

REPORT,

1878-79.

A REVIEW of our extensive Mission field for the past year presents many features of encouragement, and causes of thankfulness to the Head of the Church. Our faithful Missionaries among the newer settlements of the older provinces, the scattered fishing villages of Newfoundland, the thickly populated parishes of Quebec, the sparse settlements of the North West and British Columbia, the Indian bands in Ontario, the larger tribes of the "Lone Land" and the Pacific Coast, and the teeming millions of Japan, beyond the great Sea, have not laboured in vain nor spent their strength for naught. The gospel preached by them has proved to be, as of old, "the power of God unto salvation" to all who have believingly heard the joyful sound; and many now on earth, and many more in heaven, give thanks to God for having raised up this instrumentality to spread scriptural holiness over all lands.

Our Domestic Missions have always shared largely in the sympathies of the Church, and must still continue to do so. The godly wisdom of those who first endeavored by organized Missionary effort to keep step with the onward march of civilization has been abundantly vindicated; and the Church will do wisely in extending her operations along the same line. There is special need for this at the present time, when so many thousands are seeking homes on the fertile prairies of the West, where they can be best reached by those methods and agencies which the Methodist Church has hitherto so successfully employed. There can be no doubt that money and effort expended on our Domestic Missions will secure speedy and profitable results.

Not less manifest and imperative is the duty of the Church to strengthen and extend her Indian Missions. It is not to be expected that these Missions will ever be remunerative in a financial sense; but in those higher spiritual results which constitute the true glory and profit of Missionary enterprise, they have already yielded a rich