

ministers and people. Great harmony, on the whole, prevailed throughout the session of Conference, considering the important matters which had to engage attention; and, we believe, the brethren would go to their stations with their minds girt anew for the mighty conflict against evil, and to extend the kingdom of Christ.

The Conference was held in Toronto, which city bids fair for becoming the metropolis of the Upper Province. At the urgent request of Wesleyan, New Connexion, and Congregational ministers, the pulpits of those gentlemen were occupied by our brethren, to the great satisfaction of the ministers and their flocks. The Missionary Meeting was held in Richmond Street Wesleyan Chapel, the largest in the city. It was a good meeting, and, we doubt not, would have a telling effect upon the large audience present. The opportunity was embraced to make known what Primitive Methodism had been, and what it is. The Temperance Meeting was effective, and all the religious services were distinguished for soundness, solidity and unction.

We are happy to state, that notwithstanding great losses have been sustained by the removal of members, many of whom go to localities where we have no existence, and hence, become entirely lost to our body, yet those chasms have been filled up, and we have realized an increase of 231. This increase, we admit, is very small; but we are thankful to God for those, considering the large proportion which go seeking a livelihood beyond the bounds of our stations. And, while on this subject, we would remark, that until we can take within our sphere of operation, a much larger portion of the country, it will be our lot to labour, very much for the *increase of other churches*, which gather our members when they settle where Primitive Methodism does not exist. Were we more diffusive we should stand a chance of receiving into society elsewhere those who are constrained by circumstances to leave our present stations and settle in the back townships; thus, in many instances at least, we should keep the fruit of our toil, while our extended cause would advance with the growth of rising settlements and towns. But where we have no existence, we cannot, of course, improve with the lapse of time.

If you can, dear Fathers and Brethren, do any thing for Canada in an extraordinary way, just now, that its mighty developements are opening up in a manner they have not done heretofore, and large tracts of country are being taken beyond existing towns and settlements, and among the numbers who are thronging into the back country, not a few of our officials and members are going, we urgently

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