

able to read portions of the Holy Scripture, and have committed to memory the First Conference Catechisms, also several of our Hymns. We have reason to expect that this School will prove an extensive blessing to the rising generation in the neighbourhood. There is one person who assists in the School, and reads the Liturgy of the Church of England, with a sermon on the Sabbath in the absence of the Missionary." During the year Mr. MARSHALL baptized 156 children, and travelled near 2,000 miles.

Extensive visitations of destitute places have also been made by the Missionaries stationed in Bonavista, Placentia, and Fortune Bays; nearly twenty places in each Bay have been visited, and the Gospel salvation published in every one of them. The reports of the Missionaries who have pursued their arduous labours in these extensive and religiously destitute places, served but to confirm the previous impressions of the Committee that it is obligatory upon us, whose privileges are so much greater, to extend to the ignorant and perishing of our fellow colonists, the unsearchable riches of CHRIST.

In conclusion, this Society never more needed the combined and zealous efforts of its friends than at the present period. Two reasons may be assigned for this; First—The embarrassed state of the finances of the Parent Society; an existing debt of more than £20,000 has, for the present, rendered all extension of its Missions utterly impracticable; while, at the same time, millions of Heathens in the different countries of the globe are imploring their help, and whose applications from necessity the Committee have the pain of refusing; besides it is for the christian, and especially for the Wesleyan public, to bear in mind the time when spiritual darkness overhung this land, when the number of the faithful was indeed few; and if a better state of things now exists, it is, under God, mainly owing to the labourers sent forth by that Society to whom we are indebted for all our religious privileges. Their interest and ours being one, it becomes our duty to afford them special pecuniary help in this their great emergency, and to co-operate with them in the work of the world's conversion.

A second reason for enlarged exertion in supporting the claims of this Society, lies in the fact that the two additional Missionaries, whose appointment was noticed in the beginning of this Report, are sent to Newfoundland with the express understanding that they be wholly provided for by funds raised in the Island; in order that this may be accomplished, and the other numerous exigences with reference to Missionaries and Schools be at least partially met, the friends of the Society must rally their efforts in every place, by the formation of Branch Societies wherever practicable, or by such other means as may be best adapted to the respective localities; then shall the "WORD of the LORD have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you." The Committee have only further to remind the

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