

THE SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE

Bible Christian Conference in Canada.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1858.

“Preach the Gospel to every creature.” Mark xvi. 15.

Another year has passed with all its toils. Brethren who after the last Conference commenced their labors with anxiety, trembling, and tears, have returned rejoicing with the sheaves of a spiritual harvest; but crying “Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory.”

The last English Conference decided to place the Missions in the United States under the direction of our Conference. On one of these missions there was 60 members and on the other 100; now the 160 have augmented to 396 with 41 on trial. We have at present 15 mission stations in Canada in addition to the two stations in the States. On these missions there are 23 regular ministers, 104 local preachers, 158 preaching places, 41 of which are chapels, 2059 members in society, 265 on trial for membership, 32 Sabbath Schools with 1467 scholars, and 311 teachers. While the increase for the year of those who meet in church fellowship is 692.

The year past has been one of great financial difficulties, and the effects of these difficulties have been felt by this Society. We fear some of our esteemed friends have acted under the impression that to increase their contribution for the support of the gospel among themselves, they must curtail the amount of their subscriptions to send it abroad. In this we conceived they err. We believe they could amply support it at home, and at the same time increase rather than diminish what they give to extend it. Earnest calls are reaching us from different quarters for an increase of la-

bourers, and for financial aid, extending the work, and sorrowful negative to the disciples of Christ, faithful stewards of their means, and a faithful steward of the perishing shall we be worthy of through his poverty.

We would also request of our Missionary friends to give more ready aid to their consoling take into their consideration.

Communications respecting the several

PETERBORO. and the giving up of and the other from gathering by conversions admitted on trial. One new chapel has with considerable success.

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HUNTINGDON. God and take courage. Protracted Meeting which taketh away land has been given hope to get it ready the mission contemplated as they think it need that he may be able thither from all parts them.

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