

persecution from certain parties on account of maintaining and defending those principles of Religious freedom, which are the patrimony of every man, and the chartered boon of every Christian. In a few years, however, they outlived the unmerited calumnies which were cast upon them; and, through the Divine blessing, were favoured with peace and spiritual prosperity.

For more than twenty years they have supported a Mission in Ireland; that Mission has gradually enlarged, so that at the present time they have more than twenty Missionaries in the field preaching in English and in Irish, besides a number of Scripture Readers. For the last five years that Mission has progressed with great rapidity, so that by its increased means of usefulness, it is gradually becoming a greater blessing to the inhabitants of that morally benighted country.

For many years past, the Methodists of the New Connexion have been convinced, from a view of the spiritual destitution of many parts of the world, and of the means which God has placed at their disposal, that it was their imperative duty to open a foreign Mission. For several successive Conferences the subject was discussed. At length the Canadas were fixed upon as the scene of their benevolent operations. Several reasons brought them to the conclusion,