

the history of the mission, has the demand for Canadian agents, been even approximately supplied.

Properly speaking, this belongs to the home department, but what is its effect on the workers here, on the work itself and on the heathenism, which lies heavy and dark on every side?

To our limited human vision the number of converts gathered may appear sadly disproportionate with the amount of labor and money expended, and the question naturally follows, why is this so?

For months past this thought has been coming and staying with us; has been underlying other thoughts, while ever and anon, it has pressed to the front for consideration, and it wrings from the heart a voiceless yearning cry, of why! Why!

Although large portions of the field have unavoidably been left untouched, though there are hundreds of villages, into which the messengers of God have never gone, there are many sections and villages, where they and the story they tell are well known. Bibles and Scripture portions, with thousands of Christian books have been sold, and numberless pages of tracts have been distributed the influence of which combined with the preached word has given a general uplift to many of the currents of thought, which sway the multitudes. Any one, who has watched for years, the onward march of events, cannot fail to thankfully recognize, that the leaven of the Gospel is at work, and that the blessing of God, is, in some measure manifest.

Apart from those, who have joined the churches, there are these in different localities, who have renounced idol worship, who read the word of God, who sing His praises and pray to Him, and who say, that they believe, that Jesus is the Christ, the Saviour of the world, yet they do not come out, and here again our hearts are grievously troubled. Public opinion is a strong current, against which, they dare not oppose themselves; they are afraid, that the love of