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the Churches have gradually increased. In humble imitation of Him who "came to seek and to save those who were lost," the Cross has been uplifted throughout the Dominion of Canada, with its Indian Reserves and newly-formed settlements; on the wild and rocky shores of Labrador and Newfoundland; and in the sunny isles of Bermuda and Japan. Thousands have already looked to Him who hung upon that Cross, and have been saved; and millions more need a "multitude of preachers," whose sole business should be to cry with uplifted voices: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world."

The General Board present the Sixtieth Report of the Society's operations to their generous supporters with warm expressions of gratitude and confidence—gratitude to the great Head of the Church for past triumphs and successes attendant upon a faithfully preached Gospel, and for the elements of unity and peace existing in all the mission churches; and confidence in the future, which opens with bright and cheering expectations of enlarged ability to carry on the work of God with greater vigour in every field under missionary culture. The recent ecclesiastical changes which have brought the various Methodist bodies in the Dominion of Canada into one united family afford ample ground to cherish a lively hope that the coming year will be signalized by a largely increased income. For a period, at least, additional claims will be made on the General Board, consequent on the accomplishment of this great brotherly movement; but the ultimate results cannot be otherwise than favourable to the enlargement of missionary enterprise. May the whole Church be faithful to its solemn trusts and responsibilities. "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee."—Psalm cxxii. 6, 7.

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