

REPORT.

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

DEAR BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—It is at all times pleasurable to address you in the annual report of this cause of Christian Missions, with which it is an honor to have a connection. But especially it is so to address you when we are in a position to tell you, that, by the blessing of God upon the labors of your agents, success has been achieved. It is a pleasurable thing to be able to report progress in any undertaking of a philanthropic character, or, which is in any way associated with the cause of Christ and the church; but most of all pleasurable to report prosperity in the work of Christian Missions. The year just closed has, spiritually and numerically, been one of great prosperity. Many reports of this appeared in the "Christian Journal," which no doubt many of you read, and which need not be repeated here. Notwithstanding the usual number of losses by removals, death, &c., the increase of members reported by Conference is 384, a fair proportion of that increase being on the Mission stations, and what is equally a cause of thankfulness is the increasing spirituality and devotion to God and his work observable on a number of stations. We rejoice over the good done by the labors of the servants of Christ, whose stations are under the care of your committee. It is encouraging to know that many souls are saved as the years pass, families are blessed by the labors of God's servants, communities are in many ways benefitted beside the spiritual good they receive. There is a large amount of good done which can never be tabulated, some of which is known to your agents, but much more which will never appear till the day of final reckoning. The good we know of is worth infinitely more than all the labor and money expended to produce it. But when we add to that the good we know not of, but of which the Omniscient One has a perfect knowledge and a correct account, and which he will bring forth in the great day, we should be the more encouraged. How small will our labors and givings appear when placed by the side of the good resulting therefrom, and when viewed in the light of eternity. As the friends of the cause of God, therefore, you may take encouragement from the fact that your labors and giving are not in vain in the Lord. It is well sometimes to review the past, so that we may have before our minds by comparison, the advancement we are making. Such a review of the last five years for instance, will show the Mission stations under the oversight of your committee to have, in many respects, made very encouraging progress. In the five years there

SCHOLARS	PERSONAGES
80	1
15	
16	
76	1
90	
90	1
50	1
65	
80	1
265	
38	1
30	1
47	1
55	
70	
140	1
70	1
70	1
91	1
310	
125	1
40	1
34	
222	
60	
70	1
195	
50	1
194	1
75	1
60	
81	
50	
75	1
85	1
209	
15	1
60	
3648	21
128	2