

The exhibition of the great central doctrine of our holy religion—" *Christ crucified* "—has enlisted all our energy. And as we have been pointing sinners to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world," exclaiming "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," this Divinely instituted means of saving the race has been shown to be the power of God and the wisdom of God.

To the glory of Infinite Grace be it said that scores and hundreds of new-born souls have been enabled to testify to the efficacy of the atonement during the year. Nevertheless it becomes our painful duty to report a small decrease in the membership of our Church; owing, perhaps, to the extreme financial depression prevailing throughout the country, and increased strictness on the part of the brethren in making up their annual returns.

The reports of the agencies which the Church has employed—the Mount Allison Literary and Theological Institutions, the Sabbath Schools, the Book Room and *Provincial Wesleyan*—have been, upon the whole, gratifying. The comparative circulation of our valuable literature, through the medium of the Book Room and *Provincial Wesleyan* has been materially diminished, through the prostration of provincial trade; yet, confident of the Divine blessing, we propose prosecuting our labors in this important sphere with increased energy.

The Rev. C. Churchill, A. M., retires from this department of our Connexional enterprise, and is to be succeeded by the Rev. John McMurray, whom we have appointed as our Book Steward and Editor.

Our Educational Institutions, despite the unparalleled financial pressure of those troublous times, have been largely patronized during the past year; and their prospects for future usefulness are in the highest degree encouraging. They fully realize the expectations, so fondly cherished by the now sainted Allison, of their being a means of widely extended usefulness, in promoting education upon Christian principles. We have resolved, with the assurance of the Divine approbation, to elaborate our hitherto incipient operations in the Collegiate department to the proportions of systematic Collegiate training, and propose introducing to the public an organization