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REPORT.

The Committee of the Nova Scotia Wesleyan Missionary Auxiliary Society, in presenting their Twentieth Annual Report, feel it a duty incumbent on them first of all to make their grateful acknowledgements to the Lord of Hosts, for the very signal success that has attended the efforts of the Parent Society during the past year, not only in the very great increase that has been made to its funds, but in the spread of pure and undefiled religion that has taken place, through the instrumentality of its missionaries, in various parts of the globe.

The intelligence that has reached the Committee since the last anniversary, from the various departments of the missionary field, is of the most affirming character, and presents cheering indications of the dawn of that day, when the beams of the Sun of Righteousness shall illumine every nation, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

In endeavoring to give a brief survey of the transactions of the Parent Society, the usual arrangement of particulars will be followed. Ireland claims our first attention. In this interesting portion of the United Kingdom, 24 missionaries, 6 Scripture readers, and 26 salaried schoolmasters, are engaged in sowing the words of life. Their zealous labors during the past year have suffered no interruption, and there is reason to believe, have in many instances, been followed by very useful results. Several new congregations have been formed in the South, and West of the Island, and several hundreds of persons, otherwise almost or altogether neglected, have enjoyed the benefit of the means of grace. A considerable number of the children educated in the schools are of Romish parentage; and the experience of every year affords increasing evidence of the usefulness of the School establishment. All the schools are opened and closed with prayer. The Holy Scriptures are the books chiefly used in giving instruction; and catechisms on the doctrines and facts of Scripture are committed to memory. In the Daily and Sunday schools, connected with the Irish missions, there are about 6000 children.