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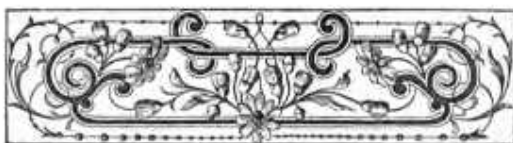
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THE BAPTIST CITY MISSION


OF

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

—
Part First.

ORIGIN.

"A nameless man amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall the words of hope and love,
Unstudied from the heart.
A whisper on the tumult thrown,
A transitory breath,—
It raised a brother from the dust,
It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love!
O thought at random cast!
Ye were but *little* at the *first*,
But *mighty* at the *last*."

OME of the most important and
beneficent enterprises, both in the
world and in the Church, have
had their origin in what appeared
an accidental, but what proved to be a provi-

dential, suggestion of the human mind. It was so in the origin of the Sunday-school work, by Robert Raikes; it was so in the origin of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and of the English Baptist Missionary Society. Results of infinite moment lie hidden in a passing thought, or in a simple suggestion. This fact is illustrated in the origin of the Newark Baptist City Mission.

Toward the close of the year 1851, the pastors of the First and South churches were one day walking arm in arm, on Washington Street, when the former to the latter, "I will tell you what I have been thinking about."

"And what is it, pray?"

"I have been thinking," said he, "that we ought to be planting some new churches in this growing city."

"It is a good thought," was the prompt reply; "it ought to be done."

Thus the conversation went on, till they

¹ Rev. H. C. Fish, D. D., and Rev. William Hague, D. D.