

THE GENERAL MISSIONARY COMMITTEE,
*To the Friends and Supporters of the Primitive Methodist Missions
in Canada.*

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,

In presenting to you another yearly Report of the Canadian Primitive Methodist Missionary Society, the Committee wishes to acknowledge its deep gratitude to God for the measure of prosperity which has been realized in the cause of Missions under their care, and to the friends of Missions for their increased support during the past year.

It is the Committee's anxious desire to increase the number of its agents in the Missionary work, that the cause of evangelism may extend yet more, and that a still greater number of our countrymen may be brought to a knowledge of saving truth. We believe God has committed the gospel to the church, with the obligation for her to propagate it through the earth. The commission "preach the gospel to every creature," is ever binding on Christians: it is dispensational. The church is expected to disciple the world to Christ: she can never be set free from that appointed work: it is as much obligatory on the church now, as it was when our risen Lord first gave the *great commission*. May we, as a section of the Christian church, ever remember this, and be stimulated to augmented liberality and zeal.

The Primitive Methodist Church has been signally missionary from the period of its commencement. A vast deal of Missionary work can be done, and needs to be done, apart from the employment of agency in the heathen world. Pagan lands need the gospel we know, and nominally Christian lands also need much of the Missionary enterprize. Had it not been for the Home Missionary operations of Primitive Methodism, teeming masses of England's population in many parts would have been completely neglected. They were neglected. The *highways* and *hedges* had been forsaken by the then existing Methodist churches, as well as by others. In the providence of God heroic, earnest men arose in connection with the Primitive Methodist Church; bands of them went through the length and breadth of most of the counties of England, thirty, forty, and fifty-six years ago, while *tens of thousands* of converted souls were the *seals* of their ministry.

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