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The great commission and high destiny of the Church of Christ is to carry the word of life into every part of the habitable earth. But while the general principle and imperative duty is acknowledged, we must confess that a vast amount of indifference and apathy obtains among the professed followers of Christ on this important subject. Especially does this hold good in reference to Home Mission work, to which, as a denomination, we must for some time at least, chiefly devote our energies. What then, we would inquire, is our duty in this respect? We answer, to enter the great centres of population in this new but growing Dominion; to visit the back streets and lanes of towns and cities; to probe the festering wounds of moral corruption found there, and pour into them the blessed balm of Gilead; to enter the dark purlieus and dens of infamy, debauchery and crime, and offer mercy, pardon and peace to those who there wallow in vice; to reclaim the city arab from civilized heathendom; to collect together and educate the teeming thousands of the young and rising race, who, inhaling the pestilential vapours of the immoral atmosphere, and influenced by the corrupt example of city life, in its most debasing forms, will, if not reclaimed, prove pests of society, and fill our beloved country with crime, if not with anarchy and revolution. All this, and much more in this direction, is truly and legitimately mission work. We must also follow the tide of settlement in this new country, and wherever the Backwoodman's axe is heard to ring, there the blessed and cheering sounds of God's economy of salvation must ring responsive notes of love and peace, of hope and joy. Neither must we stand appalled at the difficulties to be encountered, whether in connection with men or means; but, trusting in the promise, "Lo, I am with you," go forward prosecuting our great work till prosperity crowns our efforts, and victory emblazons our banners.

We are happy to record a good degree of success in our mission work during the past year. Many of the stations have been visited with refreshing showers of heavenly grace, and several have professed faith in Christ. A goodly number are reported to have died in the full hope of a blissful immortality. In finance there has been a large increase; the three Districts, Cobourg-Bowmanville and Exeter, being over \$800 in excess of last year.

We present our friends with a succinct view of the work of God on the Mission Stations, as abridged from the Pastor's report:—

On Peterborough Mission some of the societies have been visited with revival influences; and, during the year, 31 were received into the Church, most of whom are reported as giving promise of future usefulness in the Lord's vineyard.