

As to our statistics a very gratifying feature of them is that the annual increase of members is greater on Missions than on the Churches. For instance, out of 28 Missions on our roll during the past year, 20 report an increase, and after deducting a decrease of 28 on the remaining 6, the net increase for the year on our Mission Stations is 1,177. There is an apparent decrease compared with last year, but this arises from four of our old Missions, members having by last Conference been debarred from the Church.

REPORT.

In presenting the Report for 1871-2, we have decided to confine ourselves to a succinct statement of our own operations, as inseparably connected, however, with, and an essential part of the great work to which, before ascending up on high, the Saviour commissioned his Church—and believing that, however interesting to us a recital of the progress of the work in general may be, after all, that of the first importance to any given section of the Church is as to the state and prospect, of its own operations. We would merely remark, that the great enterprise is still advancing, and before it false systems everywhere recede. Christianity is the only really aggressive religious system in the world to-day; hence it is the only one whose character is such as to render its ultimate and complete success by any means possible. Paganism, Bhuddism, Brahminism, Mahomedism, &c., appear to be homogeneous to certain soils, are bounded by certain well defined geographical lines, and only find favor among particular races of mankind; whereas Christianity flourishes in every clime, lays claim to the habitable globe as its heaven-appointed field of labor, and imparts conscious salvation to all who come under its beneficent sway. The spirit-stirring battle-cry of Israel's hosts is to-day in harmony with the commission verbally given by the Master nearly nineteen hundred years ago:—"Christ for the world, and the world for Christ," is but a change of phraseology for the command, "Go ye out into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." The past year has been no exception to the rule of our army's triumphal advance upon the foe, of blessed victories achieved. The Lord of Hosts is with us, according to the promise; and, in the light of passing events, every year gives increased force to the prophetic declaration—"His dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth."

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