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*The General Missionary Committee,*

*To the Friends and Supporters of the Canadian P. M. Missions.*

In coming before you once more, it affords us pleasure to be able to inform you, that on the whole of our work we have realized an increase in our membership of 61; still, we cannot hide from ourselves the fact, that this increase is not as large as we had a right to expect, when we consider the number of agents employed, and extent of territory occupied. Had there been more faithfulness in the performance of our duties; had greater devotion to our mission, as Christians, been observed; had closer communion with God been cultivated; had the power of the Holy Spirit been more earnestly sought for; and earnest, agonizing prayer more extensively offered, we should have numbered our increase not merely by scores, but by hundreds; for, let it not be forgotten, our religion is the same as that which Christ taught and the apostles preached. It has undergone no change, nor can it, for like its divine Author, it is unalterable. The memory of its past achievements cling to us; and if we possess the right conditions of mind, the same achievements can be repeated in our day. It is therefore no fault of it, that sinners are not more extensively converted, and Christians not more useful. Prompted by its impulses; filled with its spirit, and influenced by its power, we must be successful: neither the indifference of the worldling, nor the apathy of the lukewarm professor, can prevent us. An earnest, believing, godly man cannot be successfully resisted. He quickens all with whom he comes in contact, and is instrumental in saving men's souls. The history of the universal Church proves this; nor are proofs of this fact wanting amongst us as a denomination. Stations under the charge of agents of feeble spiritual vitality and easy going habits have declined in piety, decreased in numbers, and sank in finances; but under the supervision of men whose hearts were in the work, have undergone a complete change. These men have flung themselves with all their soul into the mighty conflict, between