

REPORT.

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

To the Ministers, Collectors and Friends of the Primitive Methodist Missions in Canada :

DEAR CHRISTIAN BRETHREN AND FRIENDS :—Since we last addressed you, one more year is numbered with the past ; and again it is our duty and privilege to speak to you on the cause in which we all have so deep an interest. None of us need offer any apology for the interest we feel in the cause of God ; it has done much for us personally, for our families, for our country, and the nations which have accepted the teachings of the Gospel of Christ. It has done, and will do infinitely more than we can ever estimate the value of. In place of apology for our love to God's cause, we would rather say, in nothing will we glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's gracious purpose is, by the Gospel to save men—to save the world ; to save souls by the preaching of the Gospel, is the object contemplated by your Committee, and nothing can be more natural than at the end of the year to ask the question, what success has resulted from the united efforts of God's workers. As those who are interested in the work of God generally, we cannot but look beyond the portion of the great vineyard which we cultivate, to see how other toilers in the field prosper ; and it must be gratifying to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ, to know that during the past year some of the most glorious victories ever witnessed, have been won for Christ—thousands, and tens of thousands of souls have been saved. The wonderful work of grace which has taken place in Great Britain and Ireland, particularly in London, England, under the labors of Moody and Sankey, is a work so glorious, and so blessed in its results, as to call forth the gratitude of the universal Church of Christ. It is to be hoped that its influence will go on widening its circles, and indirectly reach thousands who have not been reached by it directly.

We exceedingly rejoice that while other branches of the Church have been prospering, God has crowned the labors of the Primitive Methodist Church with great success. The English Conference reports an increase of over 5,000 members ; and in every respect the numerical report is equally satisfactory, especially in the Sabbath School department, the increase in scholars being, as usual, over 10,000. By Sabbath school work the connexion has a wide spread influence. It is not easy

Teachers.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Parsonages.
4	80	0
3	73	1
6	200	0
0	146	0
3	76	0
3	80	1
7	61	0
8	80	2
9	250	0
6	35	1
4	20	1
0	0	0
7	36	0
7	55	0
6	160	1
3	30	0
0	0	1
11	50	0
33	200	0
16	101	1
12	80	1
43	268	0
17	168	1
6	37	0
0	0	0
37	130	1
4	32	0
24	183	0
8	60	0
8	55	0
15	100	1
20	70	1
22	170	1
4	20	1
8	40	1
6	30	0
7	60	0
9	75	1
8	40	1
11	55	1
6	30	0
521	3436	19
24	343	1