

Entertaining these sentiments, your Committee contemplates with pleasure the present position, as well as the past labours of our little band; nor would we omit to record our devout gratitude to the God of missions, for the wide fields of usefulness he has opened up before us, and the success with which he has crowned the labours of our missionaries. Every sinner converted from the error of his way (and we rejoice to state that such instances have not been few the past year) is an attestation of the divine commission under which we act, an evidence of the presence of the angel of the covenant with our vanquishing hosts, a stimulus to greater effort and a pledge of future success. On most of our Stations, such animating indications have been vouchsafed. The dissemination of divine truth has resulted in the awakening of the careless and indifferent to thoughtfulness and prayer, to penitence and faith. Deaths and removals have to some extent diminished our number, yet the Circuit returns show an increase of three hundred and twenty eight during the past year; and to such an extent have our Circuits been enlarged that the division of several stations has been rendered necessary. And although the Lord of the harvest has sent out into our section of his vineyard, several additional labourers, yet we have openings, either unoccupied or but partially supplied. The growing importance and rapid settlement of many of the Townships in the interior, call for prompt effort to supply the inhabitants with the word of life. The spirit of enterprize which at present prevails in this province, connected with the immense natural advantages we possess, are attracting to our shores such large numbers from the fatherland, that soon the wilderness of the remotest part of Canada, must yield to the hand of industry and become fruitful fields. But if, while natural harvests are gathered, the hearts of the people remain a moral waste, what will our progress avail? How important, under these circumstances, that the Church exercise the necessary zeal and liberality, for the gathering of this extensive harvest! The settlers in these remote parts of our

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