

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BAPTIST
HOME MISSION BOARD OF ONTARIO
AND QUEBEC.

The element of *surprise* which adds such interest to reports submitted by brethren from other Boards, brings only meagre relief to us as we attempt to portray the reverses and the victories which have marked a year's work in the home land. The enchantment which distance lends, the abhorrent customs which false gods and false religions propagate and foster, the dwarfed, degraded and hopeless condition of the millions which dwell in heathen and Christless lands, and the beneficent and gracious results which always attend the entrance of the Gospel of God, give their help to other departments of Christian service more largely than they do to ours. But with the men and women who passionately love the King and the Kingdom we are at no disadvantage. Geographical zones, and artificial distinctions which separate one nation or people from others, become trifles light as air. The glory of the King and the enlargement of the Kingdom dominate their thought and direct their efforts. If kinship of blood and race, and parental affection, intensified by the life and love of God, lead the patriot and the parent to exclaim, "I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart . . . for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh," this measureless love and concern for kin and country do not hinder petition to God that the heathen be given to our Lord for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession; nor do they weaken effort to secure that happy consummation. With profound and ever-growing appreciation of the great work which other Boards are carrying on in foreign lands and in the more remote parts of our own Dominion, we respectfully submit a brief record of what God has wrought on mission fields in the two Provinces more particularly committed to our care.

The past year has not been marked by any unusual or outstanding event. The relation between the churches, the missionaries and the Board has been, as usual, cordial and appreciative. "Misfits" have tested the piety and patience of a