

INTRODUCTION.

Notwithstanding the limited success, in some instances our reports for the past year are of an encouraging and assuring nature. The numerical increase upon some of the fields is truly a cause of gratitude to God, who so remarkably owned the labors of his servants, and in answer to earnest believing prayer graciously poured out his Spirit and sent showers of blessing.

The interest manifested in Sabbath Schools is commendable, and yet we are sensible that more ought to be done in this direction, encouraging the young to read the Word, inwardly digest it, and live agreeably thereto; thus a healthy religious influence would be created, and the Church more permanently established.

The material improvements, building of churches, parsonages, &c., and increased liberality in supporting the various institutions of the Church are noticeable features. And we trust that your liberality will "abound more and more;" remembering that, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty," a truth often most strikingly verified.

Not only to our patrons, under God, are we indebted for their liberal contributions, but to a class of noble, self-denying laborers, chiefly ladies, who act as collectors, and an increasingly large and useful class of juveniles.

Some of the fields, for prudential reasons retained upon the list of Missions, are really more than self-sustaining, not only supporting every institution of the Church, but contributing more missionary money than is expended upon them.

The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is still heard, while "the fields are white already to harvest;" and "the Board" is anxious to comply in every instance. For this purpose we need, *first*, laborers, God-fearing, soul-loving, self-denying men. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." "For how shall they hear without a preacher?" "And how shall they preach except they be sent?"