

of elevating a people who have been degraded by slavery and superstition. There are two schools in connection with the mission, a male and female; since Mr. Thompson retired, the school has been conducted with the exception of five months by Mr. Henry Gracey, a student of King's College and formerly a pupil at the mission school. During the last five months it has been under the charge of Mr. Bruce, a young man who has also been educated at the school. The female department during the last eighteen months has been conducted by Miss Anna Maria Harris, a young lady from Bristol, England, of a truly missionary spirit, and who has labored faithfully during her connection with the school. The number of pupils enrolled in both schools during the last year has been one hundred and twenty, all these, however, have not been regular in their attendance, all who were old enough to work, have been taken away by their parents during seed time and harvest to assist them on their farms.

Besides the two schools at the mission station, another has been opened four miles farther north, for the benefit of those children who live at a distance from the mission schools; the number enrolled at that school is forty-five. Since the schools were opened in April, 1850, till the present time, six hundred pupils have passed through them and received their education either in whole or in part. All the pupils have been instructed in the Bible and Shorter Catechism, some have been thoroughly educated and are now filling useful positions in different parts of the world; one has gone to Africa as a teacher in connection with the American Missionary Society, some have gone to the West Indies, Australia and British Columbia, while others are usefully employed in Canada. The good seed has been sown and many we hope have carried its saving influence with them. The Sabbath school in connection with the mission has sustained a great loss by the death of Mr. Thompson; we trust his place will soon be supplied by another of equal piety and zeal in the missionary work. During the past year eighty-two scholars have been enrolled in the Sabbath school, and since its commencement five hundred have passed through the school; a large number of these have committed the whole of the shorter Catechism, together with considerable portions of scripture. In connection with the Sabbath school Bible circulation and Tract distribution have been carried on; seven hundred Bibles and Testaments have been distributed among the settlers, all who are able to read have been furnished with a copy of the scriptures. The Sabbath school teachers, together with several young members of the congregation have been engaged in distributing tracts, furnished to the mission by the London Tract society. These periodical visits of the Teachers to the families in the settlement, conversing with them on religion, and spreading among them a sanctified literature, have with God's blessing done much good in counteracting the baneful influence of books and prints of a highly immoral character introduced from the United States. In addition to the tracts a circulating library of six hundred well selected volumes has been established and extensively read by all who are able.

The financial state of the mission will be laid before the Synod by the Treasurer; we may state, however, that the mission is out of debt and that there are four thousand dollars in the hands of the Treasurer for the erection of new buildings; that in addition to the usual expenditure for teachers and missionaries' salaries, there has been expended in repairs on the buildings the sum of two hundred dollars; in providing materials for the erection of new buildings, three hundred and ninety-seven dollars, a large portion of the missionary expenditure has been borne by the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, who with their usual liberality, have given for several years an annual grant to the mission.

During the past year we have received several letters from parties who have funds at their disposal for the moral improvement of colored people in Canada, and who would be willing to contribute them through responsible channels. A committee of Synod might be appointed to correspond with these parties, and I have no doubt that a considerable sum might be obtained for carrying on the schools in a permanent and efficient manner. As the mission was left by the