

sequence of this, notwithstanding his continued interest in our operations, he has felt it impossible for him to sustain his former relation to the Society. Your Committee feel assured, that the Connexion whose interests he has laboured to promote, appreciate Brother Hughson's past services; and that, in retiring, the sympathy and prayers of our friends generally, follow him.

In directing your attention to the active exertions and practical results of the past year, your Committee feel bound to thank God, and take courage. In every department of our work there have been unusual evidences of vigour and improvement. Aware, however, that the proper object of Missionary exertion is never accomplished until the moral "wilderness becomes a fruitful field," we rejoice to know that our labour in the Lord has not been in vain. While on our older Stations improvements have been made, calculated to promote the comfort of the Missionary, and for the better accommodation of worshipping assemblies, it affords us pleasure to state, that, by the agents of the Society, new and comparatively destitute parts of Canada have been explored, and the inhabitants of those remote places directed to an exalted Saviour.

On some of our stations the Lord has visited our little Zion, with special outpourings of his Holy Spirit; and even where no special revivals have taken place, our work in general presents an encouraging aspect. "In the name of our God we have set up our banners"; and while we see the work of our hands rendered successful, with deep humility and adoring gratitude we exclaim, "Not unto us, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy and for thy truth's sake."

Considering the extent of our borders, and the number of our agents, it will be evident to a close observer of the facts of the case, that, with two or three exceptions, our stations are, according to the popular use of the term, *Missionary Stations*. Our scene of labour extends westward to the vicinity of Lakes St. Clair and Huron, and stretches itself thence, in an eastward direction, about seven hundred miles; it is bounded on the south by the United States line, in Canada East; and by the St. Lawrence and the Lakes Ontario and Erie on the south, in Canada West; and it reaches into the

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