

wilds of the remote and newly settled districts northward. And with all this extent of territory we have had but forty agents engaged during the past year, including the general Superintendent, and two hired Local Preachers, whom the wants of regular travelling Missionaries rendered it necessary to employ. In order, therefore, to accomplish a state of cultivation, which would shortly render the various stations self-supporting, double the number of agents must be employed. The employment, however, of the number of Missionaries which the extent of our field of labour demands, is an honour and an achievement for which we must earnestly strive.

Your Committee contemplate with satisfaction the numerous openings and calls for an extension of the scene of our Missionary operations; nor are we unmindful of the obligations under which we are laid to the Author of all good, who has raised up and brought into our itinerant ranks men "who count not their lives dear unto them," so that they may fulfil their ministry, and finish their allotted work. Some have been raised up among us, and others have expatriated the land of their nativity, in order to dispense the word of life to the inhabitants of this country. And while some who have long toiled in the work of the ministry are well-nigh exhausted in their holy enterprize, we rejoice to behold, in the growing intelligence and increased experience of some of our more youthful labourers, the prospect of ample strength and wisdom to manage our Missionary bark, amid future storms, and the exhaustion of the energies of our more aged brethren.

As on past occasions like the present, so now, your Committee cannot too strongly express its sense of gratitude for the deep interest the Parent Society manifests in the success of our Missionary operations, and the increased pleasure with which they so generously appropriate their funds for the support of our work, and for the promotion of the comfort of our Missionaries.

And while the Parent Society have given liberally, the improved state of their finances prove to a demonstration, that there is a kind of diffusiveness which, even in a temporal point of view, enriches the donor. From the Report of the Parent Society, for 1847, we select a few items, which, we