

attack upon those engaged in the more immediate duties of Missionary instruction and pastoral care :

"As to the results of the management of the Indian Missions in Upper Canada by the London Society, it may be observed, that all those missions, except the one at St. Clair, had been established by the Canada Conference during the eight years preceding the union in 1833, at which time there were upwards of 1000 Indians in Church-communion, and about 400 Children in the Mission-Schools. Now there are only about 850 Indians in Upper Canada in Church-communion, and about 250 Children in the Mission-Schools. (*See Reports.*) In the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada at large, there was, during the seven years immediately preceding the union, an increase of 9,164 members ; during the seven years since the union there has been an increase of only 316 members."

The obvious design of these remarks is, to represent the union of the Canadian with the British Conference as having operated injuriously on the interests of religion among the Indian societies, and throughout the general work in Canada. It is true that the numerical increase has not been as rapid as during some former periods, but this, as well as occasional diminution, has been accounted for in the *printed Minutes* of the Canadian Conference, on grounds *entirely different* from that on which it is here attempted to be placed.

Respecting the Indian Missions, the statements are plainly contradicted by the Reports referred to. Instead of "upwards of 1000 Indians in Church-communion," there were *only* 803 ! Other inaccuracies might be pointed out, but the Reports are in possession of many of our readers. We shall therefore make no further reply to the insinuations respecting the alleged retrogression of the Indian Missions in consequence of their connection with the London Society, or any further exhibition of the advantages which have resulted from that connexion, than what is contained in the subjoined extracts from an interesting letter addressed to Mr. Stinson, by the venerable and highly esteemed Father of Canadian Missions, the Rev. WILLIAM CASE, whose known Christian probity, and a long and intimate connexion with that department, must secure for his opinions and assertions the highest degree of respect and confidence :

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