

for the out-pourings of the spirit and the ingathering of many souls, enabling us to report an increase in our membership of more than three thousand.

Cheering intelligence too has reached us from Japan, our far distant mission station. Already have the hearts of our missionaries been cheered by the conversion of two precious souls—the first fruits of what we trust will be a glorious harvest; while in the Providence of God, the way has opened for the preaching of Christ in the interior of the country, and in the very centre of superstition and idolatry, where the Gospel was never preached before. Surely the language of the blessed Saviour is applicable to this distant field of labour, “The fields are white unto the harvest.”

We cheerfully consent to the transfer of the Rev. John Burwash, M.A., to your ministerial ranks, with a view to his employment in your Institution at Sackville, where he has so successfully laboured in the past.

And now in the closer relationship we sustain, bearing each other's sorrows and sharing each other's triumphs, we have great joy and consolation in your love, and entreat the co-operation of your prayers, that the enlarged copious out-pouring of the Holy Ghost may descend and rest upon the united Methodist Church of this Dominion, hallowing all our ordinances, fertilizing and gladdening every field of labour, and cheering the hearts of His servants by the salvation of thousands and tens of thousands of souls.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada.

EDWARD B. RYCKMAN,

*Secretary.*

*Hamilton, Ontario, June 11, 1874.*