

REPORT

OF THE

PRIMITIVE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, CANADA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1862.

*The Missionary Committee to the Friends of Primitive Methodist
Missions in Canada West:*

It is our pleasing duty on behalf of the Missionary Committee to submit to our subscribers and friends a brief report of the doings of the past year.

On former occasions we have alluded to the origin of the Primitive Methodist people in Britain; and have refuted the statements continually repeated, especially by book-makers who publish histories of "all religions," and articles in the encyclopædias, that we are a sect founded in "secession"—a split—a branch riven from some parent stock. And in several of these publications, here and elsewhere, no notice is given that such a people exist at all. Dr. Stevens however, in his celebrated history of Methodism, has done us justice.

In a late census in England the Commissioner gave a very accurate account, and highly praised our people for their useful labours in the community, but observed that however the Primitive Methodists might suit the lower orders of society, they were not adapted for the refined and intelligent classes.

In all probability this illustrious officer of the government held the opinion that there were two editions of the gospel—