2	6
Collins, Mrs.	-	-	-	7	6	Hooper, E.	-	-	-	5	0
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Dow, W. H.	-	-	-	5	0	Henderson Geo.	-	-	-	1	3
Duggan, Mrs. Jno.	-	-	-	10	0	Henderson, W.	-	-	-	1	3
Dack, E.	-	-	-	5	0	Henderson, Andrew	-	-	-	5	0
Davis, Robert	-	-	-	3	9	Henderson, J.	-	-	-	5	0
Derbyshire, Mr.	-	-	-	10	0	Hodder, Mrs. Dr.	-	-	-	5	0
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Ellerby, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0	Hawley, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	3
Elliot, Mrs.	-	-	-	2	6	Humphrey, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	3
Essex, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	3	H. B.	-	-	-	2	6
Edgar, Mrs.	-	-	-	2	6	Harrington, M.	-	-	-	5	0
						Henning, Mrs.	-	-	-	10	0
Freeland Peter	-	-	-	5	0	Hall, Miss	-	-	-	2	6
Faulkner, Wm.	-	-	-	1	3	Hamilton, Mrs. G.	-	-	-	5	0
Fitzgerald, F.	-	-	-	2	6	Hanscombe, Mrs.	-	-	-	2	6
Finch, W. L.	-	-	-	5	0	Hayne, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	3
Fraser, Miss	-	-	-	10	0	Hancock, Mr.	-	-	-	5	0
Fowler, Miss	-	-	-	2	6	Higgings, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0
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Fowler, H.	-	-	-	1	5	Hogg, Mr.	-	-	-	2	6
Fraser, P.	-	-	-	1	5	Hoyle, J.	-	-	-	3	9
Gamble, Mrs. Saml.	-	-	-	5	0	Ince, Mr. J. H.	-	-	-	5	0
George, Mrs.	-	-	-	2	6	Ince, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0
Gooderham, A.	-	-	-	5	0	Jones, Wm.	-	-	-	1	3
Gooderham, Jas.	-	-	-	5	0	Jacques & Hay	-	-	-	10	0
Girvin, Jas.	-	-	-	10	0	Jacques, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0
Grassick, Jno.	-	-	-	1	3	Jennings, Mrs.	-	-	-	7	6
Gilmor, J. C.	-	-	-	1	5	Joseph, Mr.	-	-	-	5	0
Gilmor & Coulson,	-	-	-	15	0	Jobson Mrs.	-	-	-	2	6
Graham, Henry	-	-	-	2	6	Jacques, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0
Goodale, Mrs.	-	-	-	10	0	Jane, Mrs.	-	-	-	0	7½
Grainger, —	-	-	-	1	3						
Gilbert, Mrs.	-	-	-	5	0	Ketchum, Jesse	-	-	-	1	10
Geikie, Mr.	-	-	-	1	0	Killaley, Mrs.	-	-	-	1	0
G. M.	-	-	-	2	6	Ketchum, Mr.	-	-	-	1	0
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Garrard, W.	-	-	-	2	6	Kerr, John	-	-	-	5	0

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Sims, Mr.	2 6	Wilson, Miss	2 6
Smith, J. B.	5 0	Wilkinson, Mrs.	0 6
Stephens, J.	2 6	Webb, Mrs.	5 0
Scott, Mr. R.	2 6	Willing, Mrs.	2 6
Severn, G & H.	5 0	Wood, Mrs.	0 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Simpson, Mrs.	5 0	Walsh, Mrs.	1 3
Sharpe, W.	2 6	Wood, Mrs.	2 6
		White, Mrs.	5 0
		Wickson, J.	5 0
Thom, Mr.	10 0		
Thom, Mrs.	10 0	Vale, Mrs.	5 0
Thompson, W.	10 0		
Taylor, W. D.	2 10 0	Young, John	2 6
Thompson, C. L.	5 0	Yale, Mrs.	1 3
Todd, A. T.	5 0	Young, J.	5 0
Taylor & Stephenson,	1 5 0		
Topping, Mrs.	2 6		
Thorborne, Jas.	5 0		
Telfer, Mrs.	5 0		
Thompson, Thos.	2 6		
Thomas, Mrs. W.	5 0		
Turner, Jno.	1 3		
Tinnings, Mrs.	2 6		
Torrance, Wm.	2 6		
Wickson, Jno.	7 6		
Wright, Robert	2 6		
Walton, H.	5 0		
Wright, Dr.	2 6		
Woodside, T.	10 0		
Woodhouse, J.	5 0		
Wicksted, Mrs.	10 0		
Whittemore, E. F.	2 10 0		
Walker, J. E.	2 10 0		

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ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE TORONTO CITY MISSION, FROM MARCH 10TH, 1857, TO NOVEMBER 10TH, 1858,

Dr.

To Amount of cash balance in hand, 10th March, 1857, as per 9th Report.....	£32	19	9½
" Amount of receipts from 10th March, 1857, to November, 1858	161	9	9½
			£194 9 5

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By amount of disbursements from 10th March, 1857, to November 1858.....	222	14	1½
Balance due Treasurer	£28	4	8½
PASSED LIABILITIES OF THE SOCIETY.			
Due Treasurer	£28	4	8½
" Missionary	33	6	8
			£61 11 4½

Dr, THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TORONTO CITY MISSION. Cr.

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1857.			
March 10. To balance from 9th Report	32	19	9½
12. " Amount of collection at Public Meeting.....	5	11	6
13. " Amount from Missionary Society of the U. P. Church.....	5	0	0
" Amount of subscription from C. Rankin, Esq.....	5	0	0
" Cash from Ladies' Association ..	141	5	7½
do. do. for past year.....	1	0	0
do. do. proceeds of needle-work for Mrs. Henning.....	2	0	0
" Subscription from Mr. Marling, Sr.	0	10	0
" Amounts received from Mr. A. Hamilton	0	12	6
" do. Cash found by Mr. McKay.....	0	10	0
1858.			
Nov. 10. " Balance due Treasurer carried forward.....	28	4	8
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	£	s.	d.
1857.			
May 12. By Cash paid for memorandum books...	0	3	6
July 4. " Paid Thompson & Co., for advertising	0	16	3
" Paid for Committee Room	1	10	0
" Paid Mr. Stewart, former Missionary, two months' salary.....	16	13	4
" Paid do. on discontinuance of services.....	25	0	7
" Paid Mr. Haigh, Missionary, five months' salary	41	13	4
" Paid Mr. Johnstone, missionary, sixteen months' salary	133	6	8
" Law expenses &c.,.....	3	11	0
	£222		4 8
By balance borrowed, due treasurer	£28	4	8