

REPORTS FROM STATIONS.

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STRATFORD MISSION.—*Dear Bro. Bee,*—The success of Stratford Mission is worthy of a record in your missionary report. Last fall we opened a beautiful brick church, worth at least five thousand dollars. The public around here think that it is almost miraculous that such a feeble few should have made such a bold stand. The fact is that your missionary has worked very hard behind the scenes, and God has blessed the effort. Since the opening of the new church our congregation and our financial income have increased at least one-third. Also last spring we held revival services for nine or ten weeks. The struggle was great, but the result was glorious. This, however, was almost a union revival, for members of other churches flocked into warm themselves at the Primitive Methodist fire, and professed to be greatly blessed. Of course our own society did not reap all the fruit, but we gathered sheaves enough to fill up all vacancies and to report an increase of seven members for the year. During the revival one young man, who was trying to be an infidel, burned his infidel works, got converted and joined the church with his wife. If space would permit we could give many more details. We have commenced this confessional year with every prospect of further success.—GEO. WOOD.

WOODSTOCK.—The church property has been properly conveyed to the Connexion; it cost over six thousand dollars. Three thousand dollars has been realized by mortgage for nine years at 7 per cent. There is a floating debt of some six or seven hundred dollars. The balance has been raised by subscription, etc. Some twenty names have been removed from the roll, and still a small increase reported. The congregations have increased fifty per cent. and the ordinary income over forty per cent. There is much for encouragement and there is also much to cause anxiety. The debt and running expenses of the church are heavy for the few noble souls who form the society. It is absolutely necessary that some outside help should be rendered in the matter of debt. Could it be reduced to fifteen hundred dollars the friends would have some prospect of paying their way with something like ease and comfort.—C. S. WILLIS.