

REPORT.

ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

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

DEAR FELLOW-LABORERS :—We have reached another point of review in our connexional labor. The mercies of another year call for thanksgiving; its failures for humiliation; its successes for renewed consecration and deepened confidence. The events which have marked the social and political and religious life of Canada during the past twelve months show, with increased clearness, the profound human needs which only the Gospel can meet; the holy results of Christian work, where Christ is received into the spiritual life of men; and the utter failure of every other remedy for the evils which oppress and destroy the people. Never before did your Committee realise so fully the grandeur of our work. To spread a knowledge of Christ and His salvation; to make known the provision He has made for human redemption; and the principles He has given for the guidance of human life, is to engage in a service which seeks the highest interests of the nations, and the ultimate enthronement of the Son of God in the conscience and heart of the world. To this magnificent enterprise we have, with scrupulous economy, devoted the means which your offerings to God have placed in our hands. To prosecute this mission still further, we appeal to your consciousness of its importance and of your obligation and discipleship to Christ. We shall not ask in vain.

During the past year the hand of God has been with us on our Mission Stations in Canada. Twenty of these stations report increases. On several others there are decreases reported; but on the whole the Committee are grateful for the sleepless mercies which have crowned their labors.

The amount of money placed at our service during the past