

societies is 53,262; being an increase of 1,689 during the year; the whole number of ministers in our Conference is 612, including Superannuated Ministers and Preachers on trial. Our Female College numbers 140 pupils; our Victoria University includes 63 undergraduates in Arts, 8 in Law, 223 in Medicine, and 58 pupils in the preparatory school. We have 721 Sabbath Schools, in which there are 48,495 pupils, (of whom 3,606 meet in class;) 6,906 teachers; with 118,967 volumes in the libraries. We occupy seventeen Indian Missions, on which there are 2,044 church members, speaking three different Indian tongues; we have 140 Domestic Missions, including 18,691 church members, and on which there are 193 ministerial labourers. Thus, in Canada alone, (irrespective of those in Hudson's Bay and British Columbia,) we have upwards of 200 Missions, on which the Gospel is preached in six different languages, and which are entirely supported by the liberality of our congregations. In the last official census of Canada, upwards of 350,000 of the population returned themselves as adherents to Methodism; and we believe a much larger number are attendants upon our ministry.

But we are far from satisfied with this measure of success; we are humbled and abased that it is not many fold greater. We believe, with the agencies we employ, and the fields of labour opened to us, that we ought to gather thousands to Christ, where we gather only hundreds. We have humbling and painful searchings of heart on this subject; we renew our covenant engagements with our Divine Master and with each other; to pray with and for each other whenever we meet, before parting, as far as possible; to talk and pray with others, whenever practicable, in regard to their soul's salvation; to seek a deeper baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may be at all times enlightened, empowered, and anointed for every part of our great work, and find in it our meat and our drink; to be