

The Society whose proceedings we are now to report may be called a Home or Domestic Mission. The sphere of its operation, though very extensive, does not lie beyond the bounds of this Province. For many years the Methodist New Connexion in England has employed missionaries in this country. And about seven years ago it was thought possible and desirable to originate an Auxiliary Missionary Society, to co-operate with the parent institution in promoting the spiritual welfare of the Province. The labours of the society have been and still are chiefly employed in the newly settled or more backward districts of the country. The ground occupied by our agents stretches from the East below Montreal to the extreme West of the Province. In this field there are employed 50 missionaries, who minister to a membership of 4149.

Associated with our movements during the past year, several pleasing features demand at least a passing notice. On nearly every part of our field of labour the tendency to enlarge our borders is manifest. This, of course has required an additional number of labourers; and although many more were required to supply the lack, it is pleasing to find a few coming forward to dedicate themselves to the work of the Lord. In the various churches associated with our beloved connexion in Canada there still exist abundant reason for combined supplication for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Without *this* our labours will fail of success—without *this* our hopes will be blighted. Conscious, however, that both ministers and people need a deeper baptism of the Divine Spirit, your Committee would record to the glory of God, as a stimulous to effort, and for the encouragement of hope,—that during the past year several of our stations have been visited with gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Under these baptismal influences, believers have been quickened and sinners brought to God. Hence amid removals and deaths, whereby our ranks have been somewhat thinned, we have a total increase of 115 and 347