

# REPORT.

laying the foundation for more extensive usefulness. Chapels have been erected, chapel debts removed, Home missions cultivated with great success, and some blessed revivals of religion enjoyed. In being "watered" themselves they but enjoy the fulfilment of the promise recorded for those who "water" others.

The Irish Mission has likewise presented a most encouraging aspect. Amid the dreariness of desolation which has so long reigned in that green, though unhappy and ill-fated Isle, the Lord has graciously poured out his Holy Spirit, and refreshed and comforted his heritage. Revivals, such as were witnessed in the palmy days of Methodism, have been enjoyed on several of the stations in Ireland. Large numbers both of the Protestant and Roman Catholic population have been—

"Gathered into Christ's fold,  
With his people enrolled,  
With his people to live and to die."

May that good work never cease!

Presenting their best thanks to collectors and contributors, who have nobly assisted in our benevolent enterprise, and soliciting continued and abounding zeal and liberality, your Committee would conclude their present Report by calling attention to the following thrilling appeals contained in the Report of the Parent Society for last year. It illustrates the spirit by which the advocates and patrons of the Connexional Missionary Association are directed in their benevolent work.

"In concluding their report, the committee, while expressing their devout gratitude to God, for the success with which He has crowned the faithful labours of His servants, both at home and in Ireland, but more especially in Canada—cannot but express their disappointment and regret that the amount of contributions to the fund, from our home circuits, has decreased. Looking at the commercial prosperity of the country, and at the peace and spiritual prosperity with which it hath pleased the God of all grace and consolation to bless the Connexion during the preceding year, the committee had anticipated a very different and more honorable result; and willing to receive the promises of increased support, made in some of our circuits, as proofs of a deepening interest in the missionary cause, and as a pledge of a more abundant liberality in its support, they cherished the confident hope, expressed in the last report, that the year would be characterized by more ardent zeal and more vigorous efforts, and that existing engage-

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