

is now solid ground to hope for future peace and prosperity in this important portion of Her Majesty's North American dominions.

The circumstances of this province during the past year have been as unfavourable to the spiritual prosperity of our Societies as to the general interests of the country. Emigration from the province has been considerable; in consequence of which we have sustained a numerical decrease of one hundred and thirty eight, although very considerable accessions have taken place on many of the circuits from actual conversions. We are thankful, however, to be able to add that there has been an increase in our Missionary Collections, during the year, and in all our connexional funds; and never were our Societies, as a whole, more established and united than at the present time.

We have much satisfaction in again repeating the expression of our high sense of the labours of our esteemed and excellent friend and brother, the Rev. Joseph Stinson, in his office as President of the Conference, and Superintendent of Missions during the past year, and during the present session; and we beg to record our estimate of his judgment, talents and worth by requesting his reappointment to those important offices during the ensuing year.

Our Academy during the year has continued in a state of increasing efficiency and success; and has acquired a high and influential character in the estimation of the Public, under the management of the highly gifted Principal—The Rev. Matthew Richey, A. M.

During our present deliberations we have been favoured with the presence and counsels of our pious and valued friend and brother, the Rev. Mr. Luther, of Montreal; and not a little have we been gratified and profited by the presence and ministrations amongst us of your Representative, the Rev. Robert Alder, one of the general Secretaries of your Missionary