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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1878.

I.—NAME.

THIS Society shall be known as "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada."

II.—OBJECT.

The Object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign, and other Missions which are carried on under the direction of the Conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada.

III.—MEMBERS.

Every person paying annually the sum of four dollars and upwards, and every person collecting annually ten dollars and upwards, for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Conference Report. And every person paying annually twenty-five dollars, or collecting for the Society thirty dollars or upwards, shall also be entitled to a copy of the General Report.

IV.—AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively be entitled "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" for that Conference; and severally shall be entitled "Branch Societies" of such Auxiliary. Missionary Societies formed in our Sunday-schools shall be entitled "Juvenile Branches" of the Conference Auxiliary.

V.—TREASURERS.

1. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Treasurer, through whom all remittances to or from the head office shall be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the head office shall be made through the Chairmen of Districts in such Conference.

2. The Superintendent of a Circuit or Mission shall be Treasurer of the Branch Societies on his Circuit or Mission.

VI.—REMITTANCES.

The money raised on any Circuit or Mission shall be transmitted as soon as collected to the Chairman of the District, deducting only what has been disbursed for incidental and local expenses; and the Chairman shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer, through the Conference Treasurer (or directly if there be no Conference Treasurer), all moneys received, deducting only necessary incidental expenses. All moneys from the General Treasurer to a District shall also pass through the Chairman's hands.

VII.—CIRCUIT LISTS.

The Superintendent of each Circuit or Mission shall prepare annually, not later than the first day of the Annual District Meeting, a list of all subscribers of two dollars and upwards, also the aggregate of all collections and sums under two dollars; such lists to be sent without delay to the Conference Treasurer or Chairman, who shall forward them to the Mission Rooms for insertion in the Annual Report, together with a statement of the gross receipts, local disbursements and remittances.

VIII.—CENTRAL BOARD.

1. There shall be a Central Missionary Board for the management of the Missionary Fund, which shall meet annually at such time and place as it may appoint.

2. This Board shall be composed of the President of the General Conference, the Officers of the Missionary Society, one minister to be chosen annually by each Annual Conference, one layman to be chosen annually by the laymen of each Conference Missionary Committee, and six other persons—one-half of whom shall be laymen—to be appointed by the General Conference, and to continue in office for four years.

3. The duties of this Board shall be to review the Missionary work, and apportion the funds committed to it, to the respective Conferences according to the necessities of the various depart-

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4. When an appropriation is made by the Central Board to any particular department of the work, the Annual Conference Committee shall not be at liberty to divert any part of the grant to any other department.

5. Vacancies occurring among Conference representatives may be filled by the Executive Committee of the Conference affected; and vacancies occurring among those appointed by the General Conference may be filled by the Committee of Consultation and Finance.

6. In the event of the death or disability of any of the Officers of the Society, the Committee of Consultation and Finance shall appoint a suitable person to fill the vacancy till the next meeting of the Central Board, when such appointment may be confirmed or changed, pending the meeting of the next General Conference.

7. The Committee of Consultation and Finance shall also have authority to suspend any Officer of the Missionary Society for incompetency or for culpable neglect of the duties of his office, and supply his place till the next meeting of the Central Board, which shall have authority to fill the vacancy till the next General Conference.

IX.—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

A Committee, to be called the Committee of Consultation and Finance, shall be annually appointed by the Central Board, consisting of the President of the General Conference, the Officers of the Missionary Society, and twelve other members—six ministers and six laymen—the majority of whom shall be members of the Central Board, who shall provide during the interval of the sessions of said Board for any exigencies that may arise. All the proceedings of said Committee shall be entered in a minute book, and reported to the Central Board at its next annual meeting.

X.—ANNUAL MEETING.

An Annual Public Meeting of the members and friends of this Society

shall be held at the time and place appointed by the Central Board, connected with such religious services as may be deemed expedient.

XI.—GENERAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The General Conference shall appoint the General Secretaries and Treasurers of the Missionary Society, who shall be *ex-officio* members of the Central Board.

2. The General Secretaries shall, previous to each Financial District Meeting, furnish each Chairman of a District with a schedule to be filled up by said Chairman at the Financial District Meeting, showing the estimated income and expenditure of each Mission for the support of the ministers and preachers, the amount of Missionary grant recommended by the Financial District Meetings, &c., &c., which schedule shall be forwarded to the General Secretaries without delay. From these schedules the General Secretaries shall prepare a tabular statement for the information of the Central Board, in order that its members may intelligently and justly apportion the funds of the Society to the several Conferences.

3. It shall be the duty of the General Secretaries to make themselves acquainted with the entire Mission field, by official correspondence and personal visitation when practicable. It shall also be the duty of the Secretaries to publish the Annual General Report of the Society, and the Reports of the several Annual Conferences, with a statement of their income and expenditure.

4. In the discharge of their duties, the Officers of the Society shall act in harmony with the legally appointed courts and officers of the General and Annual Conferences. Provided always, that in case of any emergency arising that may require prompt action in the matter of supplying any remote Mission, it shall be competent for them, on the recommendation of the Committee of Consultation and Finance, to request the proper authorities of any Annual Conference to aid them in meeting such emergency, by appointing one of its ministers or preachers to such Mission.

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

SPECIAL CLAIMS.

SUPPLY IN CASE OF SICKNESS.—In case a Missionary is laid aside during the year by illness which incapacitates him for work, the President of Conference, and Chairman of the District, may, if they judge it necessary, procure a suitable supply; and the Treasurers, on being duly certified of the facts, accompanied by a Physician's certificate as to the health of the Missionary, are authorized to pay towards the cost of such supply an amount not exceeding the proportion of a single unordained man's salary, for the period during which his services are necessary, within the current Conference year.

SUPPLY IN CASE OF DEATH.—In case of the death of a Missionary, his family shall be privileged to remain on the Mission and receive the allowances for the rest of the year; and an amount for a supply, similar to that mentioned in the preceding regulation, may be allowed.

SUPPLY PENDING THE REMOVAL OF A MISSIONARY.—In case a Missionary is removed from a distant station, and it is found necessary to supply his new field of labor, until such time as he can reach it, a grant for such supply may be made, similar in amount to that mentioned in the preceding cases.

AFFLICTION.

These grants are intended to HELP in cases where expenses incurred by sickness are exceptionally great, or the salary unusually small. It is to be understood, therefore, that only cases of this exceptional character will hereafter be entertained, and the Board reserves the right of granting either the whole, or part of such claim, as it may judge expedient.—*Adopted by General Conference.*

In order to prevent unnecessary delay in the settlement of Special Claims, it is recommended that they be presented at the next District Meeting—Financial or Annual—and, if recommended by such meeting, forwarded at once, with the physician's (or other) bill duly receipted, to the General Secretaries.

ERECTION AND REPAIRS OF MISSION PREMISES, &c.

1. No application for a grant for new Mission premises, or buildings, will be entertained, unless a description of the proposed buildings, with their estimated cost, has first been submitted to, and the expenditure distinctly authorized by, the Central Board, or the Committee of Consultation and Finance.

2. The same rule will be observed in regard to the repairing of Mission Buildings, and the purchase of Furniture.

CLAIMS OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Central Board, experiencing great embarrassment in providing for the really destitute portions of the Domestic Work, and finding great difficulty in responding to the calls made upon it from

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the Heathen World, and this difficulty and embarrassment arising, to a large extent, from the demands made by Domestic Missions of long standing and of large membership, and in old and well-settled districts, this Board is strongly of the opinion that grants to such Missions should either be greatly modified or absolutely cease; and appeals to the devotedness and loyalty of the members of the Church on such Missions, generously to relinquish Missionary aid, and thus enable the Board to meet its responsibilities, in making more equitable appropriations for the more destitute portions of its extending work.

TIME FOR THE BRANCH SOCIETIES' RETURNS.

The Treasurers' Report shall be closed from year to year on the last day of June, and the Superintendents of Circuits are required to use all practical effort to have the subscriptions on their respective Circuits collected, and paid to the Treasurers, at or before the May District Meeting.

REPORTS OF MISSIONS.

A Report of the Religious State of the Missions shall be prepared by the Superintendent of each Mission, and read in the May District Meeting, subject to the revision of that Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Chairmen shall require regular quarterly Communications to be made by each of the Missionaries on their respective Districts, to the Secretaries of the Society, giving information of the state and prospects of the several Missions in which they are employed.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

After the present year the following method shall be adopted:— Let the Secretaries publish an Annual Report for each Conference, containing a brief religious summary of our whole Mission work, the names of Subscribers of \$2.00 and upwards, and the Disbursements of each Conference; also a General Report, containing the religious summary, the aggregate of income from each Circuit and Mission, and a statement of all expenditure.—*Resolution of General Conference.*
(For distribution of Reports, see Art. III. of "Constitution.")

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The publication of the *Missionary Notices* is hereby discontinued, and instead thereof the editors of the *Guardian* and *Wesleyan* are directed to place at the disposal of the Missionary Secretaries sufficient space in their columns for the publication of such matter as is usually published in the *Missionary Notices*. All communications from the Mission Districts, intended for publication in the organs of the Church, shall be first examined and approved by the Missionary Secretaries.—*Resolution of General Conference.*

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY, AND THE LAW GOVERNING SAME

FORM.

I give and bequeath to THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA the sum of \$ _____ out of my pure personality, to be paid, expended, and applied by said Society in the aid and support of the Missionaries upon the different Mission Stations of said Society, and the receipt or receipts of the Treasurer or Treasurers of said Society for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors. And the published journals of the GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA shall be sufficient evidence of authority upon which the said Treasurer or Treasurers may demand and receive payment of said bequest.

N.B.—In the Province of Ontario a devise of lands or tenements or interest therein may be made to any religious Society or Corporation of Christians *if made at least six months before the death of the testator*, so that, however, the annual value of the lands of said Society shall not at any one time exceed one thousand dollars. This may possibly give the Missionary Society power to take land by devise, and if so, the devise may be in the following form:—

FORM.

I give and devise unto THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA all and singular, [*describe the lands as accurately as possible*], to be held by the said Society upon the trusts set out in its Act of Incorporation.

[It will be advisable, however, where possible, that any gift to the Society shall be in money—not payable out of land, or in any way charged upon land—thus preventing any doubt or trouble. ALL WILLS must be in writing, signed by the testator at the foot or end, or by some other person in his presence and by his direction, and such signature must be made or acknowledged by the testator in the presence of two or more witnesses present at the same time, who shall attest and subscribe the will in the presence of the testator.]

CONTRIBUTIONS

OF

TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND UPWARDS.

Included in the Circuit Lists and given here in a connected form.

Hon. C. R. Ayre..... <i>St. John's</i> \$100 A. Marshall..... " 40 William Pitts " 40 Hon. J. J. Rogerson.... " 50 John Steer..... " 100	Hon. E. White..... <i>St. John's</i> \$30 W. P. Munn <i>Harbor Grace</i> 63 Mark Osmond... <i>Moreton's Harbor</i> 25 Thomas J. Lucar " 25
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REPORT.

1879-80.

AN accumulating debt, from 1875 to 1879, embarrassed the Central Board in its operations; not only preventing any extension of the work committed to its management, but painfully interfering with appropriations to the Missionaries already engaged in this branch of service in the Methodist Church of Canada. It became evident that a hindrance so formidable could not be endured any longer, consistent with the Christian zeal and spirit of sacrifice, always presumed to be prepared for active exercise when the emergencies of the cause of Christ call for their manifestation. In accordance with this conviction a large gathering of influential friends in Toronto resolved upon the adoption of a plan to liquidate this debt, and raise an additional sum for the extension of Missions and to assist in the enlargement of the Superannuated Ministers' Fund. The various Conferences throughout the Dominion, and that in Newfoundland, have most liberally sanctioned the movement, so that, with devout gratitude to Almighty God, this Fifty Sixth Report of the Methodist Missionary Society will be distinguished amongst all others in recording the free-will offerings of our devoted people, who have so generously and willingly contributed to free the Treasurers from their weighty obligations.

The Annual Reports from the Mission Stations show evidences of spiritual growth and prosperity. Whilst in some instances financial temporary inconvenience has been endured, personal toil for the perpetuity of the means of grace and the material welfare of the Missions has been rewarded with sound conversions, fruitful enjoyments, and the improvement and erection of sanctuaries and parsonages throughout the whole field of Christian work.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

IN this department of Missionary work the Society's representatives cover a large surface of this Dominion, and present encouraging evidences of success. In the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, the North-West Territory, and Keewatin, church organizations are formed, where the services, as conducted in our churches in the most favoured cities, are regularly maintained, and the praises of multitudes in different languages are offered to the Triune God of Holiness with a simplicity and earnestness not often approached by more cultured and refined mixed congregations. In the formation of new Missions it has always been the object of the Missionaries to commence with those ordinances, which we believe to be essential to the maintenance of religious life in the soul; hence, in addition to public worship, which commands, amongst Indian communities, a general and punctual attendance, the sacrament commemorative of our blessed Lord's death, class and prayer-meetings are means of grace greatly prized and conscientiously attended. From their earliest adoption of Christianity and abandonment of Pagan rites, the Indians' observance of the Law of the Sabbath has been most exemplary; extending to those who may not have placed themselves in immediate fellowship with the Church of Christ, unless a too close approximation to the corrupting example of ungodly wanderers on Sabbath-days, to some extent may neutralize the Missionaries' labours.

Our national Government, in their management of the Indians' claims, has always been distinguished by principles of equity and uprightness, whilst our history has been free from slaughter and oppression in all our intercourse and treaties with the different tribes now settled amongst us. Our settlements around them have never been invaded. The savage cry of the war-whoop has never terrified our white families, but all have dwelt in peace and security.

Politicians are not slack in proclaiming the success of their schemes, founded upon a humane and generous polity; but are too prone to forget the religious element which has contributed so much to the accomplishment of their well-designed efforts. Loyalty to the State, as well as the fear of God, is a prominent part of Christian instruction imparted to the mind of the Indian. Being assured that the

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policy which governs the authorities of the Church of Christ and the administrators of human laws is not to destroy them, but to save them, soul and body, they are disarmed of all hostile plans and intentions, feeling themselves a part of the great brotherhood of a Christian nation. However slowly they may follow in the footsteps of civilization, yet once brought under the transforming influences of the Cross, by their dress, manners, and mode of life, they give undeniable evidence of being "new creatures." The testimonies found in the reports for the past year satisfactorily show that, living or dying, the Indian grasps the glorious plan of salvation as revealed in the Word of God, and preached by His ministers to this class of fallen man.

In addition to the ordinary means for the elevation of the Indian races which have been used by the Methodist Church, several of our brethren are anxious for the establishment of two Orphanages, one at Fort Simpson and another at Morleyville. The Committee would hesitate in the appropriation of means placed at their disposal for the preaching of the Gospel to the perishing; and yet here is an agency which might be employed in saving hundreds from suffering and degradation. In two or three places in Ontario a movement has been made by the ladies of our Church to combine their influence to promote the interests of the Society in some special form of Christian benevolence. Would it not be a noble monument of their love to Christ and His suffering children were they to adopt these much-desired homes for the helpless, upon which to expend a part of their time and means as workers together in these portions of the Lord's vineyard?



BRITISH COLUMBIA.

<i>Victoria—Indian and Chinese</i>	
<i>Missions</i>	William Pollard.
<i>Nanaimo</i>	Joseph Cushan, Native Assistant.
<i>Burrard Inlet</i>	Cornelius Bryant.
<i>Indian Tribes</i>	Charles M. Tate.
<i>Fort Simpson</i>	Thomas Crosby.
<i>Naas River</i>	Alfred E. Green; under the Superintendent of Fort Simpson.
<i>Skeena River</i>	One wanted.

VICTORIA.

The continued blessing of the Head of the Church on this Mission awakens in our minds new emotions of gratitude for His

goodness. The Lord has favoured us with a good degree of prosperity. We have had an unusual number of removals from the congregation and membership, but these vacancies have been filled by strangers coming in from different pagan tribes, many of whom have been hopefully converted to God, so that our losses have been more than made up by these accessions to the Church. Sixty-one have been received during the year.

The Sabbath-school, which is managed by a staff of devoted teachers, has been well attended and productive of much good. The average attendance, taking the whole year, has been about seventy. Upwards of thirty can read the Scriptures.

The day-school, which is composed of children and young people, is a great help to the work. In addition to the English branches, they are taught music, both vocal and instrumental. The average attendance through the year has been fifteen.

A sewing society has been organized, at which the women are taught to make every kind of garment that they need.

Thus they are making encouraging progress in civilization and industry. Besides paying the insurance and current expenses of the church and Sabbath-school, they have reduced the debt fifty dollars, and contributed sixty dollars to the mission fund. The report shows thirty-one members, and forty on trial.

WM. POLLARD.

CHINESE MISSION.

Since the Mission-school was closed we have had no place where we could meet for prayer and religious instruction. The only way in which we can reach them at present is by visiting them at their homes and places of employment, where we find it very difficult to converse with them on religious subjects. They are very desirous to learn the English language; hence the school gave us a favourable opportunity to instil into their minds religious truth.

While the Christian Churches are at great cost in sending Missionaries to China, we have thousands of Chinese in Victoria, and on the Pacific coast, who might be brought under the influence of the Gospel at comparatively little expense, had we a suitable agent.

WM. POLLARD.

NANAIMO.

This part of our work has been favoured with marked tokens of the Divine presence and power. No less than thirty persons gave evidence of a change of heart, and were received on trial. Bro. Cushman has also maintained a regular service every Sabbath among the Ucletahs, the most of whom attend. One or two have professed conversion, and we trust that soon all will yield themselves in earnest consecration to the Saviour of sinners. Indian membership, 39.

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BURREARD INLET.

Our native work has not recovered from the unsatisfactory state reported last year, so that while we have no class, we preach to the Indians in Chinook whenever we can.

C. BRYANT.

INDIAN TRIBES.

We are grateful to God for the mercies of the past year. We have gone forth at the Master's command, offering all our works to Him, and have ever found Him present with His aid. Our hearts have been very much tried in having to bury some of the oldest of our members; yet we believe the Lord doeth all things well, and will raise up others to fill their places.

At Chilliwack we have received several members, and have also sent out several to other Circuits through the instrumentality of our annual camp-meeting. Yet, through deaths and inconsistencies, we are sorry to report a decrease of four. Our people, however, are growing wiser and better, and heathenism seems to have entirely disappeared. Instead of a life of indolence, they now devote their time entirely to farming, and send a great quantity of produce into the market of New Westminster and Yale, besides supplying themselves with an excellent quality of beef, flour, and other table necessaries.

We have replaced the old church at Skowkale by a neat gothic structure, costing about \$500. The Indians have subscribed sufficient to purchase all the lumber, besides doing the work themselves. Of course, in such cases, the greater part of the work falls to the lot of the Missionary. Our white friends have given us a little assistance in procuring windows, etc.

We have endeavoured to keep up a day-school throughout the winter; but after giving it a fair trial are forced to the conclusion that it is impracticable. The Indians are scattered over the country in small bands of from two to ten families, and at distances too great for the children to come to school at any central point; therefore, unless they can be brought together on one reserve, or we can establish a boarding-school, we will have to confine our labours to the few children of the village where we are living.

Nanaimo is doing well, and has doubled its membership in the past year. Bro. Cushman keeps up the service in the Indian village, and also preaches to a camp of Ucletahs every Sabbath.

At New Westminster a church is needed very much, as from 1,000 to 2,000 Indians congregate at that place every year from all parts of British Columbia, and many of our own people are lost to us, as they have no place to spend their Sabbaths, and are continually exposed to evil influences. We expect to make arrangements for a place of worship, and have it built before fall.

We also visit the Indians at Musquiem, who are very anxious to build a church this summer.

The Indians at Burrard Inlet are exposed to a great many temptations, and we feel sorry to report that our little church at that place has been almost swept away during the winter. However, we expect to see the little cause built up again shortly. Members, 122.

CHARLES M. TATE.

FORT SIMPSON.

The year just closed has been one of great mercy. We had to part with the youngest member of our family, our little daughter of eighteen months, which tried us much. Yet I trust our hearts have been drawn nearer to the "sympathising Jesus" and to His blessed work. A number of Indians have died, some of them very happy.

There is a marked improvement in all departments of our work here; and we labour on with the hope that these poor people will be further built up in the faith of the Gospel.

Our schools, both day and Sunday-school, have been well attended, the latter becoming more and more interesting. Besides the meeting in church for the grown people, the children have been taught in the school-house by Mrs. Crosby and our teacher, with a staff of assistants. Also, at the close of the Sunday-school proper, we have a staff of teachers, ten in number, who go to different houses in the village, where they gather together the old people and give them simple instruction; so that if there has been any very old or sick who cannot get to church, the Word is taken to them on the Lord's day; thus every one in the village attends Sunday-school at one time or another.

Our zealous teacher, Miss Knott, was taken from us to another sphere of usefulness; and a young man, Mr. Robinson, has filled her place well during the winter. And now we welcome Miss Lawrance, from Ontario, to that work.

We have had of late tokens of good—indeed, times of refreshing, especially at the outposts—but we long for spiritual showers.

All the means of grace are well attended when the people are at home—notably the class and prayer-meetings are blessed means of grace to the people. My visits to the outposts were never accompanied by so much apparent danger as they have been during the past winter, and yet a loving Father's care has been over us, and we have been much blessed in those efforts to take the bread of life to others.

We are doing what we can at the building of a new school-house, but as our people are poor, and their little means about exhausted in building their new houses, they find it difficult to give much just now. We hope, however, to have another subscription towards this object in the fall.

Our little church at Kit-a-mat has been completed, and a bell put in it, to the great joy of the people there. The work there is doing well under a native teacher. Several of the heathen have been brought to Christ. Thirty members are enrolled, mostly on trial.

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by our Kit-see-lass people. It was opened on the 29th day of February, and at the first services twelve souls professed conversion. We hope to complete the building in the fall. I have a native teacher there now. Members, 35 ; nearly all on probation.

The Bella-Bella Indians still call loudly for a Missionary or Teacher, and the Skeena work is still without a man.

The poor Tongass people across the border ask the Gospel at our hands, and I intend to do what we can for them.

The Hydahs, on the south end of Queen Charlotte Island, have repeatedly asked us for a teacher. Nineteen chiefs in a body came at one time, but I have said, no ; that the Church Missionary Society had a man at Massett, on the north end of the Island, and that we hoped they would do something for them, but if not we should try.

Our "Girls' Home."—This was commenced a year ago, by adding a wing to the Mission House. As soon as the building was fit for use, we began to take the girls in, and we have had twelve of them under our care most of the winter. We hope thus to save many of those poor girls from ruin. The aid we have received towards this by subscription from friends has amounted to about half the cost of the building. We have thus been ill-provided for this work, but immediate danger calls for immediate action, and we trust we shall soon see the institution on a better footing. A young woman who, three years ago, came to us from the streets of "Wrangel," renounced her wicked course, lived in the Mission House two years, became a good Christian, married a member of our Church here, and, while on a visit to her friends in Alaska this winter, was taken ill ; and although she was amongst her own relatives, she told them if she died there to be sure and have her body taken to the Mission burial ground at Fort Simpson, and as she died in the arms of her husband while on their way home, she said, "Tell Mr. and Mrs. Crosby that I am not afraid to die ; and thank them for me, for it was by their kindness I was saved from sin, and now I am going to be with Jesus," and she urged her husband and friends who were with him to sing and pray and thus passed away to the better land.

By careful management, fifty dollars might support one girl for a year.

I have baptized 164 persons during the year, viz. : adults, 77 ; children, 87 ; and have had 30 marriages. Present membership, 307. Increase, 49.

THOS. CROSBY.

Respecting a visit to Fort Simpson by J. W. Powell, Esq., Indian Superintendent, he reports to the Dominion Government,—“The next day being Sabbath, in company with several of the officers and most of the ship's crew, we attended service at the Methodist Church, and heard the sermon delivered by Mr. Crosby, wonderfully well repeated in Tsmipsheean by a native woman.

“The church seats fully 500 people, and was well filled by a most

“attentive congregation. With the exception of ourselves, and one or two employees of the Hudson Bay Company, all were Indians, and their cleanly and well-dressed appearance, their deep and solemn devotion, and their apparent desire not to lose a word which fell from the preacher’s lips, struck me as one of the most impressive scenes I had ever experienced.

“The whole village, so full of life yesterday, afforded a great contrast to-day in the universal respect shown to the Sabbath. There were no idlers about, and those not actually engaged in some devotional exercise at the Church generally confined themselves to their houses, and far more than ordinary quietude and solemnity prevailed over the whole place.”—*Vide* “Report of Indian Affairs, 1879,” pp. 120, 121.

NAAS RIVER.

With grateful and hopeful hearts we present our Annual Report. God hath blessed the simple Gospel of His Son to the hearts of the people, and we are encouraged as we see how much they appreciate all the means of grace, and how earnestly they seek to read the Scriptures. Here are old men and women, who grew old in heathen darkness, before they heard the Gospel, now sitting, clothed and in their right minds, at the feet of Jesus. I have been amazed to hear the clear, scriptural testimony of these aged ones, whom God hath snatched as brands from the burning. Last Monday night one of these said, “My hands were red with blood, and my heart was black with sin. Then Jesus came to the river. I heard His Word. I prayed to Him. He washed my hands and my heart. He gave me peace, and I have a home in heaven.”

I am glad to report that our work is progressing. Several heathen families have joined us, and have left their old pagan villages. One family came 150 miles to seek for the “light of the world.” *Nag-ah-oon*, the greatest chieftess on the Naas, with her family, has embraced the Gospel, and moved to the Mission village. This family has great influence. When I first visited them, two and a-half years ago, she said, “I will never leave the old way; I will never become a Christian.” Praise the Lord, the whole family are consistently following Jesus.

One pleasing feature of our work is, that the children attend the prayer and class-meetings, and speak of Jesus’ love with such simple, earnest power. Their tremulous voices, their tearful eyes, all bespeak their Saviour’s praise; and as we watch over them, we have great hope of the future, for “He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.”

We have not been without perplexing seasons during the year. At the middle village, fifteen miles north of this place, we have kept up school and services. Our native agent is faithful. I have visited

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as often as possible. The heathen there are alarmed at the power of God's Word. They say, "The young men who go to school won't help us (in the pagan rites), and they won't dance." Enraged at this, they have taken their drums to the door of the house used for service, and by beating and singing tried to drown the voice of the preacher. Fathers have turned their children out of doors without clothes and without food, because the children would not join in the vile heathen practices, but choose rather to go and hear the Gospel preached.

At the upper village, twenty-five miles north, in like manner we have had violent opposition, caused by a degraded white man, who misled the Indians as to our object in visiting them, and influenced some to refuse us admittance to their houses, and persecuted those who were friendly to our cause. On my last visit, two weeks ago, a young chief opened his house to us. I remained five days, visiting from house to house, preaching each night, and thrice on the Sabbath. The old conjurers, dancers, &c., &c., met, and sent for me, and asked me to explain "Why I came? and what I wanted to do?" This gave me an admirable opportunity to preach Jesus to them. The young chief permitted me to leave a young native in his house to teach school and preach. The young people are tired of heathenism, and wish to attend school and become Christians, but greatly fear the old doctors. Will the friends of Missions pray for this work, that "God may be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, that His way may be known upon the earth, His saving health among all nations?"

Our day-school has improved greatly the last year, and is very interesting. Fifty-three in attendance.

I am grateful for the generous grant of Bibles and Testaments, for the use of the Indians, obtained from the Upper Canada Bible Society. A fine-toned bell was received during the year; this was sent out from England, and presented to the Mission by G. A. Calder, Esq., of London. It is a great convenience in calling our people to service. Three have died happy in the Lord. Baptisms: adults, 18; children, 16. Marriages, 10. Present membership: full members, 35; on trial, 97; total, 132.

A. E. GREEN.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

<i>Edmonton House</i>	Arthur Whiteside.
<i>Woodville</i>	One wanted.
<i>Victoria</i>	James A. McLachlen.
<i>White Fish Lake</i>	Henry Steinhauer.
<i>Slave Lake</i>	To be visited.
<i>Morley</i>	John McDougall, <i>Chairman</i> .
<i>Blackfeet Indians</i>	To be visited.
<i>Fort McLeod</i>	Henry M. Manning.

COMMUNICATIONS from most of the stations occupied by the Society's Missionaries throughout the Territory have been very few during the year; and the Chairman being in Ontario, no returns of the religious state of the Missions have been received in time for the publication of the Report, excepting that for Fort McLeod, which has been sent in since the Rev. H. M. Manning went to Eglington, Yonge Street South.

FORT McLEOD.

THE past year has been one of success. Our labours during the last six months have been more encouraging and happy than usual. An exceedingly favourable seed-time has been granted us. Considering the class of people among whom our lot has been cast, the general prevalence of vice, and the lack of the restraining influences of civilization, not to say of Christian mothers, and sisters, and wives, I am constrained to believe that nothing less than a gracious Divine influence could have brought so many to hear the Word of God preached during the past winter. Several have spoken of the Spirit's strivings with them, and it is our hope that the seed not seldom sown in tears will be reaped in joy.

A new appointment has been taken up, twenty-five miles from the Fort, which promises well. We had much hope for a time that the white work on this Mission would rapidly increase, but the prospect is at present cut off. Settlers are leaving for the States, and others are prevented from coming in, owing to depredations committed by Pagan Indians, and the failure of those whose cattle have been killed to get any satisfaction from the authorities.

The school has been kept open during the year, and is an important branch of our work.

We look forward to the opening up of a very important field for Missionary effort, at an early day, among the Blood Indians, the largest tribe of the Blackfoot nation, numbering two thousand or more. These Indians have not yet settled, but it is believed that their reserve will be about eight miles from Fort McLeod. Here is a life-work for an earnest man who has learned both to labour and to wait.

HENRY M. MANNING.

WINNIPEG DISTRICT.

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<i>Norway House, Rossville..</i>	Orrin German.
<i>Oxford House.....</i>	Enos Langford.
<i>Berens River</i>	Andrew W. Ross.
<i>Fisher River</i>	Native Assistant; under the Superintendent of Berens River.
<i>Nelson River</i>	Native Assistant.

AMIDST regions, affected most sensitively by the ordinances of the law, have been contented of their religious ordinances from other sources, maintained by local agents of the Society, but the Commission stages the Commission in their midst.

It will be seen that we have left no stone unturned for greater opportunities of comfort; but the Missionary presence on the Dominion, and the Commission.

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NORWAY HOUSE, ROSSVILLE.

AMIDST the changes which are taking place in these northern regions, affecting the temporal interests of Indian communities, the most sensitive feeling is manifested by them for the continuance of the ordinances of religion in the older stations; and when the people have been compelled to seek new homes at a distance from the localities of their birth and social enjoyments, their importunities for religious ordinances have been earnest and persevering, declining offers from other ministerial assistance, preferring minor privileges maintained by local labourers and class-leaders, until the crippled means of the Society being ended, they were sure then to share in the advantages the Committee were enabled to bestow by the establishment in their midst of a permanent ministry.

It will doubtless be ultimately advantageous to the families who have left Rossville for Fisher River, in temporal matters, and give greater opportunities for those who remain there to improve in social comforts; but the change throws greater responsibility and cost upon the Missionary Society, which it is hoped an enlarged spirit of benevolence on the part of the Methodist Church in other sections of the Dominion, more highly favoured with nature's bounties, will enable the Committee to meet without future embarrassment.

Since the commencement of the Rossville Mission, vast numbers of Indians "have passed through death triumphant home," who are mingling their songs of praise with Evans, and Hurlburt, and McDougall, who toiled at Rossville, and amongst adjacent bands; and won many from Paganism and degradation; leading them to the Cross, whose transforming influences made them "new creatures in Christ Jesus." In seeking a distant and permanent home, the remembrance of those who "through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises" would greatly contribute to awaken prayerful aspirations, that with the sorrow incident to their leaving the homes and graves of their fathers, they might not lose the consolation and help always found by sincere worshippers in the means of grace.

After some five or six years of successful labour at Rossville, Mr. Ruttan and his devoted wife returned to Ontario, and Mr. O. German, from Oxford House, assumed the duties and care of this important Mission, much lessened in numbers, but still affording ample room to occupy the time of the most devoted and diligent labourer. We are hopeful that Mr. O. German's successful study of the Cree language may be found useful in translations, and be some compensation for the lonely years he spent at Oxford House; years, however, not only distinguished by seed-time, but attended with an ingathered harvest, as shown by his last report of that Mission.

OXFORD HOUSE.

Coming to this Mission late in the summer, a little before the Indians left for the winter, we could not accomplish much. We found the old Mission-house so dilapidated that we could not live in it, and

being sixteen miles from the Fort, where the Indians were encamped and where the church is built, we formed the church into a dwelling-house, held service in the open air, and proceeded at once with the erection of the new parsonage—the timber of which was on the ground—into which we moved a few days before Christmas.

Miss Parkinson, the teacher, seeing so many children wandering about (some of them half-naked) for the want of a school, resolved to gather them into a group in the open air, and teach them; but the weather was too severe for such an undertaking, and I at once erected a rough shed, without a window or a door, into which she gathered about seventy children, whom she reports as apt scholars as any she ever taught in Ontario.

The prayer-meeting organized and conducted by Mrs. Langford, for the women, was well attended, and many were the manifest tokens of the Divine presence.

The Sabbath services, also, were well attended, and spiritually profitable. Providence favoured us every Sabbath (on which day the services were held in the open air) with pleasant weather. The future looks hopeful. Oh for a knowledge of the language, to converse freely and plainly with this people! Pray for us.

Members on trial, 20; removed, 3; died, 1; total membership, 161. E. LANGFORD.

BERENS AND FISHER RIVERS.

We are endeavouring to do what we can on the field committed to our care here. Some success, we humbly trust, is given to us by the great Head of the Church. The field is very large, and a great deal of time is taken up travelling.

During the past year we have visited Grand Rapid, on the Berens River, once—distance about one hundred miles—and spent several days with the band there. We met some two hundred in all, baptized twenty-six, and married eight couples. I have seen a goodly number of them in their wanderings since. Poplar River, once—distance about seventy miles—married four couples, baptized seven. At both of the above places they are largely pagan yet. Fisher River and Dog-Head, four times—round trip about two hundred miles. A large number of our people have come there from Norway House during the past year. They need a Missionary among them very much. May they soon get one.

At Berens River the services are very well attended. We have, as a rule, two services on the Sabbath; one prayer-meeting, Bible-class, and, since September last, Sunday-school. Two prayer-meetings—and sometimes three—during the week.

We organized the Sabbath-school last fall. Since then we have had it twenty-three Sabbaths. There are four teachers and sixty-two scholars on the roll. Average attendance, twenty-six. Reading in Testament, twenty. Learning Catechism, seventeen. Several of these have gone through Part I. twice, and are in Part II. Verses recited, 2,026. We feel encouraged with the Sabbath-school.

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NELSON RIVER.

At this very remote and lonely post, where much time is lost to a Teacher by the long enforced absence of the Indians in their hunting expeditions, a Native Assistant, of competent abilities and established Christian reputation, has been sent to reside, ministering to the spiritual wants of the people whenever they return to the Fort for a season. Their pleadings for an instructor in Divine things could not be heard with indifference, for if we turned a deaf ear to their supplications, "No man cared for their souls." The success of the past both justified and encouraged the employment of a Native Assistant to keep up religious ordinances at this northern station.

The Indian membership in the District is estimated to be 650.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

<i>New Credit</i>	William Cross.
<i>Grand River</i>	James White; Erastus Hurlburt, Sup'd.
<i>Muncey</i>	Thomas Cosford, who has charge of Mount Elgin Industrial School; Abel Edwards; Charles Halfmoon, Native Assistant.
<i>Oneida</i>	Benjamin Sherlock; Abraham Sickles, Superannuated.
<i>Moraviantown</i>	Supplied by the Bothwell minister.
<i>Snake Island</i>	Supplied by the Sutton minister.
<i>Georgina</i>	Supplied as Snake Island.
<i>Rama</i>	Kennedy Creighton.
<i>Scugog</i>	George T. Richardson.
<i>Alderville</i>	Robert Brooking.
<i>Hiawatha, Rice Lake</i>	Thomas Woolsey.
<i>Mud Lake</i>	Supplied from Lakefield.
<i>St. Clair</i>	Francis G. Weaver.
<i>Kettle Point</i>	Supplied from Ravenswood.
<i>Walpole Island</i>	Thomas Hanna.
<i>Saugeen</i>	George Jacques.
<i>Cape Croker</i>	Henry Bawtenheimer.
<i>Christian and Beausoliel Islands</i> ..	Allen Salt.
<i>Parry Island, Shawanaga, and French River</i>	Native Assistant.
<i>Bachewana, Michipicoton & Nipigon</i>	To be visited.
<i>Lake of the Two Mountains, Oka</i> ..	J. A. Dorion.
<i>Caughnawaga and St. Regis</i>	Joseph Onesakenrat.
<i>Mount Elgin Industrial School</i> ..	Thos. Cosford, Governor.

NEW CREDIT.

The Delaware Indians have been for years deceived and cursed by Universalism. The Spirit of God is now awakening them from the delusion. They are anxious to escape the damnation of hell, and are learning the old Methodist doctrine that gives no uncertain sound. The "Baptism of fire" has disabused many minds of the so-called need of dipping or plunging in water.

We have found the week evening prayer-meetings, from house to house, to be a good feeder to spiritual life. The Delawares have, from their own resources, subscribed \$350 toward the building of a church. They need aid from the Society to complete the work. By deaths, removals, and dropping we have lost 22 names, and received on trial, during the year, 35. Our present membership, 77.

WILLIAM CROSS.

GRAND RIVER.

On coming to this Mission I found the congregations small, and the attendance on class irregular. I reorganized the classes. The congregations have greatly improved, and the classes are better attended. We have two Sabbath-schools. Some of our Indians died through the year, and they died well. My predecessor did a good work in repairing and painting the church. There was a debt of \$70.00 on it, which we have partially reduced. I intend making an effort this year to clear off the debt. We have had an addition of ten members; still, owing to removals and other causes, I have to report a decrease. We have two day-schools in operation, but it is hard to get the Indian children to attend regularly. Members, 64. Appointments, 3. I am hoping for good times this year.

J. WHITE.

MUNCEY.

There are seven appointments on this Mission at which divine service has been regularly conducted through the year. The class-meetings are well attended, and have been seasons of refreshing and great profit to the Church. At two of these a gracious revival has prevailed among the white portion of the community living near this reserve, resulting in the formation of two classes, numbering nearly forty members. We have an increase in our membership, in the amount raised for the General Mission Fund, and also in the Quarterage raised for the support of the Missionary. The work among the Indians is also much improved, in which we greatly rejoice. Members, 141.

THOMAS COSFORD.

ABEL EDWARDS.

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racter. Notwithstanding this disadvantage, improvement has been made in a few matters. A porch has been built to the school-house, and the whole building painted. The grave-yard has been fenced, the congregation has somewhat improved, and the average attendance on class-meeting increased by a few conversions, and the return of some backsliders to our fold. We have had peace among our members, and a healthy spiritual tone prevails. As a step towards self-support, our people have provided an interpreter at their own expense. A Sabbath-school has been established and furnished with Bibles and Hymn-books, which is attended by both old and young. The day-school is fairly attended, and is very much needed, for the general ignorance of the English language is perhaps the greatest hindrance to the moral and social progress of this band of Indians, who possess native powers of mind and muscle not to be despised. We report the same total in membership as last year, 55.

B. SHERLOCK.

MORAVIANTOWN.

The services have been regularly kept up, and the congregations have increased very much. Their regular attendance and earnestness indicate their strong desire to hear and receive the word of life. A number of Indian children have been baptized, and eleven adults added to the membership. The besetting sin, "drink," has been almost totally abandoned; and not only amongst the young, but the grown up portion, a desire increased for intellectual knowledge. As a proof of this, one of the class-leaders requested me to send to our Book-room for Barnes' Notes on the Gospels, Hebrews, Philippians, Ephesians, and Revelations. The money was paid in with the order. To use their own expression, three members "have gone to the other side," washed in the blood of the Lamb. Present membership, 55.

T. H. PATCHELL.

SNAKE AND GEORGINA ISLANDS.

But few of the band remain on what was twenty-five years ago a good-sized community on Snake Island; those who have not gone to the grave have removed to Georgina Island, at the north end of Lake Simcoe, where a neat and commodious sanctuary has been erected and paid for by the Indians themselves. This building was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God by the Chairman of the District, the Rev. J. Bredin, on New Year's Day, 1880. Through personal affliction, the services of the minister, whose duty it is to look after the spiritual interests of this Indian Church have been often interrupted. Our good and devoted teacher, Mr. Chas. Grylls, has faithfully visited the sick and the dying, being the happy instrument of conveying comfort to those who were gradually approaching the grave, at times when access to the Island was often dangerous, if not impossible. The "treasure in earthen vessels" is not confined to any special order of men, but "the excellency of the power of God" maketh the otherwise feeble testimony successful in banishing

fear, and inspiring courage and joyous anticipation of eternal rest, when such testimony comes from a heart inspired with love divine. Members, 27.

RAMA.

The past year, on the whole, has been one of prosperity. Considerable repairs and improvements on the church, the parsonage, and the surrounding premises of both. Revival influences have come down upon the people, and about twenty have professed conversion during the year. In the Sunday-school we have not only the usual number of children, but large numbers of the adult population attend, seemingly desirous of studying God's Word.

Through the kindness of the Upper Canada Bible Society, and that of an unknown friend who sent me a remittance of one dollar in cash, we have a good supply of Bibles and Testaments, which greatly aids us in our Sunday-school work.

We purchased a first-class reed organ for the church and paid for it, with the exception of fifty dollars, which we hope to raise before the next report. The day school has been well kept up by a capable and diligent teacher, and is fairly prosperous. We are thankful to God for the past, and, depending upon Him, hopeful as to the future. Present membership, 90.

KENNEDY CREIGHTON.

SCUGOG.

The Gospel has done much for this small band of Indians; some of them are truly converted to God, others are careless about the "things which make for their peace." Every Sabbath through the year our people have had the usual means of grace, except one, when the road was impassable.

God has given us "times of refreshing;" the class-meeting, which had fallen into disuse, has been recuscitated and entered upon with new vigour. Two families are cultivating their own land; I am trying to induce others to follow their example, but find it difficult to move them in that direction. The fire-water is the great curse of the Indian. Members, 25.

G. T. RICHARDSON.

ALDERVILLE.

Our members, for the most part, have attended well the means of grace, and we have experienced "times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." One of our very aged members, a widow, died quite suddenly last fall, and we have no doubt whatever that her sudden death was sudden glory. Less than a month since two of our young men were taken from us after a lingering illness—one about twenty-nine years of age, and the other nineteen—both of whom died very happy in the Lord; one of them, indeed, triumphantly.

Both day and Sabbath-schools have been attended very well, although, in this respect, there is room for improvement. Both

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schools are kept open during the whole year, with the exception of the usual holidays for the day-school. The children are making commendable progress.

It has been a very hard time for our Indians during the past winter. The increased expense of living, and the scarcity of work, have led to a great deal of suffering and actual want of the necessaries of life; and, in consequence of this, the removal of some of our liberal white friends, subscribers to our Mission Fund, and the giving up of the Ebenezer appointment to Fenella, our subscriptions to the Mission Fund have fallen short this year. Present membership: Whites, 10; Indians, 36; and 3 on trial; total, 49. R. BROOKING.

HIAWATHA.

The interests of this Mission have, we trust, been carefully guarded and prayerfully watched over during the year, though signs of prosperity have only recently appeared. The Sabbath and day schools have had marked attention bestowed upon them, giving encouragement to the parties engaged therein. Two of our members have entered into rest. Others are still heavily afflicted, calling forth no small amount of attention and sympathy. Members: Indians, 28; whites, 10; total, 38. THOMAS WOOLSEY.

MUD LAKE.

The state of this field is slowly improving. The regular services have been well attended. The special services were a blessing to the membership, and to some who had lost ground. Two names have been added. Two have died—one, especially, was triumphantly victorious. She spoke with deepest gratitude of the "precious Jesus" and of being "happy" in Him. Her life previously was in harmony with such dying consolations. The Annual Missionary Meeting was the great enthusiastic event of the year. They evidently appreciate what God and His Church is doing for them. The same vigorous efforts referred to in the last report, on the part of Miss Roberts, in the Band of Hope, have been kept up, and your agents have aided once or twice in the work. Members, 30. GEO. WASHINGTON.

ST. CLAIR.

The year has been one of prayer and earnest labour, resulting in some conversions. The congregations are good. The public means of grace are much enjoyed. We expect, soon, this band will all give their hearts to the Saviour. Twelve have died happy in the love of Jesus. Fourteen have removed. The Sabbath-school is not as well attended as we could wish. The day-school has been prospering during the past year. The Mission-house and surroundings are being improved. Total membership, 167. F. G. WEAVER.

KETTLE POINT, ETC.

The work is in a prosperous state. A new church, capable of seating over 100, has been completed and dedicated. A Sabbath-school has also been established, and is flourishing.

A series of special services resulted in a general spiritual awakening of the membership, and in 15 being received on trial. Membership, 61. JASPER WILSON.

WALPOLE ISLAND.

I am happy to be able to report some progress in the past year. There have been a few conversions, so that after filling up the loss of the year—those who have been dropped and died, eight in all—I return 120, an increase of 7. The day-school is also doing well; there is at present about 40 average. The Sabbath-school has not done so well this year, as the roads on the Island have been mostly under water the past winter and spring, so that the school had to be closed. The same cause made very much against our day-school in the winter. I return an increase in Missionary money, but it ought at least to be as much more. To this point I intend it shall come. THOS. HANNA.

SAUGEEN.

At the close of another year, in reporting of the spiritual condition of this Indian Mission, I have nothing very special to state.

The public means of grace are usually well attended, and by many very much appreciated, as manifested by their earnest and devout attention during divine service. There has been a great amount of sickness among the Indians, and several have passed away from the trials and privations of earth. Some of them manifested the most extraordinary patience and resignation during their long and painful illness. What a blessing has the gospel of Jesus Christ been to many of the poor aborigines in life, but more especially in death! And we must continue to supply them with the only means to prepare them for a happy futurity. The day and Sunday-schools have been kept regularly during the year, but the great difficulty with the day-school is to get the children to attend with any degree of regularity. The parents are too often quite indifferent as to whether their children attend school or not, even when at home; and they often go off camping for months, and take their children with them. After deducting for removals, deaths, &c., we return a membership of 95. GEORGE JACQUES.

CAPE CROKER.

Since coming to this Mission in November last, we have done what we could to better its spiritual state. The Mission was suffering from troubles of old and long standing. We began visiting and holding meetings at the best posts, and by continued effort we now have

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complete peace and harmony. We are forced to largely reduce the number of members returned last year. But having cleared the Church of many who were a drawback, and having peace and harmony, we now look for the blessed Spirit and for true prosperity. Members, 76; on trial, 4; total, 80. Baptized, 7; buried, 9. We shall wait and watch for help from Heaven.

H. BAWTINHIMER.

CHRISTIAN AND BEAUSOLIEL ISLANDS.

During three weeks' sickness the Sabbath services were kept up by the native exhorters. Some of these Indians are often heard in class and prayer-meetings expressing gratitude to the Lord for the favour of hearing God's Word. Last Sunday being Quarterly services, every seat in our church was occupied, and it was a season of refreshing. A class-meeting is now also held on Sundays on the Potawatamic part of the settlement. A young woman was baptized this spring whose guardians are pagans. A Sabbath-school scholar, just before he breathed his last, said to his parents, "I am going away. I am going to God's rest." The day and Sabbath-schools have been kept up. The unsettled state of the past winter prevented us from attending Beausoliel Island. However, an early visit in the spring was appreciated by the 14 members on that Island. A new dwelling-house is much needed on this Mission. We dropped 2; removed, 1; members, 92; on trial, 3; total, 95.

ALLEN SALT.

PARRY ISLAND, SHAWANAGA, AND FRENCH RIVER

The various points on this extensive Mission have been regularly visited by the native assistant, Brother Elias. We are thankful to be able to report a small increase of membership. A Sabbath-school has been organized at Shawanaga, which, as well as the other schools on the Mission, has been kept open during the winter as well as during the summer months. Two of our Indian brethren have passed away happy in the Lord. Members, 98.

JAS. WOODSWORTH.

INDIAN WORK IN THE MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

Our Indian work is still a work of life and salvation. This is witnessed at Oka, at the Cornwall Island, and at Caughnawaga, despite the influences of Satan and his emissaries employed persistently against it. Recent revival services at Oka resulted in the conversion of some twenty-five Indians, while at the Island, also, several have been brought to a knowledge of salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. At Caughnawaga a steady advance is observable. Joseph has completed there his translation of the Gospels into the Iroquois language, and the Bible Society is having them printed for the benefit of the Indians, generally, who speak that language. The history of this work is a remarkable illustration of how God can "make the wrath of man to praise Him."

Joseph was imprisoned some time ago, at the instance of the Seminary, for adding a piece of waste land to his garden. While in prison he conceived the idea of translating—a copy of the Gospels he had in French, into the Iroquois language; and at once set to work to do it. While in the prison he completed the translation of two of the Gospels, and since then of the other two. An application made to the Bible Society to get them printed was most promptly responded to; and now in a short time the work will be accomplished, and the book be ready for circulation. The priests little thought that in thus persecuting Joseph they were, in a remarkable way, furthering a work against themselves, and which, perhaps, would be the most potent of any they had yet to meet.

The Indians of Caughnawaga hold Joseph in great reputation, and his influence is such that upon any emergency they come to him for advice and direction. In another and not less striking way they evinced this by going to the priest who had taken upon him to denounce Joseph from the pulpit as a heretic of whom they must be on their guard, and telling him that they considered Joseph a better man than either they or he the priest himself was, and that they would not allow such language to be used towards him. The priest, taken aback by such a reproof, stammered out an excuse, and has desisted from any reference to Joseph since—at least in public.

Our Sabbath and day-schools are doing a good work among the Indians; but ere long the day-schools, particularly, must be increased in number to meet the wants of a number of children who cannot, from distance, attend those now employed in the village.

JOHN BORLAND.

LAKE OF THE TWO MOUNTAINS—OKA.

We have great reason for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for the blessings granted us during the past year on this Mission. In the latter part of the winter we held a series of revival meetings, running through a period of seven weeks, which resulted in the conversion of over twenty-five persons, fourteen of whom have joined our Church. In the autumn of the year the measles broke out among the people, and many died of them. Our Sabbath-school continues to be a blessing to many, and is well attended. An appeal was responded to by some kind friends for a supply of Sabbath-school papers, which have proved a benefit to the school. The day-school has been well attended, and some of the scholars have shown very marked improvement. Repairs urgently called for, and provided for by a grant from the Missionary Committee, were effected on the School-house. It has to be used now for a school for the young, and for public worship by the

people; and repairs have been made last year by the superintendent and friends, showing the teachers. living too; it is important for the neighbourhood; erection of a school-house held among the Indians; 19 baptisms showing a great increase in removals, and consequently to endure.

Notwithstanding the course pursued by others from the cause of the Lord, even the Indians of this mission in the pulpit on their guard for some time; him what should refer to whom they, or even persons through me in public thing not Romanists; the priest on this remarkable; how to refer to the priest's name they could. In a short time the gospel, which being printed for circulation, will be a way of life.

people; and for both these objects the much-needed improvements and repairs have been of great service. An examination of the school was made last March, in the presence of the Rev. Mr. Borland, the Superintendent of our French and Indian Missions, and of other ministers and friends, and was declared by all to be most satisfactory, both as showing the progress of the children, and the zeal and success of the teachers. There are, it should be known, children, quite a number, living too far away to benefit by the school in the village, for whom it is important some provision should be made. The people in the neighbourhood are so impressed with this fact that they purpose the erection of a School-house this coming season, that a school may be held among them. During the year there have been on this Mission 19 baptisms and 14 burials. We have 167 members, with 14 on trial, showing a decrease of 51. This decrease is to be accounted for by the removals, mainly occasioned by a desire to get away from the trials consequent upon the persecutions they are almost constantly called to endure.

J. A. DORION.

CAUGHNAWAGA AND ST. REGIS.

Notwithstanding the obstacles that I have had to encounter in the course of the year—some from sickness in myself and family, and others from the priest of the Church of Rome, &c.—my labours in the cause of the Saviour have not been without fruit. By the blessing of God, evangelical truth has made considerable progress among the Indians of Caughnawaga village. This was seen in a remarkable way, as the following instance will show:—Shortly after commencing my mission in the village, the priest denounced me to his people from the pulpit on several occasions as a heretic, and that they were to be on their guard against me. After indulging in this course of invective for some time, four of the chiefs went to the priest and demanded of him what he meant by his denunciations. They insisted that he should refrain from any such language in future, for that they knew to whom he referred, and they believed he was a better man than were they, or even the priest himself. I have been told by a number of persons that since then the priest has not again made any reference to me in public. The moral state of these Indians is very deplorable—a thing not at all surprising to me, seeing they have been to the present Romanists; and that the education of their children is neglected by the priest is clear from the schoolmaster's report to the Government on this subject. He says: "Their (the children's) ignorance is remarkable; they rarely go to school, consequently they scarcely know how to read or write." This, many of the Indians attribute to the priest's neglect, and they say if they had a Protestant school to which they could send their children, they would receive a good education. In a short time now, I hope to see in the hands of the Indians the gospel, which I have translated into the Iroquois language. It is being printed by the Bible Society in Montreal, and will soon be ready for circulation. Then will they learn from God's own Word the true way of life and salvation. During the year I have visited as often as

I could the Indians of Cornwall Island. Here there are about forty Indian families. Up to within a couple of years they were all Roman Catholics; now about seven of these families have left the Church of Rome, a number of whom have been truly converted to God. On this island a day school has been held by Timothy Arirhen, of Oka, and has made good progress during the year.

C. JOSEPH ONESAKENBAT.

MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

This Institution continues in a state of prosperity. The school has been well attended throughout the year; a good work has been done; its moral state has been commendable, and the scholars have acquired a good degree of proficiency. The farm is in a much better state of productiveness than formerly. We raise all the farm produce required for this establishment, the flour and meat for four other families, and also, in part, for three others. The shops are likewise in a state of creditable efficiency. We make first-class work, and can make a large quantity of it—shoes and boots of all kinds, cabinet work and carpenter work—and could make the shops give a nice net profit if we could get sale at moderate prices for our productions. We now have fifty pupils in the Institution, which is the least number we ought to have, instead of thirty as hitherto. The prospect of this Institution is now very fair for greatly benefiting and elevating the Indian youth of our country, and that with very moderate aid from the Missionary Fund, if it is not entirely self-supporting. A very delightful and subduing religious influence rests upon the scholars, which greatly disposes and readily inclines them to receive instruction, and apply themselves in the acquisition of useful knowledge.

THOMAS COSFORD.

JAPAN.

THIS is the only Foreign Mission within the bounds of the Society's work. The vastness of the field, the dark and idolatrous character of its teeming population, the changes in the polity of its Government, and the very marked success already attendant upon the labours of our Missionaries, unite in commending it to the sympathies and prayers of the Church. Immediate fruitfulness has not always cheered the hearts of Christian Missionaries. History records the exercise of vigorous faith, in conjunction with patient toil, for years, before any indications of the coming harvest gladdened the hearts of the sowers of the seed of the Word; but here are fields already "white unto the harvest." Our estimable brethren only require their hands to be upheld that the victories of the cross may continue triumphantly

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to increase. In the "land of the rising sun," at least thirty-two millions of souls purchased by the Saviour's death are worshipping dumb idols, requiring the light of the Gospel to instruct them, and the living voice of hundreds of ambassadors of Christ to awaken them to a knowledge of their want of spiritual life.

The present position of Missions in Japan is summed up by the Rev. Dr. Clark, of the American Board of Foreign Missions, as follows:—"Ten years ago there were less than ten converts to Christianity. There was no Church organized; no native agency; no schools for the raising of such an agency; no Missionary devoted to preaching; only the scantiest Christian literature, and that derived from China. To-day there are more than two thousand five hundred professed believers in Christ; a recognized evangelical community ten times larger; a fine body of earnest native preachers; Christian schools for the preparation of a native ministry; a Christian literature, including more than one hundred thousand copies of portions of the New Testament." To assist in this great and blessed work the Society occupies the following stations, supplied by Canadian and native ministers:—

- Tokio*.....Davidson McDonald, M.D., *Chairman*; George M. Meacham, M.A.; Tsuneyasu Hiraiwa, Hiroku Sugiyama, Japanese Ministers.
- Shidzuoka*Yemu Yamanaka, Japanese Minister, under the Superintendent of Tokio.
- Numadzu*Asagawa Koko, Japanese Minister, to alternate with Mr. Yamanaka once a month, under the Superintendent of Tokio.
- Kofu*..... Charles S. Eby, M.A.; Toshimi Hosoi, Japanese Minister. One to be sent

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TOKIO.

This has not been a year of marked ingathering. Our congregations, owing to various causes, have not been large; but there has been on the part of our membership an evident growth in grace and in the knowledge of the truth. About Christmas, in Shitaya, a division of the city, we dedicated a new church to the worship of Almighty God. The interest there has been slowly growing. Of the nine persons received on trial during the year, seven are the fruits of our labour in connection with that congregation. We have two Sabbath-schools—one at Ushigome, under the care of Miss Moulton; the other at Shitaya, under the care of Mrs. McDonald. We report a decrease of membership, not owing to a declension this year, but to the fact that we have not, as heretofore, counted baptized persons who have ceased to attend the services of the sanctuary. Our present membership is: on trial, 3; adults, 36; children under 12 years of age, 10. Total, 49.

D. McDONALD.
G. M. MEACHAM.

SHIDZUOKA.

The spiritual state of the membership is evidently in progress. Some amongst them are very earnest, and their lives prove that they are true Methodists. I am thankful to report that the female class-meeting, which I begun here last September, is very prosperous. They, old and young, are nice and quiet, but strong in the Lord. They trust in Jesus, all pray earnestly, help mutually from their falling, push themselves towards perfect holiness, comfort each other, and talk of their love of God with tear and cheer. Their husbands or their parents often expressed their joy, learning the great change in the hearts and lives of their wives or their daughters. During the year past I have held three services every week in the chapel, and have also conducted a Bible-class every Friday evening. On Thursday evening I have delivered regularly a lecture on the evidences of Christianity. Monday and half of Tuesday I spent in visiting the members of our church for instruction and devotion; and I come now to the end of this ecclesiastical year, but find very small fruit—six souls' conversion. Five of them were the families of our brethren. With regard to the situation and the building of our present chapel, it is unfavourable for the spread of the gospel. It is in the midst of rude working people, who dislike the religion, never come to our services, and often disturb them by their noisy laughter and scoff. Though the people from distant places stood sometimes outside the door, they generally did not stop long, and went away because the house was not built for the purpose to make people easy to get in. I pray the Lord, who knows what is needful, and could accomplish His purpose, will send "showers of blessings," and provide the means for building a suitable new chapel.

ASAGAWA KOKO.

NUMADZU.

When I came to this Mission last year our membership was twenty-seven. During the year nine persons received baptism. One came from Shidzuoka Church; ten have gone to other parts, some of whom have dropped. Our present membership is thirty-six, six of whom are on trial. We have a Sunday-school; though the children are very few, yet the work is encouraging. Service is well attended; generally, evening is larger. We have two preaching places beside the church. One is in Hirai, about seven miles distant; the other in the city, in a member's house. The latter is very hopeful, because those who attend the service seem deeply in desire to be saved from their sins. After all, there are good indications of spiritual growth.

YEMU YAMANAKA.

KOFU.

The prevalence of the cholera last summer, and its continuance far into the autumn, prevented our carrying out our plans for the work in the country for a considerable length of time. The failure, on account of sickness, of my receiving adequate help from expected colleagues,

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made it impossible to do the work I had hoped to do, even when the opportunity for work at length arrived. In addition to this, the growing feeling of the futility of my work without a perfect use of the language, made me greedy of every opportunity for study, and to that one thing I have given every inch of available strength during the year. With a blessing on my work, I am now thankful to say that in that respect, at least, my labour has not been in vain, for I can now preach the truth to the natives in their own tongue with considerable comfort and ease, though of course my use of the language is still far from perfect. Still the work of an itinerant has not been neglected. With the help of my faithful horse, my colleagues and myself have made some seventy-five excursions into the country, travelling by horse, jinrikisha, and on foot some 1,800 miles, and preaching to many hundreds of people. Our little society has been going through a time of trial. Some of our members, who for a short time seemed to run well, yielded to temptation, and grew tired of the moral restraints of the gospel, and the rules of the Methodist Church, while they wished to retain the name of Christ, and to have the pre-eminence in Church affairs. For a length of time their presence and influence was a great strain on our little cause, and a hindrance to our influence for good. After bearing with them almost longer than was wise, I gave them to understand that they must either follow the laws of God and the rules of the Church, or sever their connection with us. They went, and for a time did us all the harm they could, but eventually injured themselves the most, and did us good, for we now have unity and peace, and I believe no small moral influence among the people. We have had nothing striking during the year in the way of success. Several precious souls have been brought in—scarcely enough to make up our losses by removals and withdrawals. In fact I have often felt discouraged, and inclined to think that my imperfect work had been more of a hindrance than a furtherance to the triumphs of the gospel. But when I take into consideration the year's work, the state of affairs a year ago in the province and the Church, I find abundant cause to thank God and take courage. At our Love-feast last Sunday, I took occasion to speak of the apparent lack of growth during the year, and to speak words of encouragement to the members. The universal testimony of the brethren was a strong corroboration of my own more cheerful and hopeful thoughts, while the Love-feast altogether was an evidence of the spiritual growth of the Church. Two young men, the first fruits of my labour in this Kew, gave testimonies which will serve as specimens of the drift of the conversation at that Love-feast. One, Mr. Kabayoshi, has for some time been helping me as a preacher, and will this year be received into the regular work. He is a choice spirit, humble, teachable, intelligent and clear-headed for a young man, and has made most remarkable progress in every quarter since he started. He says that when he was baptized, he comprehended very little more than the first A B C of the gospel. But now his views constantly widen, the wealth of peace contained in the Word grows more rich, and the way of duty becomes more plain and pleasant. He says he is

growing happier all the time ; don't know exactly why, but nevertheless everything seems happier and brighter. Some little time ago he gave up smoking (here an absolutely universal habit among men and women, young and old) because he thought it did not glorify God. He also spoke very strongly of the growth of brotherly love and confidence in the Church, and thought the year was one of great advance. The other, Mr. Kuwahara, a doctor, who is now employed by the Provincial Government as some sort of an official. He is a man of great natural eloquence, and whenever possible he officiates as local preacher. He has repeatedly tried to get rid of public duties and practice privately, so as to do more for the Church ; but the authorities have such confidence in him above all others that they will not let him go. They repeatedly raised his salary, but cannot hear of his leaving. However he is instant in season and out of season disputing with other officials and preaching Christ as he has opportunity. Some little time ago he spoke of a story in the newspaper about the immoral conduct of some professing Christians, and said that what struck him was that if anyone else had done the same thing the newspapers would have taken no notice of it, and their making such capital of the fault of a Christian was a strong argument of the high moral standing of Christianity. He spoke in Love-feast about his own advance and that apparent in the Church, but what struck him most was the great change in the tone of public opinion in the whole Kew. There was no place where we had preached the gospel in which evil reports of Christianity had not been removed. No one now said that Christianity was a bad thing. Though the people did not understand it, yet what had been seen and heard had convinced them that the way of Christ was a good way. The curiosity to see the foreigner had about died away, and when people come to preaching now, they usually come to hear. But the pride of heart natural to sinful man, the prejudice of ages, the routine of custom, and a thousand other obstacles prevent the hearty reception of the gospel in the love of it. If the gospel blessings could be obtained without the moral restraints of the gospel and the yoke of Church duties, hosts would flock to the standard. What we want here above all things is the power and demonstration of that promised Spirit who shall convince the world of *sin*. There are hosts of young men in this Kew, and all through Japan, who reject the old religions, believe in the God of the Bible and in Christ as a teacher, but who cannot accept the divinity of our Lord, the need of the atonement, the fact of personal depravity, or the use of the ordinances of the Church. They have certainly made a wonderful step in advance, and I do believe that, in answer to faithful prayer, the power of the Spirit along with the preached and printed word will yet bring many, very many, to a knowledge of Christ as Saviour and Lord. The state of affairs in this Kew is a transcript of that in all Japan. The hosts of the mass of the people are holding off, waiting, looking to see what Christianity is before they enter. The Church will go through a trying, sifting time. If kept pure and healthy, there will come a break in the ranks of sin, and Christ will triumph. Our work is the

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CHAS. S. EBY.

GERMAN MISSIONS.

<i>Hamilton</i>	Stephen Kappelé.
<i>Preston and Paris</i>	Supplied from Hamilton.
<i>Eganville</i>	Carl Allum.

HAMILTON.

The past year seems to have been the day of the smallest things on this Mission. As the Roseville appointment was supplied from the Washington Circuit, I had only Paris and Hamilton, with occasional visits to Preston, as my field of labour. By removals, the Paris class has been still more reduced; and, in view of the heavy travelling expenses, the smallness of the congregation, and no other material to work upon, I preached only once in three weeks.

In Hamilton, too, the congregation is very small, yet the few struggled hard to keep up the church. Our meetings were always good, and times of refreshing.

During the year one of our members passed away from earth's trials and sorrows to the rest of God's people: saved, and resting on the atonement of Jesus, he fell asleep in heavenly peace, gathered home as a ripe fruit of this Mission. His happy and composed departure glorified the Gospel, and inspired those who were left behind. An interesting Sabbath-school is kept up, and is the joy of the few faithful members.

I am now fully convinced that after all that has been done for this Mission, unless we receive an influx of a German population there is no prospect of a numerical increase. May God take care of the few souls who are still depending on the Gospel in their mother-tongue, and who are very thankful to God and the Methodist Church for the tender kindness they have received in the past! Members, 28.

S. KAPPELE.

EGANVILLE.

When I submitted my last report, I considered it to be my valedictory, as a transfer recommendation had been accepted by the Montreal Conference, and our German Mission would have been transferred to the Evangelical Association, but for some inaccuracy in the proceedings. The transfer will undoubtedly take place during the present Conference year. Our entrance, nineteen years ago, on this field was a moral necessity, and our efforts were crowned with abundant success. We should, without a doubt, have to-day a flourishing, growing work

had we been able to supply the field with German missionaries, three being the least possible number required to do the work justice.

The Evangelical Association entered the field some years later, and I must admit that its genius is better adapted to draw the lower classes than ours. The sensation created by the annual exchange of preachers, semi-annual visits of presiding elders, and even an episcopal visit, have given them prestige, and the absence of which has a chilling effect on our work—supplied by one lonely missionary. Many of the people who at first received him gladly, would now hail his departure, being blinded by unrighteous views and proselytising influences, through which they are becoming unconsciously demoralized. Our loyal people love our church devotedly, need no ecclesiastical sensations to promote their growth in grace, love their Missionary, and cannot be convinced of the propriety of being transferred, and it is painful to witness their grief in consequence thereof. I can report no conversions during the past year. This is the saddest fact I ever penned, for I glory in soul-saving; yet I have laboured faithfully, have taken up a new appointment, have the approval of a good conscience, and have been unswervingly loyal to my trust. "Here I stand; I can do no more; God help me." Members, 142.

CARL ALLUM.

FRENCH MISSIONS.

<i>St. Johns</i>	John Borland.
<i>Montreal Centre and Mile End</i>	Louis N. Beaudry, Gideon Aubin.
<i>Montreal East</i>	W. C. Grenier.
<i>Montreal West and Tanneries</i>	One to be sent.
<i>Hull</i>	John Syvret.
<i>Sherbrooke and Brompton</i>	Thomas Charbonnel.
<i>Kingsey Siding</i>	Antoine Geoffroy.
<i>Roxton Falls and Acton</i>	Edward De Gruchy.
<i>Waterloo and Canaan</i>	Joseph A. Dorion.

JOHN BORLAND, *Chairman.*

GENERAL REVIEW.

OUR French work has been attended throughout the year, and in every part of the field we are occupying, by cheering and encouraging fruit, as the result of the divine blessing on the labours bestowed upon it. The desire to learn from the Holy Scriptures the way of life and salvation is daily becoming more general and strong by the French Romanists, and, as a consequence from this and other causes, less confidence in, or deference for, the priests of their Church is felt and manifested. The hierarchy of Rome and their devotees were never more earnest in their work than now to hold the people under their

control, and closely watched the mulberry tree of the Lord, and the Philistines.

This is the case in Sherbrooke, and of the surrounding country, informed that the grade for the people of God, and that a considerable number of themselves who entered the cause of their brother's life, greater progress. To minister throughout the importance would either the heedless.

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control, and to use them for their ambitious ends. Yet to those who closely watch the signs of the times "a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees" is heard, and to them it is strikingly indicative that the Lord is moving in behalf of His people, and "against the hosts of the Philistines."

This is especially visible in a large section of the country from Sherbrooke to the Lakes of Megantic, and in Montreal and several of the surrounding towns and villages. In the former field, we are informed that quite a number of farmers, of more than the ordinary grade for position and property, have been led to read the Word of God, and that they are doing so with much interest and diligence; while a considerable number of others have distinctly and courageously put themselves under the pastoral care of our Missionary, Mr. Charbonnel, who entertains strong hope that they will be steadfast and faithful in the cause of Christ and His Word. A work of revival attended our brother's labours in a comparatively English settlement, where the greater proportion of the whole population were converted to God. To minister the Word of Life to the scattered and isolated Protestants throughout various portions of this Province is a work of not less importance than that to the French Romanists, for, otherwise, they would either be lost in the Romanism that is surrounding them, or in the heedlessness of a practical infidelity.

Our work in Montreal and places adjacent has, throughout the year, been crowned by the Divine presence and blessing. Numbers of the French have come from time to time to hear the Word preached in our church in Craig Street; while to other places our missionaries have been urgently invited to visit, that they might minister the water of life to souls thirsting to drink of it. In the public services of the church; in the more social gatherings for class and prayer-meetings; in the Sabbath and day-schools, and in the homes where pastoral visitations are made—in each and in all of these places is the power of God more or less realized, and present to bless and to save.

In Hull, in Ottawa, and several places near by, our Missionary has been encouraged to labour, especially during the latter portion of the year. The want of a suitable place for public worship has been much felt; but now, having been able to rent and prepare a hall capable of holding a hundred and fifty persons, that evil has been removed; and tokens of success are ever and anon rising up around our brother Syvret.

Our whole field, in every direction, is ripening for a glorious harvest; and although additional labourers are being raised up to

serve our Church in this important work, yet the number is by no means adequate to the demands of the hour. That the Lord may raise us up many more, and with them give us the means necessary for their support, should be the constant and believing prayer of the people of God of all classes and in all conditions.

JOHN BORLAND.

MONTREAL.

The year has been one of intense anxiety, of unremitting toil, and of some prosperity; and it closes in the midst of a storm of persecution. But our experience in the past gives us great confidence in the old, well-tried promise: "He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee." (Job v. 19.)

The results of the year's labours have fully justified the wisdom of those who advised the purchase of the First French Methodist (Mission) Church of Montreal. This has given character and permanence to our position and labours. During the year, the debt on the premises has been reduced about \$2,000. The congregation, the Sunday-school, and the day-school have gone on gradually increasing in numbers, improving in quality, and assuming more permanent organization.

Our Band of Hope, *La Fraternité d'Espérance*, is attracting unusual attention and exerting a wide-spreading influence. It is the only society of this kind, known to us, among the French-speaking people of the province. Its meetings are held fortnightly. The lectures on Primitive Christianity, delivered on the same evening (Friday) of the alternate week are well attended and highly beneficial.

The social meetings of the church are among its most encouraging elements. Though numerous, the attendance is very large and the exercises lively. On Monday evening is held a general class-meeting; Wednesday, prayer-meeting; Saturday, teachers' meeting; Sunday morning, at 10.15, a class-meeting, conducted mostly in English. Love-feasts and watchnight services have been introduced with excellent effect. A Ladies' Aid Society has met every Saturday during the winter months, and has done a great work of charity. Visitations from house to house and tract distributions have been kept up without intermission.

Since last October one of our young men has kept up regular appointments for preaching at St. Leonard's, assisted by three of our young men of the Pointe-aux-Trembles Institute, as well as by its honoured Principal, Rev. J. Bourgoïn. A deep interest has been awakened in all the country round about, necessitating the appointment of a Missionary.

Several visits have been made by myself and by the students above-mentioned at Boucherville, where an extraordinary awakening has taken place. A Missionary is also asked for at that place. Visits have also been made at Ste. Scholastique, where the field is "white already to harvest."

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Three of our young men have been studying at Pointe-aux-Trembles and one at Stanstead, with the ministry in view. Two of our young men have just entered as colporteurs in the employ of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, and another stands knocking at the door of the Conference.

The conversion of a lad sixteen years of age, named Louis Gaudiose Gagnon, a printer, has been the occasion for a furious attack of persecution upon us. He is now secreting himself from the fury of an irate father, infuriated by his spiritual (?) advisers, and from a police force mostly in sympathy with the persecutors. Another Paul might describe the Christian experience of this society in almost the same language of the elder Paul: "And others had trial of *cruel mockings*," etc.

But all these shocks only serve to confirm our own faith, and to shake the sandy foundations of our opponents. More young men of Romish families attend our services now than ever.

The evangelistic meetings of Rev. Mr. Hammond in this city during the spring-time, in which we laboured incessantly, contributed something to our prosperity.

We have sustained four preaching appointments in the city during the year.

After the loss of several by removals and expulsions, we remain with an aggregate membership of 153; baptisms of adults 23, of children, 12; marriages, 9; burials, 5; contributions for the year, \$1,000.

"Looking unto Jesus" for spiritual strength, and to His people, our brethren, for human sympathy and assistance, "we thank God and take courage."

LOUIS N. BEAUDRY.

HULL

It is with heartfelt gratitude to God that we review the mercies of the past year. Though, in consequence of the great depression in the lumber trade, our Mission has suffered numerically and financially, very severely, yet the Lord has upheld us to fight our way through, and we now sing of mercy as formerly we did of judgment. A trying discouragement to us has been the want of a suitable place for worship. This spring we have secured a convenient hall, capable of accommodating one hundred and fifty hearers. As a consequence, our meetings have since considerably increased in numbers attending them; and our Sabbath-schools have prospered as well. The revival of business in this town and vicinity has not only improved our financial condition, but our numbers are seen, as well, to steadily increase. Four of our families were burnt out of their homes in the dreadful fire which lately devastated our town. Ninety-six dollars have been raised and applied to the furnishing and fixing our hall and the parsonage; 31 members have removed, 7 withdrawn, 1 dead, and 36 remain.

JOHN SYVRET.

SHERBROOKE AND BROMPTON.

I return thanks to God for the good health I have enjoyed during the past year. Deprived of the use of a horse, owing to the great reduction of my salary, I have taken the apostolical method of travelling on foot with a good stick, the gift of a brother Irishman. Yet, God helping me, I have enlarged the field of my labour by the addition of two stations to those previously cultivated.

My field begins at Windsor, 12 miles west, and extends as far as Lake Megantic. It is 82 miles long, and is composed of the following stations: Windsor, Sherbrooke, Oxford, Compton, Clifton, Scottstown, and Megantic. We reported last year 32 families under our care; we this year report 51, although we have lost by emigration 6 families and dropped 2. The number of our adherents is 176; members are 69, of whom 24 are English; and 32 are lost through emigration.

Twenty-three persons have been converted during the year, and now profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and several others are seeking the truth in a daily reading of the Word of God. In one station, I have reason for believing, from information recently received, that fifteen families, now Romanists, are reading the Bible, and, as my informant said, he doubted not that soon they would renounce Rome and her priests. It is much to be desired that such will be the case, as they are a wealthier class of persons than any we have received as yet. I am thankful to say that, notwithstanding the discouragements which a very limited income has occasioned, yet my heart has been cheered by the blessing of the Lord upon my labours; so that during the year the number has been considerably increased of those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Teacher, King, Mediator, and Saviour.

THOMAS CHARBONNEL.

KINGSEY SIDING.

This Mission comprehends Wotton, Tingwick, St. Paul-de-Chester, Ham, and Kingsey Falls. These are, each of them, important fields of labour; and to which I have added—and go to as often as practicable—LeGrand Kingsey, Kingsey Siding, and Warwick. In Wotton we have six families connected with us; in St. Paul-de-Chester, three; in Ham, three; in Tingwick, three; in Kingsey Falls, five; which make in all twenty-three families—seven more than last year; or, thirty-five persons in addition to those of last year; in all making one hundred and fifteen individuals. Of these I count twenty-three who are members of our Church, and three on trial. All the above, with the exception of three English Protestant families, are the fruit of Missionary labour. They are industrious and intelligent farmers, one only excepted, who is a tradesman, and who owns a grist and sawmill. The priest makes strong and earnest efforts to bring this man back to his Church; but he reads the Scriptures regularly both in the English and French languages, and he now knows too much to be inveigled back to Rome.

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One appointment—an English one, at Trout Brook—in which we had some twenty-three families, I gave up last fall, to take up neighbourhoods entirely French, and where my labours were more required. Here I have a good and encouraging prospect for the fruit of my labours.

We have organized a Sabbath-school for the French children at Wotton, of which Mrs. Geoffroy has the charge. The work generally is very encouraging, and my heart is full of gratitude to God for the blessings He has conferred upon me and my work.

ANTOINE GEOFFROY.

ROXTON FALLS AND ACTON.

Extending from Acton and Ely, through Roxton Falls, South Roxton, and Roxton Pond, to Canaan, this Mission I have endeavoured to cultivate to the best of my ability during the year. We have been much embarrassed at the, now, head of our Mission, for want of a proper place to preach in, and as well for the preacher's residence. This evil, however, is now being remedied, as we are fitting up a portion of our own church for regular service, and another portion with an outside addition for the preacher's residence. During the winter we held revival services in South Roxton and Berea, assisted by Bro. Parent and others. The services were a blessing to many of our members, and some sinners were converted.

The removal of a number of families to the States has told against our day and Sabbath-schools, as also against our Sabbath congregations. We have had four Sabbath-schools and two day-schools on this Mission. Three of the Sabbath-schools we were obliged to discontinue, but the fourth one held out and is prospering. During the year the Canaan appointment was added to this Mission, but I could only give it preaching once a month. By a local preacher, however, it latterly had preaching more frequently. We have had 13 removals, 27 have been dropped, and 89 members remain.

EDWARD DE GRUCHY.

WATERLOO AND CANAAN.

Our Sunday services here have been attended with much interest of late, insomuch so that we have removed them from our school-room to the lecture-room of the church in the village. We have three preaching places in which we have regular appointments each Sabbath, while to distant places, in Ely and Brome, I have paid occasional visits. I have found quite a number in these places prepared to receive the Word of God. We have, as members, 28, and on trial 7. The restlessness of the French population throughout the townships very painfully interferes with anything like an encouraging return of membership. Yet those affected by our ministry, though lost to us in a certain sense, are not lost to the great cause of truth and righteousness. They carry a seed of truth in their hearts which does not fail to bring forth some fruit. Our day-school has been sustained throughout the year, yet has not been attended by so large a number of the French children as we could desire. The priest steadily watches and warns his people against such.

A. PARENT.

MISSIONARY DISTRICTS.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

<i>Victoria</i>	Robert H. Smith, <i>Chairman</i> .
<i>Maple Bay</i>	One wanted.
<i>Nanaimo and Wellington</i>	Joseph Hall.
<i>New Westminster</i>	Thomas Derrick.
<i>Maple Ridge and Langley</i>	Thomas H. Gilbert.
<i>Burrard Inlet</i>	Cornelius Bryant.
<i>Sumas and Chilliwack</i>	Christopher L. Thompson.
<i>Cariboo</i>	William V. Sexsmith.
<i>Nicola Valley and Kamloops</i>	James Turner.

VICTORIA.

No Report. Members, 210.

NANAIMO AND WELLINGTON.

This unromantic Mission is one which nevertheless involves incessant labour and peculiar difficulties. All the interests of the Church are sustained by the comparatively few who constitute our membership in this place, and hence an unusually large proportion of our people are actively enlisted in some department or other of church work. It is among the most encouraging features of our cause here that the Missionary finds himself surrounded by a faithful, though small, band of earnest helpers. Among the discouragements is the great spiritual indifference which prevails, and which all efforts heretofore used have failed in any important measure to remove. Our congregations are generally large, and the respectful, and oftentimes manifestly earnest attention which they give, afford us the strongest visible ground of hope that the seed sown will sooner or later, by the Divine blessing, yield an abundant harvest.

The Sabbath-school is sustained with a growing interest on the part of the young, and we believe a deepening solicitude on the part of the teachers for the salvation of the children. We report an increase of nine in the membership. Present membership, 42.

WELLINGTON.—We have given regular services to Wellington, and such pastoral visitation through the week as we have been able to afford. The Sabbath-school, which was conducted under great discouragements at the time of our last report, has been discontinued for a time, on account of a want of suitable helpers; but an effort is just now being made to resuscitate it, which we believe will be successful. The public services have of late been much more largely attended. The great need of Wellington is a resident pastor, whose whole time may be devoted to this interesting and increasing population.

JOSEPH HALL.

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NEW WESTMINSTER.

The departure of the Rev. T. Derrick, early in November last, on account of failure of health, left this Mission without a regular minister. The Rev. C. Bryant, of Burrard Inlet, at great personal inconvenience and some detriment to his own Mission, did his best to supply the lack. These efforts, and those of the local brethren, prevented the church from being entirely closed. Deprived of its pastor, the congregation was, however, to a great extent scattered. On February 27th, the appointed supply from the east arrived and met with a very hearty welcome. Everything possible has been done to render the minister and his family comfortable and happy. The congregation has rallied to the old standard, and is now larger than ever before in the history of the place. It will take some time to recover from the effects of the severe and continued financial depression and a heavy church debt, but we are encouraged to grapple with the difficulties, and hope, with God's blessing, to succeed. What we need most of all is the baptism of fire, with the accompanying gift of power, that we may be faithful witnesses for God. Members, 30; decrease, 5.

EBENEZER ROBSON.

MAPLE RIDGE.

In presenting our annual report we have great reason for thankfulness, notwithstanding the past year has been one of severe hardship. A late spring, an overflowing river, a wet harvest, and a severe winter, have been the cause of great depression throughout the district, on account of which your Missionary has had to suffer financially. The settlers on this Mission generally are still very poor, which, taken into consideration with the hard times of the past year, will account for the smallness of our receipts. But we are hoping the worst is past, and that the future will be more encouraging in every respect. As the Canadian Pacific Railway is about to be built, and some day is expected to run through this immediate neighbourhood, there is greater reason now than ever for holding this field, notwithstanding the discouragements of the past. Although we have not realized such gracious outpourings of the Spirit as we could have wished for, yet we have at times felt the presence of the Master, and believe some good has been accomplished. Members, 25.

T. H. GILBERT.

BURRARD INLET.

Our work has been trying physically, especially in the winter months, when we partially supplied the vacant pulpit at New Westminster. Financially, our circuit receipts are behind, owing to commercial depression during part of the year. But, on the other hand, we report an encouraging increase of above fifty per cent. in subscriptions to the general Mission Fund, making a larger total than that of any previous year. For this we are largely indebted to our

efficient Missionary deputation, Rev. E. Robson. Spiritually, we have sowed the seed, but have not been among the favoured reapers in the gospel field. Yet we can testify to good and attentive congregations, composed partly, at times, of mariners, who visit us and return to distant parts of the world. Our North Arm appointment becomes increasingly important, the congregation being larger, and the receipts of Missionary subscriptions are about 75 per cent. in advance of last year. Members, 13.

C. BRYANT.

SUMAS AND CHILLIWHACK.

With thanksgiving to God we are able to report a measure of spiritual prosperity. Financially, we have felt the general depression, as well as having suffered from a heavy flood which devastated Sumas. Our camp-meeting was a season of rich spiritual joy and soul-saving power. Eighteen persons sought the pardon of sin and peace with God. During the winter we held a special service in which our Church was greatly revived, and three souls were gathered into the fold of Christ. The work is heavy, necessitating a great amount of travelling, specially in pastoral visitations, but we have felt the presence of Him who hath said, "Lo, I am with you always." Members, 99.

C. L. THOMPSON.

CARIBOO.

The toils and labours of another year are over, and we thank God for whatever good has been accomplished during the year. Our services have been fairly attended, and our prayer and class-meetings, which are ever highly appreciated, have been very precious to our faithful few. Our two Sabbath-schools are working well and are in a flourishing condition. Frequently we have in attendance every child in town who is at all able to come. The Barkerville school, especially, is well supplied with Sunday-school papers. Besides our own papers, G. Ferguson, M.P.P., the Superintendent of the school, has furnished, gratuitously, a number of others. Our finances are low; we have reported a very large deficiency. This is owing to the hard times. Membership: Received, 2; total membership, 10.

W. V. SEXSMITH.

NICOLA VALLEY.

After taking a retrospective glance at the year now gone, your Missionary sees abundant cause for deep gratitude. Through the tender care of an all-wise Providence, we have passed safely through one of the most trying winters ever known in this country. It set in early in November, and from then till the middle of April ice and snow held us in their chilling embrace without intermission. To carry out our usual programme in the way of visiting the different settlements, preaching regularly, etc., was out of the question. Some places that we used to visit two or three times during the winter we have not this year been able to visit once. The length and

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severity of the winter have led to a death rate among stock generally, which is severely felt; indeed in many instances financial embarrassment bordering on bankruptcy is the result. This necessarily affects our finances; but we must not be discouraged, as this may not occur for a number of years again.

The religious aspects of the work are not so encouraging as we earnestly wish to see. The members and adherents of the Church, being so scattered, is against us; but this arises from the nature of the country, and will remain, most likely, for all time. Whoever may be appointed to this field must not be expected to build up churches and establish classes and Sabbath-schools as they do in a thickly settled country. With settlers, in a great many instances, from five to ten miles apart, and in some from twenty to thirty, there is not much chance of accomplishing such things, however anxious the toilers in the Mission may be. The fact of not having built churches is not a want of will on the part of either minister or people, but simply because it has been considered inexpedient, as in most instances we would have no larger congregations than we now have in private houses, and would only be bringing on ourselves financial responsibility without any corresponding advantages.

I wish very much that a second man could be sent to assist in the work on this extensive field, for the following reason: The long-promised railway is to start this summer, and as the line runs right through my Mission field we expect a large increase to the present population. It is expected that some three thousand men may be employed on the different sections, so that there would be abundance of work for two men, with most likely very little additional expense to the Society; but if you send any, it is essential they be strong and healthy, who can endure hardness, and, above all, possess the true Missionary spirit, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost."

JAMES TURNER.

WINNIPEG DISTRICT, MANITOBA.

<i>Winnipeg</i>	John F. German, M.A.; Edward Morrow, M.A., Superannuated.
<i>Point Douglas</i>	John A. McCamus.
<i>Prairie Grove</i>	Wilbur W. Andrews.
<i>Selkirk</i>	Wesley Casson.
<i>Rockwood</i>	William T. Dyer.
<i>Meadow Lea</i>	George W. Hewitt, B.A.
<i>High Bluff and Poplar Point</i> .	James M. Harrison.
<i>Nelsonville</i>	John W. Bell, B.D., Charles E. Blakeley.
<i>Rock Lake</i>	Andrew Stewart, B.D.
<i>Morris</i>	Arthur B. Hames.
<i>Rosseau Crossing</i>	Charles E. Mearing.
<i>Portage la Prairie</i>	William Halstead.

<i>Palestine</i>	William R. Morrison.
<i>Salisbury</i>	John Walton.
<i>Little Saskatchewan</i>	Thomas Lawson.
<i>Shoal Lake</i>	One wanted.

WINNIPEG.

When I took charge of Grace Church in 1876, there were less than 100 members in Winnipeg and in the adjacent settlements. During 1876-7, assisted by Rev. T. E. Morden, B.A., Point Douglas and Prairie Grove were regularly supplied, and other outposts were occasionally visited. The debt on Grace Church was paid during the year; and the church, becoming too small for the increasing congregation, was enlarged during the spring of 1877, so as to give double the former sittings. At the May Official Meeting of this year the congregation declared itself self-sustaining.

During the next two years the Rev. J. W. Bell, B.D., rendered very valuable assistance in the extension of the work. Selkirk, twenty miles north of Winnipeg, became a separate Mission, and took from Grace Church the members that lived in that settlement. The Rev. Wesley Casson was appointed the first pastor.

Prairie Grove was also constituted a Mission, with Rev. W. W. Andrews as a Missionary. Services were established at Morris, forty miles south of Winnipeg, and also at intermediate settlements. In 1878 these appointments were formed into a Mission, with Rev. A. B. Hames in charge.

Point Douglas (Zion Church) also became a separate Mission. The congregations of Grace and Zion churches steadily increased until additional accommodation was necessary.

During the past year, under the superintendency of Rev. J. A. McCamus, the congregation of Zion Church erected a very comfortable and suitable church; and the trustees of Grace Church have purchased a central and very desirable site upon which they purpose, very shortly, to erect a church suitable to the demands of the growing congregation.

The work is extending very rapidly in Manitoba and the North-West Territories. The original Red River District is now divided into three districts, and in its extension embraces twenty-four Missions and twenty-three Missionaries. In 1876 there were 315 white members on this District; this year there are 818. In 1876 this District raised, for Missionary Fund, \$538 41; in 1880, \$2109 16.

Considering the efficient staff of ministerial labourers we have in the field, the intelligent and loyal members of our Church who are already settled in that most promising land, and the large numbers of our members and adherents who are yearly emigrating thither, our cause presents a most hopeful aspect, and makes most strong demands upon the sympathy and liberality of our Church at large.

JOHN F. GERMAN.

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POINT DOUGLAS.

The year just closed has been eventful in the history of this Mission. An attempt was made by my predecessor to build a larger church, but sufficient encouragement was not given to warrant procedure; consequently, we found ourselves at the beginning of the year with a church that would seat from 75 to 100 people, on a lot with only 50 feet frontage, situated in what was just becoming the most populous part of the city, with a congregation of about 50; no class-meeting; only one service on the Sabbath; more than half the Missionary's time; and, as the result of this arrangement, about the same proportion of the legitimate revenue of the Mission going into Grace Church. The people were discouraged, and almost hopeless with regard to the Mission's future, as progress under the circumstances seemed impossible. But with an earnest attempt to bring about a change, hope revived, and, by united and persevering effort, the following results have been achieved:—

Regular morning and evening Sabbath services have been established; a class has been organized; the membership increased from 25 to 39; the congregation nearly doubled; the old church and site sold for \$1,000, and a new site, 132 feet by 108 feet, purchased for \$800; a very neat church, capable of seating about 350 people, with school-room, vestry, infant class-room, orchestra and tower, erected and furnished at a cost of about \$5,000; about two-thirds of the entire cost of church and site are provided for, and the balance covered by mortgage on satisfactory terms. A large increase has also been realized in all the funds of the Mission. The brethren are now encouraged, hopeful, and zealous. There is a flourishing Sunday-school. Prayer-meetings and class-meetings are well attended.

JOHN A. McCAMUS.

PRAIRIE GROVE.

No Report. Members, 43.

SELKIRK.

The work of this Mission, especially in West Selkirk, has been carried on amidst great discouragement, arising from the depressed condition of business and a decreasing population. Morning and evening services have been regularly conducted, and the class-meeting, with rare intermissions, held after morning service.

Owing to the Presbyterians establishing a Sunday-school after their new church was opened, our school has diminished in number, but is still efficiently carried on, and numbers 40 scholars. Financially we have accomplished more than might have been expected. The appropriation to the pastor was more than met. The church, with organ and fence, cost \$2,100. Of this amount I am glad to say \$1,600 has been paid, in addition to the ordinary expenses of management, leaving the debt about \$500; so that our church there, one of the

best in the province, is now free from embarrassment. To place the church in this position has been a constant strain, but it is done. In East Selkirk the prospect is more encouraging. Railway requirements have created employment. The population is increasing. We have a larger congregation than in West Selkirk, but until recently had no place of our own, service being conducted in various places.

To secure a permanent footing in this rising place we have erected a plain church, 24 feet square, capable of enlargement, and which has been opened for service since I left. Having a building of our own, our cause there will be in a much better position. The work on both sides of the river must still be carried on in patience and hope. The growth of the two Selkirks is only a matter of time. We have a good position in the community, and with increased population, and a more settled state of things, our Church will grow and exert a powerful influence for good in these interesting localities.

WESLEY CASSON.

Members, 19.

ROCKWOOD.

The prospects of a rich harvest, spiritually and temporally, are exceedingly bright. Let there be more labourers sent into this harvest field. During the past year a small house has been built in Stonewall, which serves at present for a parsonage. The debt on our Stonewall church has been reduced nearly \$100. On account of the very severe winter, there is a slight decrease in the financial returns of the Mission. The field is too large, 24 by 15 miles, or 360 square miles, to be worked by one man. Members, 36.

W. T. DYER.

MEADOW LEA.

The unfortunate removal of my predecessor, Brother Hewitt, through ill-health, proved somewhat unfavourable for the prosperity of this Mission. During the few months I have travelled since my arrival, there has not been wanting many encouraging features. The services have been well attended, not only in the central parts, but also at the outposts of our work, and manifest proofs of the Divine presence have been vouchsafed to us.

Our people have been long convinced of the pressing need for a suitable church, as also a minister's home in their midst. A building committee has been formed, a site definitely agreed upon, and subscriptions promised to well-nigh the amount needed for the erection of the former.

During the winter a series of tea-meetings and socials have been held, which has resulted in placing the sum of \$150 in the hands of the ladies towards the erection of the parsonage. It has been agreed

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CHARLES MEARING.

HIGH BLUFF AND POPLAR POINT.

In reporting another year's work we have no very flattering record to present. While this truth forces itself upon us very keenly, we have much to encourage and strengthen our hands. On the whole, our congregations have shown a marked increase, and our classes, which were totally disorganized, are now meeting regularly. Our finance is in a healthy condition, though we have not received that support we would have done had not a very oppressive debt rested on our parsonage. This is a heavy burden, and one that will keep us considerably behind for some time. Our work is in a small compass, and we have nothing like the heavy driving formerly experienced. I would here desire to record the high esteem in which my predecessor is held. Rev. Mr. Halstead still lives in the hearts of all with whom he came in contact. We are looking for greater results of our work next year, and our faith is greatly strengthened. Our members, 60.

J. M. HARRISON.

NELSONVILLE.

Our work on this Mission this year has been extensive and laborious. The Mission covers 19 townships, or in all 684 square miles, in addition to which we make occasional visits to four other townships. We have taken up four new appointments in the regular work, where, when roads and weather permit, we give regular fortnightly preaching. Owing to a variety of circumstances, we have not been able to hold any special services, but are thankful to report some conversions in the regular services. When we came here we found 36 members. We have received 19 on trial, and 50 from other circuits. Our present membership is 95; increase, 59. The Mission will raise this year over \$400 for all purposes. The parsonage has been greatly improved, and we hope soon to build a new church in Nelsonville. May the Head of the Church pour out His spirit upon us, and give us His blessing.

JOHN W. BELL.

CHAS. E. BLAKELEY.

ROCK LAKE.

A few months previous to my appointment here there was not a Methodist in what is now known as Rock Lake Mission. We have, at the present time, one church built, another commenced, five regular appointments at which societies are formed, one Sabbath-school, and a membership of sixty. Greater devotion and increased power of adaptation to the necessities of the work would have secured larger

results. The Mission enters on the second year of its existence with fair prospects of a prosperous future. May the richest blessings of Divine Providence be with the people in their new homes!

A. STEWART.

MORRIS.

This Mission embraces, at present, parts of six townships. Other settlements, containing several members of our church, and destitute of the means of grace, must be visited as soon as ministerial help can be obtained. It is absolutely impossible for one man to meet the urgent demands of this rapidly extending field of labour. In view of this, our Quarterly Board have unanimously requested the appointment of an additional preacher, on condition of an increase in the Missionary grant. Our discouragements during the past year have been very many, owing, mainly, to the embarrassing debt on our church in Morris. Sabbath services have been regularly sustained, also prayer and class-meetings at some of the appointments. Members, 55.

A. B. HAMES.

ROSSEAU CROSSING.

No Report.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.

The year now closing has been, on this Mission, one of harmony and some degree of success. Although the past winter was unusually severe, our appointments were regularly attended, and our congregations good. The word preached has been received with much serious attention, and we hope has resulted in much good. Our fellowship and class-meetings have been seasons of much encouragement and profit. The Sabbath-school and Bible-class at the Portage have been well attended during the whole year, and have been of much benefit to the children and young people. In material matters there has been much uncertainty, owing to the fact that the line of the C. P. Railway has not yet been definitely located. There is every prospect that the line will be located very shortly. Then we shall know where our churches should be located, and all material matters will then take definite shape. The prospect for the future is encouraging. Members, 65.

W. HALSTEAD.

PALESTINE.

In submitting our report for the past year, we feel thankful to the Lord for special tokens of His providential care over us. We have passed through a very hard year in every respect, having many difficulties to contend with. The very wet season last summer, and the unusually cold winter through which we have passed, have seriously interfered with the gathering of God's people together, and

this has resulted in the fact that we have been compelled to resort to the means of

A new arrangement was made for the west of Gladstone, which was too much for the roads upon which we were secured in Gladstone. The kind friend who had been in the matter. Merit

On account of the illness of the pastor from Edmonton, the best time of the year was not able to secure a house and stable for the year. I purchased a parsonage for the situation being connected with the ships, and yet attended to, being without

The divinity has done much good, and permanency of help. We have taken if we is the cry to and Extension. This coming at Rapid City Saskatchewan. The Society policy on the appreciated very short self-support after deduction and other c

this has resulted in defeat and spiritual death in our ranks. We have been compelled to drop 19 of our membership for entire neglect of the means of grace.

A new appointment has been opened at Maitland (25 miles northwest of Gladstone), so our Mission is now 40 miles in length—too much for one man to attend to properly, considering the bad roads upon which we have to travel. A parsonage property has been secured in Gladstone, at a cost of about \$350. We feel grateful to the kind friends who have contributed their mite to help us in this matter. Membership, 63 ; baptisms, 20. W. R. MORRISON.

SALISBURY.

On account of your Missionary not being able to reach Salisbury, from Edmonton, until the middle of September, three months of the best time of the year were lost, and the winter overtook us before we were able to organize a Quarterly Board. It being found impossible to secure a house before the latter end of December, I built a log house and stable, which we have occupied since the beginning of the year. I purpose handing over the buildings to the Quarterly Board for parsonage premises as soon as arrangements can be made, the situation being good, and there being five acres of excellent land connected with the buildings. Our services extend over eight townships, and yet one-half of the pressing calls for the Gospel cannot be attended to, whole townships, well settled, and largely Methodist, being without any services whatever. Members, 30.

JOHN WALTON.

LITTLE SASKATCHEWAN.

The division of this Mission last year has been productive of much good, but still, for the efficient prosecution of our work and permanency of our Church in the future, we must have additional help. We have eight appointments, and as many more might be taken if we were in a position to do so. "Come over and help us," is the cry that comes in from every quarter ; but surely the Relief and Extension Fund will tend to turn supplication into thanksgiving. This coming year we must do something in church building, especially at Rapid City and Minnedosa, the two most important centres in the Saskatchewan District ; but unless we receive some financial aid from the Society our difficulties will be great. The exercise of a liberal policy on the part of the Missionary Society just now will be felt and appreciated both by the Missionary and people, and will tend in a very short time to develop this Mission into several desirable and self-supporting stations. Our Church membership now numbers, after deducting our loss from the alteration in boundary of Mission and other causes, 57. The total amount raised for Connexional and

Mission purposes is over \$400. A review of our spiritual and financial condition as a Mission causes us to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for the encouragement of the past, and hopeful for the future.

THOS. LAWSON.

SHOAL LAKE.

This vast Mission of the West, which comprises an extent of several townships, is but of late organization. Until May, 1879, the so-called Birtle Mission only had one solitary settler on the fertile valley of Bird Tail Creek, and three or four in the vicinity of Shoal Lake. Since that time the tide of immigration has been turned in this direction, and in October last, when I commenced Mission work in this section of country, I was enabled to establish five appointments, all of which were more or less interesting, and were of such a nature (as to location, attendance, &c.) as would indicate them to be places worthy of working for the Master. This spring some slight alterations are being made, and new work taken up, and the prospects of the Mission tend toward its being a productive field of labour in connection with the Methodist Church of Canada. Truly, God has been good to us, and we trust that the seed sown this Conference year on this Mission will bear fruit an hundredfold. Members, 14.

HENRY ROSE.

The following Report from White Fish Lake was received too late to appear in its proper place upon page xviii.

WHITE FISH LAKE-SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

Concerning the State of this Mission a little may be said. During the year that is past all has been peace and quietness, while from every direction beyond the Mission, we heard of trouble, trial and want. "They that trust in the Lord Jehovah shall not want." The godliness which is professed by the people of this Mission, in its promises has been proven by them to be true, temporally and spiritually. By their exertions, and God's blessing, they have had a sufficiency to supply the need of their families, while their heathen brethren were reduced to extremities of want. Many of the latter would, perhaps, have perished had not the Government provided them food during the past winter. It is the prophecy of many that the Indian race is doomed to dwindle and become extinct altogether. Without disputing it may be said that those who have truly embraced the Gospel, and have felt its power converting them from their former depraved condition, show a marked difference, even in this respect. In the two scourges which came and passed through our country, when thousands of its inhabitants were taken away by the scarlet fever and small-pox, comparatively few of this charge suffered; and they think, and are thankful in knowing, that the great Spirit they are now endeavouring

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During the past year no sickness has come within our borders. There have been sixteen births and only two deaths. Very little complaining has been heard among them. It may again be reported that the members of the Society in this charge still adhere to the usages of our Church. The public ministrations of the Word, the class and prayer-meetings are appreciated. The day-school and Sabbath-school have also been attended to. We have had no increase in our membership, nor have there been many falling away. Hitherto the Lord has helped with His blessing the efforts made to promote His glory. By the past blessings thus vouchsafed we thank God and take courage. May the Church remember this Mission station in their prayers that it may retain and hold the position it has attained among the Missions of the various denominations of the Christian Church in the North-West.

H. B. STEINHAEUER.

ALGOMA DISTRICT.

<i>Sault Ste. Marie</i>	Alex. R. Campbell ; Erastus S. Curry, Superannuated.
<i>Garden River and Korah</i>	Joseph R. Gibson.
<i>Gore Bay and Shegwaondah</i> ..	Richard G. James. One wanted.
<i>Manitowaning</i>	James Baskerville, James C. Speer.
<i>Bruce Mines and St. Joseph Island</i>	John Semmens. One wanted.
<i>Michipicoton</i>	To be visited by Native Agent.
<i>Prince Arthur's Landing</i>	John W. Cathcart.

SAULT STE. MARIE.

In closing my third year on this Mission, while I cannot record that progress which I could desire, I nevertheless find much cause for gratitude to the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift for the favour with which He has been pleased to crown our efforts in His cause. Where we found division and strife and enmity, we leave union and love and confidence. Our membership, though small in consequence of the unsettled state of the population, is considerably larger than when we came to the Mission, there being now on the same ground where we found ninety-five reported, upwards of one hundred and thirty. The parsonage has been plastered, painted, partly supplied with double windows, and furnished, at a cost of more than three hundred dollars. The Sabbath-school has been successfully worked and furnished, and the church painted on the outside at a cost of some eighty dollars. The last year, owing to the great financial

depression, and the failure and losses of some of our members, our finances have fallen below the amount of either of the previous two years; yet our Missionary and Relief and Extension Funds, taken together, have more than doubled the Missionary income of any one of the preceding years; and we have great confidence that when times improve, the liberality of our people will rise in proportion to their ability. I think many of them have done more than they were able, while, perhaps, others have done less. The District, though rough and difficult to travel, is gradually rising, and I think will ultimately repay the toil and treasure expended by the Society.

A. R. CAMPBELL.

GARDEN RIVER AND KORAH.

We have succeeded in the erection of two new churches, and have also part of the timber on the ground for a third one. Our work is so extensive here that we are only able to supply the appointments with preaching once every three weeks. With service so seldom we are not satisfied, and our people are constantly asking for more of the Word of Life. A deep interest is manifested in sustaining class and prayer-meetings. Sabbath-schools are established, in which both old and young are learning lessons of Divine truth. A number of our most able families have moved to other circuits; this with a few who have been dropped, leaves us unable to report an increase. And during the year God has very signally blessed our labours, and the influence of Methodism is felt by all classes of the community, as may be seen by their attendance at our services. We are still encouraged, and, trusting in God, ask an interest in your prayers for the cause of the Master in this place. Members, 77.

JOSEPH R. GIBSON.

GORE BAY AND SHEGWAONDAH.

Our third year now closes on this very toilsome Mission. Regular appointments have been kept up within an area of more than sixty miles. The want of an assistant during the year was very severely felt. A church has been started at Little Current, and a subscription circulated. A subscription list has also been circulated, and a social held at Gore Bay, for the purpose of building a church there. Classes have been organized at most of our appointments. Twelve Sabbath appointments have been kept up during the year. The Mission will imperatively require the services of two during the coming year. Present membership, 60; increase, 16.

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MANITOWANING

Is now to be divided, the one part to be called Manitowaning, the other Sanfield, to be worked by two ordained ministers. At all our appointments the interests of our beloved Methodism grow evidently. Churches and meeting-houses are going up in several places. Spiritually our people are moving forward, growing in grace and in numbers. Financially our people are improving, yet the funds are very low. We raised this year \$100 for the Mission Fund, and \$40 for the Relief and Extension Fund. Last year the return of members was large; some have fallen off, yet we return this year 139; on trial, 12; total, 151.

J. BASKERVILLE.

BRUCE MINES.

In writing a report of this old Mission for the past year, your Missionary feels it his duty to say that his labours have been spread over too large a field to accomplish very much visible good in any one place; and in future, to meet the wants of the people and secure success, it is absolutely necessary that it should be worked as three separate Missions, called Bruce Mines, St. Joseph Island, and Letroy. For a distance of forty-five miles eastward along the north shore, and to the head of St. Joseph Island on the west of Bruce Mines, your Missionary has travelled on ministerial duty; and this strip of territory, as far as he knows, is not occupied by any other resident Missionary, up to the North Pole. Last fall the Missionary had an invitation to visit Cockburn Island, a distance of forty-five miles by water from Bruce Mines, where a number of people, he was told, had settled on excellent land; but to the present, for want of time, he has not been able to comply with that request.

Taking away one-half of the Sabbath-day services from Bruce Mines church has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction, proved injurious to our interests, and should be resumed immediately. The old Bruce mining location was surveyed last year, and will immediately be all offered for sale, and it is said the Government will spend fourteen thousand dollars here this summer on harbour improvement; so, it must be evident that with the very rapid settlement of the surrounding country, Bruce Mines must become a business place of some importance, and should have particular attention. The services of the sanctuary have been well attended, and a growing interest manifested in our social means of grace, especially the week evening prayer-meetings, which are more numerous attended than at the beginning of the year. The people have contributed liberally to all the Connexional funds, but especially have the Relief and Extension and Missionary Funds been well supported. After pruning closely, we return an increase of members for Bruce Mines and the North Shore; and St. Joseph Island will this year, for the first time, present a

report showing gratifying and permanent improvement also. Members, 54.

ST. JOSEPH ISLAND.—During the past year, God has favoured us on St. Joseph Island with His presence and blessing in the conversion of precious souls, and the field is white unto harvest. One new class has been formed, two small Sabbath-schools have been organized, and six appointments have been regularly kept up. A bond for a deed securing to the Connexion two acres of land as a church site has been obtained, nearly one hundred dollars have been subscribed by the people towards the support of a minister for next year, and we believe our work on the Island imperatively demands the appointment of a preacher or minister by the Stationing Committee at the coming Conference. Bro. Vanhorn has been faithful to us as a church labouring to spread Scriptural holiness; and whoever may be appointed to this field, will find him a brother in whom he can place confidence. Members, 32.

JOHN HODGSON.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S LANDING.

Although we have fallen short of our fondly cherished hopes, yet for what we have seen we thank God and take courage. During the year our church has been lathed and plastered, and otherwise improved to the amount of \$550, of which there remains but a small balance to pay. Our congregations are good, and frequently we have been refreshed and encouraged by gracious manifestations of the Divine presence and power. Yet there are discouragements. One great drawback in town is the unsettled state of the people. There is a constant coming and going, so that we cannot correctly estimate either our financial or numerical strength. The country west of us is being settled and ought to be attended to, but one man can only give them occasional services. If the condition of the Mission Fund will allow it, there ought to be an additional labourer sent here next year. Members, 25.

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ST. JOHN'S DISTRICT.

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<i>Grand Bank</i>	Thomas Harris.
<i>Fortune</i>	Jabez Hill.
<i>Petites</i>	James Pincock.
<i>Channel</i>	Jesse Heyfield.
<i>Flat Island and Sound Island</i> ..	James Wilson.
<i>Flower Cove</i>	One to be sent.
<i>St. Anthony</i>	William R. Tratt.
<i>Bonne Bay & Bay of Islands</i> ..	John Peters.
<i>Labrador</i>	John P. Bowell.

POUCH COVE.—We have striven to set forth the truth faithfully on this Mission during the past year. God's people have been often blessed, and a few wanderers brought back to the fold of Christ. Our congregations are not so good as they might be. Several families who call themselves Methodists, never attend Church—some for want of clothing, but others because they have no relish for Divine things. We hope to see an improvement in this respect, as the result of personal appeals to them on the matter. Members, 117.

W. KENDALL.

BURIN.—About one-half of the converts reported last year are steadfast in the faith. Some there are who, though not meeting in class, have taken up family prayer, thus showing the secret movings of the Spirit. Three of the converts have died very peacefully. According to the decision of Conference last year, I visited Flat Island and Sound Island Missions, and was thankful for what I saw and heard, but felt the necessity of more Mission work being done for the Bay. Members, 500.

S. MATTHEWS.

GRAND BANK.—Our expectations have not been realized in witnessing a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and large accessions to the Church of Christ. That these desirable objects might be attained, earnest labour has been expended, fervent prayer offered, and intense longing cherished ; but the fertilizing showers have been withheld. Apathy and indifference characterize numbers who regularly hear the gospel of salvation. The ordinances of religion have been uninterruptedly sustained, and have frequently proved seasons of hallowed delight and blessing. Many of our members afford much encouragement by their consecration to Christ, and the deep interest they manifest in the Redeemer's cause. Their cry continually ascends

to Him who is faithful to His promises, that He would make bare His holy arm in the sight of the people. Members, 96.
THOMAS HARRIS.

FORTUNE.—In presenting the annual report of this Circuit, we rejoice over those who still contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, while we mourn over others who have grown "weary in well-doing." The Covenant Service held on the first Sabbath of the year resulted in the reconsecration of many to God. This was followed by the week of prayer; and later, by special services, when believers were quickened, and one backslider reclaimed. In September last we visited Great Harbour, Conaigre Bay, and held service, when the greater part of the people attended. We hope that the word spoken may be as "bread cast upon the waters, to be found after many days." Members, 110.
JABEZ HILL.

PETITES.—We cannot report great progress from this Mission, yet we have been encouraged by some manifestations of the quickening and saving power of the Holy Ghost. A few have been added to the Church at Westom Point and Gadia. The Society at Petites has suffered very materially of late years through removals, leaving us twenty-one families only. Our prospects are brightening at Burges—"the field is white unto the harvest." There is a strong desire to build a house of worship, and to have among them a resident minister. Intolerance is rife, with intent to injure, but this only tends to the furtherance of the work. Methodism has, doubtless, a mission to accomplish here. Members, 54.
J. PINCOCK.

CHANNEL.—The past year has been to us one of anxious solicitude, earnest prayer, and unceasing toil for the destruction of evil, and the establishment of truth, righteousness, and peace. The various means of grace have been kept up; and we can report improvement in the attendance upon the class and prayer-meetings. The "Watch-night" and "Covenant Services" proved very solemn and profitable occasions. Early in the new year greater seriousness was manifested in both the congregation and Sabbath-school; and in February some of the scholars began to meet in class. Since then we have had the joy of seeing backsliders restored, and penitent sinners of various ages seeking salvation. The "special services" held during eight weeks proved a great blessing to many. We have had fresh illustration of the truth, that "the carnal mind is enmity against God:" for when peace was established, and a deep religious feeling prevailed among our people, certain persons set themselves to the work of provoking strife, and sowing the seeds of discord among us. Various stratagems were resorted to by these servants of the enemy, in order to mar and neutralize the work of grace. While we are compelled to mourn the sad results of such conduct, we can truly say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Bay St. George has been visited twice; and a class of twelve has been formed at Fox Roost, about six miles from Channel, where the

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JESSE HEYFIELD.

FLAT ISLAND AND SOUND ISLAND.—Our efforts here to scatter the good seed of the kingdom have not been in vain. Where once we were despised and our message rejected, we are now received with such a welcome that we are led to exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" We are convinced that if we could more frequently visit our people, a larger harvest of precious souls would be gathered, we pray that "the Lord may send forth more labourers into His harvest." Methodism has taken root—it has grown, and although storms assail, they only do so for its good. We have spent sixteen weeks on the Sound Island Mission, and were cheered to find our members in a healthier state than last spring. Our teacher there has the affections of the people, and is doing good service. On both these Missions death has thinned our ranks, but our faith has been strengthened thereby. We are able still to say, "Our people die well." Members, 218.

JAMES WILSON.

FLOWER COVE.—(*No Report.*) Members, 38.

ST. ANTHONY.—There is among our people an ardent desire to attend upon the ministry of the Word, and the burden of the Lord's work is felt by our members. Some who had left their first love have openly resumed their former profession of godliness, while with some others the reading of certain modern publications has tended to abate their love and undermine our work. The extent of our Mission, and want of lay agents, necessitate many places being at long intervals without religious services. The removal of many families from their summer homes, during the winter months compelled us to close two of our Sabbath-schools for a time. Four have been continued. The attendance is good, considering the sparse population. Members, 111.

W. R. TRATT.

BONNE BAY.—The year has been one of much anxiety to our people. The herring fishery, which is the chief support of this place, has been a failure. We are glad, however, to report that, through help received in St. John's and other places, our new church has been framed, sheeted up, roofed, and shingled. We are sorry to have to report a decrease in membership. Several have removed, and others have been dropped. Members, 43.

JOHN PETERS.

LABRADOR.—It is cause for gratitude that in Red Bay more than two-thirds of the adult population are members of our Church, and hold fast the beginning of their confidence. The people of this place, also, manifest a deep interest in whatever concerns the establishment and growth of the Mission, and show a readiness to bear their part of the responsibility of sustaining it. But we cannot speak so favourably of the other settlements connected with the Mission. Not that I have any reason to complain of the manner in which I am received, or of the congregations I get in any place, for nearly

every Protestant family welcomes me, and attends the preaching of the gospel. But at this point their interest stops. Few appear willing to help the Mission, and nearly all hear as by the wayside, or at best as on stony ground. Our hope was that we would see a soul-saving work of God among these scattered families; but we have gone forth from time to time bearing and scattering precious seed, and have returned sorrowful, bringing no sheaves with us. The people in general are lamentably ignorant of Bible truths, and it is not easy, in a brief hour, spent about once a month, so to fasten these truths upon them as that they will immediately yield to be saved, or be permanently impressed. Though there be line upon line, and precept upon precept, yet in the unavoidable intervals the line is erased and the precept forgotten. These remarks apply specially to residents, and to the winter work. In summer our congregations increase, our work expands, and the Mission assumes nearly four times its normal proportions. Having the assistance of Bro. Bartlett for about six weeks, I was able to extend our work along a coast line of 150 miles, from Blanc Sablon to Indian Tickle, with twenty-seven settlements. In every place a few will be found during the summer; but in the fishing season the majority of the fishermen go to a Labrador that is beyond the reach, though not, we hope, beyond the sympathies of the Methodist Missionary. But, limited as the extent of the Mission necessarily is, all of these places could not be visited last summer. While this was partly from want of time, it was mainly from loss of time, occasioned by the difficulty of getting from place to place. Here is, and probably will be, a grand hindrance to the successful working of the Labrador Mission. The fishermen are kind-hearted, and generally willing to put the Missionary on in their boats from place to place, but until he has a boat and crew under his control, he must consult the convenience of these self-denying men, as well as the necessities of his work. So far as cordiality, hospitality, and readiness to hear go, there is in every place much to encourage; but, while thankful for these things, we desire above all to see sinners bowing in penitence and faith at the feet of Jesus. Members, 61.

J. P. BOWELL.

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

<i>Harbour Grace</i>	John Godison.
<i>Brigus</i>	Joseph Pascoe.
<i>Cupids</i>	John Reay.
<i>Bay Roberts</i>	F. G. Willey.
<i>Blackhead</i>	James Dove.
<i>Western Bay</i>	R. W. Freeman.
<i>Island Cove</i>	T. H. James.
<i>Old Perlican</i>	William Swann.
<i>Hunt's Harbour</i>	Charles Myers.

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<i>Trinity</i>	Anthony Hill.
<i>Random North</i>	T. L. Eland.
<i>Random South</i>	Edgar Taylor.
<i>Green's Harbour</i>	H. C. Hatcher.

HARBOUR GRACE.—The present religious state of the Circuit is one in which we have no reason for despair. We believe there is a bright future for this old Mission, and we live in hope that by labouring on at God's command, and sowing beside all waters, we shall eventually reap an abundant harvest of precious and immortal souls. Members, 125.

JOHN GOODISON.

BRIGUS.—In reviewing the labours of the past year, we feel grateful to God for His mercy vouchsafed to us in the performance of our various duties. We held cottage prayer-meetings during the winter months, which were well attended, and proved to be a season of grace to many. Members, 146.

J. PASCOE.

CUPIDS.—The regular means of grace have been kept up during the year, and have been generally well attended; and although there has been no special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, a few have professed conversion and have begun to meet in class. Members, 153.

JOHN REAY.

BAY ROBERTS.—Our means of grace have been seasons of delight and profit to the people of God, and a few sheaves have been gathered for the garner of God. Members, 74.

F. G. WILLEY.

BLACKHEAD.—In proclaiming the truth we have given special prominence to the importance of a constantly developing Christian life, and we believe the Spirit has in some cases applied the truth to the individual heart. Members, 506.

JAMES DOVE.

WESTERN BAY.—In reviewing the year we have reason to feel encouraged that our labours have been owned of God in the salvation of a few souls. Many of our people love the means of grace, and are devoted in their attachment to the doctrines and duties of Christianity. Members, 350.

R. W. FREEMAN.

ISLAND COVE.—The prayers of God's people have been answered, and the ministry of His Word has been blessed to the salvation of souls. Scores have joined the Church; many of them being able clearly to testify to sins forgiven and peace with Heaven. Members, 352.

T. H. JAMES.

OLD PERLICAN.—At the early part of the year we conducted special services for about a month with encouraging results. Many of the members were much blessed. Several backsliders were restored, and a few others professed conversion. Members, 267.

WILLIAM SWANN.

HANT'S HARBOUR.—For some time a weekly meeting was held with a special aim at the attainment of holiness. Several are growing in grace, and a few have passed from death unto life, while others, deeply convinced of sin, have not yet given themselves to God. Members, 150.
CHARLES MYERS.

PORT-DE-GRAVE.—The past connexional year has been spent in anxious sowing and watering. At times hopes have been entertained of a gracious ingathering being received, but as yet the harvest has proved to be far less than was anticipated. Members, 44.
THOMAS C. JOHN.

HEART'S CONTENT.—During the past year we anxiously endeavoured to preach and labour for the salvation of souls; and although not without success, yet it was not to the extent we wished and longed for. However we have increasing congregations, and we trust that ere long the word preached may save them. Members, 48.
GEORGE PAINE.

TRINITY.—The converting and soul-saving power of God has been displayed in our midst, and amid opposition arising from bigotry and prejudice, we believe there has been progress through the year. Members, 99.
ANTHONY HILL.

RANDOM NORTH.—Our endeavour has been humbly and prayerfully to lift up before the people a crucified Saviour, and we have been cheered to find a few drawn to Him. The piety of many has been kept alive this season by a faithful use of the means of grace. Members, 115.
THOS. L. ELAND.

RANDOM SOUTH.—No special out-pouring of the Spirit has been experienced, but in a few places the power of the Lord has been felt, and the Word has not been preached in vain. Members, 227.
EDGAR TAYLOR.

GREEN'S HARBOUR.—Although we cannot report a revival, yet we can rejoice in not having altogether laboured in vain. In the two distant places of the Mission we have also had evidences of the reception of the truth as it is in Jesus. Members, 84.
H. C. HATCHER.

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

<i>Bonavista</i>	Jeremiah Embree.
<i>Catalina</i>	Joseph Parkins.
<i>Greenspond</i>	Jos. Lister, Geo. Vater.
<i>Twillingate</i>	Thos. Whitfield Atkinson.
<i>Exploits</i>	John Pratt.
<i>Musgrave Town</i>	Samuel Snowdon.
<i>Musgrave Harbour</i>	Robert Bramfitt.

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<i>Herring Neck</i>	Wm. H. Edyvean.
<i>Moreton's Harbour</i>	James Nurse.
<i>Little Bay Islands</i>	Wm. Jennings.
<i>Betts Cove</i>	Jas. B. Heal.
<i>Tilt Cove</i>	Geo. Bullen.

BONAVISTA.—The cause of God has greatly prospered in all its departments on this Mission. It has been a year of reaping as well as sowing. It would be impossible to give a statement of the work to its fullest extent: only eternity will disclose all the good that has been done. After the New Year commenced the work showed itself in real progress. The months preceding were spent in hope, often increased by cheering seasons of grace. When the work advanced it was really wonderful; scores of all classes of sinners came forward to the communion rail to seek God. Every night, for a number of nights, seventy and upwards came at the moment permission was given, and many found peace. All the settlements on the Circuit shared, to some extent, in the gracious visitation. The good work continued until the busy season made it necessary to hold services less frequently. Many were then, and still are, seekers. Not only was there an awakening among the ungodly, but also among the members, and many could witness as clearly to the work of entire sanctification having been done in them, as they could to the work of regeneration. We are able to speak very hopefully for the future. We know it is with God, and His purposes are grand and glorious. We trust we have had but the earnest of the work yet to be accomplished. Members, 568.

JEREMIAH EMBREE.

CATALINA.—Although our work has not been marked by that degree of prosperity which the Gospel warrants, and for which the Holy Spirit of God is promised and given, yet we have reason to rejoice over the signs of the times. At Little Catalina over *forty* have been converted to God, and continue to meet in class. Of these, many were backsliders. Some of the old members have been revived, and impelled to seek a yet higher state of grace. Members, 105.

JOSEPH PARKINS.

GREENSPOND.—The message of salvation, we have reason to believe, has been acceptable to our people, and gratitude has been universal for the privilege of a preached Gospel. Our prayer and class-meetings have been well-attended, and great zeal displayed by many in these God-honoured services. We have had a few conversions to God during the year. Though many have declined in religion, yet we are glad to report a slight increase in the total membership. Members, 369.

JOSEPH LISTER.

TWILLINGATE.—Our congregations have been remarkably good throughout the year. The presence of the Lord has been powerfully felt in many of our meetings. Our class-meetings and prayer-meetings

have been seasons of refreshing. In the early part of the year we held special services to which many were drawn, and some sought and found the pearl of great price. We hope for brighter and better days, and are led to say, "How long, O Lord?" For Zion's sake we will not hold our peace, and for Jerusalem's sake we will not rest until we are again baptized with the Spirit of our Master, and are permitted to see the arm of the Lord made bare in a wonderful manner. Members, 172.

THOS. W. ATKINSON.

EXPLOITS.—The Lord has been with us during the past year. We have had no large ingathering, but most of those saved during the two previous years are still holding on their way, though a few have gone back, and some others have not the same zeal they had when converted. The last service we had will long be remembered, because of the presence and power of our Master, specially when at the Lord's Table. Members, 279.

JOHN PRATT.

MUSGRAVE TOWN.—The spiritual condition of some of our people is by no means satisfactory. We are sorry not to be able to report progress in every branch of the Lord's work. We never laboured more arduously, but our work and influence have been retarded. In all parts (except Musgrave Town) of this Mission our work is flourishing, and Methodism was never on a firmer basis. We have gone from place to place unfurling the flag of our Church with its inscription of "Free Grace," and we rejoice to report victory engraven on our banners. Members, 82.

SAMUEL SNOWDEN.

MUSGRAVE HABBOUR.—In reviewing our labours during the past year, we feel that, while there is much cause for humiliation before God, there is also cause for joy and thanksgiving. Some who professed to receive a saving change in the remarkable revival of last year, have gone back; but many are still standing fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free. Visits have been made to the Wadham Lighthouse and to Rocky, with encouraging results. On every hand the people manifest a strong desire to participate in the means of grace. Members, 152.

ROBERT BRAMFITT.

FOGO.—In meeting the classes for the May quarter we had more encouraging and hopeful impressions than at any previous time. We have gathered a few precious souls to Christ, and some have gone to rest from their labours, and their works are following them. Members, 219.

JAS. B. HEAL.

MORETON'S HARBOUR.—The year having been so strongly marked by circumstances of a saddening nature, the strength of Christian character has been strikingly tested. Scarcely a home throughout the Mission that has not been shadowed with sickness, and very many have been overcast with the deeper shades of death. But the consolations of religion abounded unto many, and we trust the pruning of the vine, will result in an increase of fruit. Our visit to Burnt Bay gave us much satisfaction and pleasure. Three services are held regularly on the Sabbath, and two classes efficiently maintained. Members, 100.

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HERRING NECK.—Our congregations have increased during the past year, and the work of grace has evidently deepened in the hearts of some of our people. A few have professed conversion, and gracious influences are still with us in our services. There are good indications of brighter days ahead. At Friday's Bay we have experienced gracious revival influences, many have been converted and profess great attachment to our cause. Members, 118.

WILLIAM H. EDYVEAN.

LITTLE BAY ISLANDS.—In reviewing the year's labours on this Mission, we recognize cause for some degree of encouragement. Though we cannot report remarkable manifestations of Divine power, we rejoice in the assurance of God's presence and blessing. In the public means of grace many of God's people have borne their evidence to the power of the Gospel message. Some have sought and found the Saviour, whilst others have made shipwreck of faith and a good conscience toward God. The spiritual state of the society is low. The class and prayer-meetings are not so highly prized nor so well attended by our people as we desire, but we have the promises of God. We trust in Jesus, therefore amid discouragements we look up, and, with child-like confidence, say, "His word shall not return unto Him void."

WILLIAM JENNINGS.

BETTS COVE AND TILT COVE—In reviewing the past year we have cause to rejoice and be thankful; there is reason also for close heart-searching and deep humility. Although we cannot share very plentifully in the joy of the reaper, yet we believe the toil of the sower has not been altogether in vain. While we have noticed with sorrow the decline of some, our hearts have been made glad by others who have given themselves to the Saviour. We report about eighteen conversions during the year. But we have to state that there has been a decrease of membership. This is owing very largely to the mining depression, which has necessitated many of our people to leave. Some have taken their exit from the Island, others have settled in different parts of the Bay, but outside of this Mission. The unsettled state of affairs, caused by almost the continuous incoming and outgoing of the population, makes it difficult to tabulate success. Members, 123.

GEO. BULLEN.

SUMMARY OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

IN THE VARIOUS ANNUAL CONFERENCES, EXCLUSIVE OF THE MISSION DISTRICTS.

A. D. 1879-80.

TORONTO CONFERENCE.

BRAMPTON DISTRICT.

Mission.	Missionary.	Mem's.
Chinguacousy	Shem Blanchard	107
Alton and Amaranth	Henry Thomas	107

BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

Marmora	Saml. McCaulay	140
Bannockburn	Thos. B. Wilson	112
Maynooth & York River	James A. Wood	95
Flinton	Wm. E. Smith	82
Brudenel	Andrew Wilson	31

PETERBORO' DISTRICT.

Ballyduff	Wm. G. Howson	113
Warsaw	Chas. W. Watch	69
Blairton	Thos. Fox	110
Chandos	Supply	45

LINDSAY DISTRICT.

Fenelon Falls	W. W. Leech	142
Dunsford	R. C. Wilkinson	90
Minden	T. W. Glover	130
Haliburton	Richard Strachan	33
Monmouth	Supply	
Beaverton	Thomas Williams	45
Coboconk	J. H. Ruttan	128
Atherley	Francis Johnston	89
Victoria Road	Henry Wilkinson	73
Dalrymple	Wm. P. Brown	104

BRADFORD DISTRICT.

Adjala	Geo. Walker	71
Sutton	Hamilton Leith	56

BARRIE DISTRICT.

Angus	Jno. Pepper, B.A.	96
Penetanguishene	Isaac Baker	102
Rugby	Thomas Grandy	78
Coldwater	Wm. Tucker	54

BRACEBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Mission.	Missionary.	Mem's.
Severn Bridge	Jno. Hart	88
Utterson	G. K. Adams	65
Uffington	T. S. McKee	72
Port Carling	G. S. Reynolds	86
Huntsville	T. W. Hall	133
Perry & Armour	Geo. W. Marvin	70
Magametawan	Wm. H. Emsley	150
Rosseau	Supply	61
McKellar	Wm. Torrance	129
Lorne	Supply	32
Nipissing & Stoney Lake	Supply	17

COLLINGWOOD DISTRICT.

Maxwell	Thos. J. Snowdon	160
Stayner	Geo. Edwards	140

OWEN SOUND DISTRICT.

Brookholm	Charles Smith	80
Woodford	Wm B. Danard	82
Eugenia Falls	Wm. H. Madden	57
Dundalk	David Williams	161
Priceville	Thomas Hadden	107
Warton	Wm. Hall	92
Lion's Head	Thos. Legate	43
Hepworth	Robert Johnston	91

WALKERTON DISTRICT.

Mildmay	D. D. Rolston	91
Durham	Robert Godfrey	164
Tiverton	Almon P. Lyons	77

LONDON CONFERENCE.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Queenston	Robert H. Balmer	62
Niagara	James Masson	61
Crowland	Jas. J. A. Lever	60

Mission.

Rainham
Port Colborne

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Lynedoch
Port Rowan

London East
Ingersoll No
Thorndale

Tyrconnell
Bismarck
Alvinston

Tilbury
Bothwell
Thamesville

Point Edward
Glencoe

Camlachie
Oil Springs
Marthaville
Grand Bend
Ravenswood
Sombra
Courtwright
Port Lambton

Elmira
Rockwood
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Garafaxa

Arthur
Kenilworth
Holstein
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Wellesley

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Ulster

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Mission.	Missionary.	Mem's.
Rainham	Aaron D. Miller ...	80
Port Colborne...	George Daniel.....	32

SIMCOE DISTRICT.

Delhi	Joseph Guest	131
Lynedoch	Robert Burns	165
Port Rowan	Joseph Rawson ...	117

LONDON DISTRICT.

London East	Thos. B. Leith ...	101
Ingersoll North..	W. W. Sparling	75
Thorndale	D. W. Thompson	140

ST. THOMAS DISTRICT.

Tyrconnell	Wm. McCann.....	94
Bismarck	Jno. G. Fallis.....	164
Alvinston	Wm. L. Hackett	79

CHATHAM DISTRICT.

Tilbury.....	Wm. Bielby	42
Bothwell.....	Thos. H. Patchell	90
Thamesville	W. W. Edwards ..	233

SARNIA DISTRICT.

Point Edward...	James E. Ford ...	101
Glencoe	C. Bristol, M. A....	53
Camlachie	Thos. H. Orme ...	145
Oil Springs ...	Joshua R. Kay ...	38
Marthaville.....	Edward J. Clarke	50
Grand Bend.....	Geo. J. Kerr	138
Ravenswood	Jasper Wilson.....	21
Sombra and } Courtwright }	James Gundy	69
Port Lambton..	Joseph Hill.....	38

GUELPH DISTRICT.

Elmira.....	Jno. W. Cooley ...	102
Rockwood.....	J. W. Freeman, B. D.	121
Erin	David Rogers	102
Garafraxa	James Laird.....	80

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Arthur.....	Wm. Mills ...	181
Kenilworth....	Ebenezer Teskey...	111
Holstein	Joseph Deacon ...	250
Luther	Wm. Willimott ...	90

STRATFORD DISTRICT.

New Hamburg..	Cecil Harper, B. A.	52
Wellesley	Walton Preston...	66

GODERICH DISTRICT.

Teeswater	Chas. E. Stafford	83
Ulster	R. C. Henders! ...	154

MONTREAL CONFERENCE.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

Montreal Ninth..	W. J. Jolliffe.....	30
St. Lambert & } Chambly ... }	W. H. Sparling, B. A	25

Mission.	Missionary	Mem's.
St. John's	W. J. Crothers, M. A	54
Ormstown	Jno. Holmes	112
Valleyfield.....	Jno. Webster	13
Hudson	Thos. C. Carson...	65
North Gore.....	Wm. Smith..	141
New Glasgow...	Isaac Wheatley ...	120
Rawdon	F. Delong	100

KINGSTON DISTRICT.

Amherst Island..	J. E. Werden ...	52
Roblin	Wm Pyke	124
Battersea.....	Jos. Follick.....	54
Harrowsmith...	Samuel Tesson ...	117
Arden ..	N. B. Topping ...	67
Seeley's Bay ...	G. H. Squire, B. A.	70
Vennachar	Stephen Wilson ...	60

BROCKVILLE DISTRICT.

Oxford.....	Robert Robinson...	162
Cornwall	Richard Whiting	105
Avonmore	James Lawson ...	100
Lancaster.....	S. D. Chown	25

PERTH DISTRICT.

Fitzroy Harbr...	Wm. Knox	105
Franktown	Supply	90
Lombardy	W. W. Miller	40
Glen Tay and } Maberly ... }	J. Fowkes and W. H. Summers	181
Playfair	C. A. Jones.....	88

PEMBROKE DISTRICT.

Beachburg	Wm. Peck	130
Portage du Fort.	N. Austin	64
Renfrew	Wm. Craig	53
Alice.....	S. Ellery.....	131
Onslow.....	R. Mark, M. D. ...	94
Bryson.....	H. Krupp	85
Mattawa	Thos. Craig	10

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Ottawa West ...	J. T. Pitcher	140
Bearbrook	J. J. Haylock.....	64
Plantagenet ...	Wm. Norton	34.
Arundel	Joseph Earl	57
Thurso... ..	S. Shibley	51
N. Wakefield...	J. O'Hara.....	71
Chelsea	Jos. Carr	73
Aylwin	Job Roadhouse ...	90
Billings' Bridge.	G. A. Gifford ...	140

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

Point Levis.....	Jno. B. Trimble...	
Three Rivers ..	Wm. Ryan	28
Melbourne ... }	W. D. Brown and W. H. Howard	130
Windsor Mills	I. Wilkinson	63
Lennoxville ...	G. H. Porter, B. A	106
Cookshire & } Island Brook }	W. L. Smith & C. H. Lawrence	97
Marbleton	Geo. Stenning.....	60

Mission.	Missionary.	Mem's.
Robinson.....	J. H. Fowler, M.A	57
Leeds	Wm. Austin	130
Inverness.....	Jno. Lawrence	101
Bourg Louis	S. E. Maudsley	
Metis, Riviere du Loup, &c. } Gaspé Basin & Anticosti.. }	Alex. Drennan	24
	{ J. G. Brick and J. Pinel	88

STANSTEAD DISTRICT.

Dixville	Barry Pierce	45
Magog	A. Patterson	45
East Bolton	H. Fowler	62
Mansonville	W. K. Shortt, M.A	99
West Shefford.....	S. Crookshanks	83
Lawrenceville.....	H. Meyers	94
Cowansville	S. G. Phillips.....	115
West Brome	Albert Delong.....	83
West Farnham.....	Thos. Bell	57
Sutton	Wm. Adams	95
Bedford	Hugh Cairns	109

NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE.

HALIFAX DISTRICT.

Lawrencetown.....	Jno. Wier	18
Chester Road.....	Supply	24
Hantsport	A. D. Morton.....	84
Kentville.....	P. Prestwood	85
Newport	F. H. W. Pickles	120
St. Margaret's Bay and Sambro } Bermuda, } Hamilton... }	J. H. Davis	50
Bermuda, } Hamilton... }	E. B. Moore & B. C. Borden, A.B.	274
Bermuda, } St. George's }	W. Ryan & J. L. Dawson, A.B.	208

TRURO DISTRICT.

Onslow	F. Wright, A.B....	118
Acadia Mines.....	R. B. Mack.....	50
Pictou	J. G. Angwin.....	54
Stellarton	A. F. Weldon.....	44
River John.....	J. Astbury	117
Maitland.....	Thos. D. Hart.....	152
Shubenacadie.....	G. F. Day	80
M. Musquoboboit	W. G. Lane	84
Musquodoboit Harbor..... } Sheet Harbor..... }	J. M. Fisher	64
Sheet Harbor.....	G. O. Robinson, A.B	1

CUMBERLAND DISTRICT.

Warren	Wm. Purvis	100
Pugwash	I. E. Thurlow.....	168
River Philip	G. W. Tuttle	70
Wentworth.....	Jas. Sharp	69
Par'sboro'	J. B. Hemmeon	130
Southampton.....	John Craig	121
Athol	W. Alcorn	47
Advocate H'rb'r.....	C. Swallow, A.M	85

GUYSBORO' & CAPE BRETON DISTRICT.

Mission.	Missionary.	Mem's.
Guysboro'	Jas. Tweedy	122
Canso	J. W. Howie.....	45
Manchester	E. E. England	128
Country Harb'r	W. H. Langille	43
Sydney North.....	D. Hickey	53
Gabarus	R. O'B. Johnson...	200
Pt. Hawkesbury.....	J. A. Mosher	69
Port Hood	Geo. Johnson (B)..	35
Ingonish	Robt. Williams	38

ANNAPOLIS DISTRICT.

Annapolis	A. W. Nicolson...	101
Mountain.....	Supply	19
Scott's Bay	Supply	42
Berwick	Jno. Cassidy	159
Hillsburg.....	C. Jost, A.M.....	114
Digby	R. Wasson	117
Weymouth	W. Ainley	95
Digby Neck.....	P. H. Robinson	90

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT.

Caledonia	J. G. Bigney	69
Port Mouton.....	J. W. Shepherdson	132
Mill Village.....	D. B. Scott.....	91
New Germany	Jno. Gee.....	162
Bridgewater	Godfrey Shore.....	40
Petite Riviere.....	Jno. Johnson	172

YARMOUTH DISTRICT.

Arcadia	James Taylor	55
Hebron	G. F. Johnson, A.B	106
N. E. Harbor	Jas. Scott	86
Shelburne	J. R. Borden	96
Lockport	Wm. Brown	105

NEW BRUNSWICK AND P. E. ISLAND CONFERENCE.

ST. JOHN DISTRICT.

St. John County.....	D. Davies Moore	67
Fairville	Wilson W. Lodge	79
Sussex	Jno. F. Betts.....	128
Apohaqui.....	Wm. Tweedy.....	154
Upham.....	Chas. Comben.....	81
St. Martin's.....	Wm. J. Kirby	46
Grand Lake.....	Silas James.....	104
Jerusalem.....	A. R. B. Shrewsbury	74
Welsford.....	Alfred Le Page	107
Kingston.....	Geo. B. Payson	66

FREDERICTON DISTRICT.

Kingsclear	Henry J. Clarke...	59
Gibson	M. R. Knight, A.B	77
Nashwaak & Stanley } Stanley .. }	{ L. S. Johnson & F. Freeman... }	130
Boiestown	Jno. K. King	78
Keswick	Jas. Crisp.....	140
Gagetown	J. A. Duke.....	64

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Woodstock
Northampton & Canterbury
Jacksonville
Richmond
Florenceville
Andover
Upper Kent
Arthurette

Bathurst
Baie du Vin
Tabusintac
Campbellton
Derby

Tintramar
Point de Bu
Coverdale
Shediac
Dorchester
Hopewell a
Alma
Hillsboro'
Havelock
Salisbury
Elgin

St. John
Milltown
St. Andrew
St. Davids
St. James
Bocabec
Deer Island

P. I.
Little York
Pownal
Margate
Summerside
Bideford
Murray Har
Montague
Souris
Mt. Stewart

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Mission	Missionary.	Mem's.
Woodstock	W. W. Colpitts	97
Northampton & Canterbury	{ E. C. Turner & T. L. Williams	77
Jacksonville	R. S. Crisp	135
Richmond	Wm. Harrison	114
Florenceville	E. Mills	144
Andover	Thos. Allen	37
Upper Kent	Wm. Penna	77
Arthurette	Richard Opie	39

MIRAMICHI DISTRICT.

Bathurst	Isaac Howie	86
Baie du Vin	S. E. Colwell	22
Tabusintac	H. Penna	20
Campbellton	Wm. Tippett	43
Derby	D. H. Lodge	80

SACKVILLE DISTRICT.

Tintramar	Wm. R. Pepper	72
Point de Bute	Geo. W. Fisher	111
Coverdale	Wm. E. Johnson	81
Shediac	W. B. Thomas	30
Dorchester	Thos. Marshall	81
Hopewell and Alma	{ Robert Wilson & S. C. Wells	250
Hillsboro'	C. W. Hamilton	129
Havelock	Aquila Lucas	84
Salisbury	Jno. J. Colter	108
Elgin	C. W. Manaton	117

ST. STEPHEN DISTRICT.

Milltown	C. W. Dutcher	148
St. Andrews	F. W. Harrison	32
St. Davids	Geo. Harrison	91
St. James	J. T. Baxendale	35
Bocabec	Wm. Wass	89
Deer Island	Thomas Hicks	20

P. E. ISLAND DISTRICT.

Little York	H. R. Baker, A. B	119
Pownal	Wm. Maggs	99
Margate	G. W. Wadman	151
Summerside	T. J. Deinstadt	121
Bideford	Jno. Goldsmith	65
Murray Harb'r.	Jno. C. Berrie	53
Montague	Edward Bell	39
Souris	Albert Hagarty	109
Mt. Stewart	Wm. Lawson	52

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Grand Bank	Thos. Harris	94
Fortune	Jabez Hill	109
Petites	James Pincock	47
Channel	Jesse Heyfield	34
Flat Islands, &c	James Wilson	208
Flower Cove	One to be sent	
St. Anthony	Wm. R. Pratt	110
Bonne Bay	Jno. Peters	42
Labrador	Jno. P. Bowell	48

CARBONEAR DISTRICT.

Harbor Grace	Jno. Goodison	117
Brigus	Jos. Pascoe	144
Cupids	Jno. Reay	146
Bay Roberts	F. G. Willey	72
Porte de Grave	One to be sent	36
Blackhead	James Dove	506
Western Bay	R. W. Freeman	335
Island Cove	Thos. H. James	320
Old Perlican	W. Swann	260
Hants Harb'r.	Charles Myers	145
Heart's Content	G. Payne	42
Trinity	Anthony Hill	86
Random North	Thos. L. Eland	109
Random South	Edgar Taylor	108
Green's Harb'r.	Henry C. Hatcher	34

BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

Bonavista	Jeremiah Embree	465
Catalina	Joseph Parkins	70
Greenspond	{ Joseph Lister and G. Vater	360
Twillingate	T. W. Atkinson	161
Exploits	Jno. Pratt	250
Musgrave Town	Saml. Snowdon	80
" Harb'r	Robert Bramfitt	124
Fogo	Geo. J. Bond, A. B	144
Herring Neck, &c.	W. H. Edyvean	90
Moreton's Harb'r.	James Nurse	94
Little Bay Islands	{ Wm. Jennings	135
Betts' & Tilt	{ J. B. Heal and Geo. Bullen	105
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GENERAL RECAPITULATION.

DEPARTMENTS.	Missions.	Missionaries.	Native Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total paid Agents.	Members.
Domestic Missions:—							
Toronto Conference	51	51	..	..	..	51	4550
London "	38	38	..	..	..	38	3771
Montreal "	65	69	..	..	..	69	5188
Nova Scotia "	52	52	..	..	..	52	4521
New Brunswick & P. E. I. Conference	54	57	..	..	..	57	4711
Newfoundland Conference	37	39	..	..	..	39	5520
Missionary Districts:—							
Brit. Columbia, Winnipeg, Algoma	32	32	..	..	..	32	1781
	329	338	..	..	..	338	30042
Indian Missions:—							
British Columbia District	7	4	6	3	..	13	671
Saskatchewan "	8	5	..	3	1	9	335
Winnipeg "	5	3	2	3	2	10	650
Toronto Conference	10	8	1	6	3	18	623
London "	8	8	3	7	5	23	740
Montreal "	2	2	..	2	..	4	205
	40	30	12	24	11	77	3224
French Missions:—							
Montreal Conference	9	10	..	4	..	14	408
German Missions:—							
London Conference	1	1	..	..	..	1	28
Montreal "	1	1	1	142
	2	2	2	170
Foreign Missions:—							
Japan	4	*8	5	13	170
Bermuda	2	4	4	482
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* Including 5 Japanese Ministers.

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SPECIAL REPORT

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TOUR OF INSPECTION AMONG THE MISSIONS IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY AND MANITOBA,

During the Summer of 1880.

BY THE REV. A. SUTHERLAND, D.D., GENERAL SECRETARY.

At a meeting of the Committee of Consultation and Finance, held on the 20th of April, 1880, it was ordered that if the General Secretary can find time to visit any part of the Mission field during the present summer, he be recommended to visit the North-West, in view of the probable rapid development of our work in that country.

For some time previous, various circumstances had indicated the desirableness of a personal inspection of the work in that region by an officer of the Society; and as the Chairman of the Saskatchewan District was about returning from Ontario with a Missionary for Fort McLeod, and several Teachers for other points in the district, it occurred to me that this would afford a good opportunity of carrying out the recommendation of the Committee. Accordingly arrangements were made for visiting first the Missions in the Saskatchewan District, and afterwards, as far as time would permit, those in the Province of Manitoba, and among the advancing settlements beyond her western frontier.

I left Toronto on the 21st of June, and proceeded by rail to Bismarck, on the Missouri river, having joined the mission party on the way. From Bismarck our course was by river steamer 1,200 miles to Fort Benton in Montana; from which point the journey was made by means of horses and waggons. Desiring to know by experience as well as observation how the brethren lived and travelled in these western wilds, I purposely avoided engaging any assistance for the journey, but endeavoured to do my share of camp-work in common with the rest of the party. By this means I obtained an inside view of certain aspects of Missionary toil that could not have been gained in any other way; and was enabled to enter more fully into sympathy with the labourers than would have been possible on mere reports from

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others. I can now say that I know the ground, I know the workers, and I know something of the work.

The journey from Fort Benton to Fort McLeod—the first Mission visited—occupied seven travelling days. The heat while crossing the treeless plains of Montana was so intense, that even those long accustomed to camp-life were almost overcome; while to those who were passing through the experience for the first time, the suffering was great; and the discomfort was greatly aggravated by the fact that the water along the route was more or less impregnated with alkali. Several deep and rapid rivers had to be crossed, which involved severe labour and no small risk; but by God's blessing the journey was made without serious accident.

FORT McLEOD.

Fort McLeod is the most southerly Mission in the Saskatchewan District, as well as the most recently established. It is situated at the confluence of Willow Creek and Old Man's river, about fifty miles north of the international boundary line, and is one of the principal stations of the mounted police. A number of temporary buildings have sprung up around the police barracks, and the place has become a kind of centre for a few whites and half-breeds, and a considerable number of Indians, chiefly of tribes belonging to the Blackfoot nation. The zeal of the missionaries who first made their way to this point is worthy of all commendation; but the wisdom of occupying it as a permanent mission station is not so apparent. Almost as soon as the police occupied the site of McLeod, the Chairman wisely made provision for visiting them at intervals, and holding service; but in consenting to the appointment of a resident Missionary he seems to have yielded to the persistent representations of others rather than to the dictates of his own judgment. From what has come under my own observation, I am convinced that it is unwise to establish mission headquarters at any of these police stations. The officers, with rare exceptions, are opposed to our work, and the men are hindered from attending the services, while not unfrequently the Missionary is treated with a marked disrespect, which seriously impairs his influence and retards his work. Besides this, the task of evangelizing the Indians in the vicinity of these posts is attempted at an immense disadvantage, from causes which I need not specify here. Although many Indians are constantly coming and going at McLeod, they are, for the most part, of a class very difficult to reach, and the nearest Indian Reserve is sixteen miles away. I am informed, moreover, that it is the intention of the

police authorities, in view of the spring, in view of the winter, and the last of the season, is not a desirable thing. The result of his operations

Five days were spent in reaching the north of the Rocky Mountains. In 1873, and in 1874, the missionaries, seeing that they could not reach the country by the ordinary route, freight with pack animals, as man had, until the winter, although it is not an evangelistic mission, and though it is not permitted to establish a mission station, a church, and a school, for these buildings and labour cost at least \$6,000. At the same time the business of the mission the influence of the Church of the influence of the more are permitted to find, at occupying the most promising

There are many who receive the influence of the Mission during Mr. McLeod were included in the plan, prevents us from doing so. In view of the labour of the missionaries, the cultivation

police authorities to remove the station to the mountains early next spring, in which event the buildings at McLeod will soon be deserted, and the last remnant of a congregation disappear. I think it very desirable that the Missionary at McLeod should transfer the centre of his operations to one of the Indian Reserves at an early day.

MORLEY.

Five days additional travelling brought me to Morley, located on the north bank of Bow River, among the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This mission was begun by the Rev. John McDougall, in 1873, and although intended chiefly for the benefit of the Mountain Stoneys, seemed, at the same time, to form a good base from which to reach the Crees and Blackfeet of the plains. The undertaking was fraught with great danger, as the tribes were then at war, and no white man had, up to that time, risked a permanent sojourn in the region, although it had been visited by both Rundle and Woolsey on their evangelistic tours; but the Providence of God shielded His servants, and though at times they were exposed to great peril, no evil was permitted to befall them. On this mission there is now a comfortable mission-house, a cottage for the teacher, a neat and commodious church, and a well-built school-house. The only cost to the Society for these buildings was a single grant of \$900. Had all the material and labour been paid for by the Society, they would have cost at least \$6,000, even at present rates, and a good deal more at the time the buildings were erected. On the Reserve connected with the mission there are some 600 Stoneys. Many of these are members of the Church, and all have been brought more or less under the influence of the Gospel. Some have begun to cultivate the soil, and more are preparing to follow their example, so that we may expect to find, at no distant day, a civilized and Christian community occupying the reserve. Altogether I consider Morley one of the most promising Indian Missions in the whole North-West Territory.

There are two matters in connection with this mission that should receive the careful attention of the Board. The first is our title to the Mission property. In a survey of the Reserve, which was made during Mr. McDougall's absence in Canada, the Mission premises were included in the survey. This makes it Indian property, and prevents us from having any other title than mere right of occupancy. In view of what has been expended by the Society, and the personal labour of the Missionary, in the erection of buildings, the fencing and cultivation of fields, &c., it seems to me we have a fair claim to a title

in fee simple, and that representations should be made to the Indian Department in order to secure such a title without delay.

The second point is connected with the establishment of an Indian Orphanage. As the facts bearing upon this question will be laid before the Board in a separate memorandum, I will here call attention to but one circumstance, viz., the necessity, in case the orphanage is established, of securing a section of land for a Supply and Industrial Farm; and should the Board favour the project, I would recommend that application be made to the Indian Department for a grant of land for the purpose named.

During my stay of Morley, several services were held. On Sabbath morning Bro. McDougall preached in Cree, to a crowded and attentive congregation. In the afternoon we crossed the river and conducted service in an Indian camp. First, some five or six marriages were solemnized, and upwards of a dozen children baptized, after which I addressed the people, Bro. McDougall translating into Cree, and James Dixon, a native local preacher, into Stoney. In the evening another service was held in the school-house, when several additional marriages were solemnized, and a number of children baptized, after which I preached a brief discourse, Bro. McDougall interpreting as before. On the following Wednesday a Council was held, which was largely attended. A number of leading Indians spoke, referring both to their temporal and spiritual concerns; and it would have cheered the friends of the Society could they have heard the heartfelt testimonies of these men to the power and blessedness of the religion of Christ Jesus. Bro. McDougall addressed them briefly, and I followed, giving such counsel as the circumstances of the people seemed to call for. I also visited the school, and marked the progress of the children, under the diligent instructions of the teacher, Mr. Sibbald.

WOODVILLE.

After a week's sojourn at Morley, I proceeded northward 200 miles to Edmonton, purposing to visit Woodville on the way. I was accompanied by the Chairman of the District, and made the journey in seven days, exclusive of the Sabbath. When we reached a point some 50 miles from Edmonton, and were about turning westward to Woodville, we met some of the Indians from that mission, who informed us that the people had all gone to Edmonton to receive their treaty payments, that not a single person remained at the mission, and that the trail leading thither was all but impassable, owing to

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the continued and heavy rains. Under these circumstances it was considered advisable not to visit Woodville; but arrangements were made for the Teacher, who had been engaged for that place, to go in as soon as the people returned, which would be in a few days. For some time past Woodville has not been occupied by a Missionary except during the few months that Brother Manning spent there; and as the people are somewhat unsettled in regard to their Reserve, it does not seem advisable that a Missionary should be sent there at present. The newly-appointed Teacher will conduct religious services as well as teach the school, and in this way the spiritual needs of the people will be met till such time as a permanent Reserve is fixed upon.

EDMONTON.

We reached Edmonton on Thursday afternoon, August 12th, and were courteously entertained at the hospitable home of R. Hardisty, Esq., Chief Factor of the H. B. Company's posts in the Upper Saskatchewan District. This post occupies a beautiful and commanding site on the North Saskatchewan river, about 200 miles east of the mountains. Though not doing the enormous business it once did, it is still a place of importance, and is destined, I think, to be one of the great centres when the far North-West becomes peopled. The soil in the neighborhood is of excellent quality, and large crops can be raised. There is quite a little settlement along the river, and two mills are in course of erection within a mile of the Fort.

Although Edmonton has long appeared on the Minutes of Conference, it was, for many years, merely a kind of headquarters for the Missionaries, to which they resorted at intervals for letters and supplies, while traversing a vast extent of country. It was not till 1871 that buildings were erected, and the place became a mission in fact as well as name. This work was accomplished by the indefatigable labors of the late George McDougall, who succeeded in enlisting the co-operation of many residents of the place. In the Circuit book I saw a list of contributions that would do credit to many a wealthy neighborhood in Ontario. Only \$400 were given by the Missionary Society to clear off a final balance. The premises occupy a beautiful site on the north bank of the river, half a mile from the Fort, and consist of a neat church and Mission house, surrounded by an extensive garden.

The frequent change of Missionaries at Edmonton has operated disastrously. Between the leaving of one Missionary and the arrival

of another, weary months have sometimes elapsed; while the short stay of those who have been on the ground since Brother McDougall left it has prevented any sustained attempt to evangelize the numerous Indian bands who for at least a part of each year are to be found not far from the Fort. For years past our record in this last respect has not been creditable, and has done much to alienate the sympathies of both whites and half-breeds. Missionary subscriptions, which in 1873-4 amounted to over \$450, dwindled down to \$89 in 1878-9, while of late years no local contributions have been made for the support of the Missionary.

As to the future, I do not think Edmonton will be a permanent *Indian* Mission. Many Indians are within reach now; but as they settle on their Reserves this will no longer be the case, as those Reserves will not be in the neighbourhood of the Fort. It is likely, however, to be an important English centre in days to come; and even now would be a good point at which to locate an Educational Institution.

On Sabbath three services were held in the church. I preached, morning and evening, to congregations numbering over fifty persons. In the afternoon Brother McDougall preached in Cree to a good audience of Indians and half-breeds, all of whom seemed attentive to the Word.

During our stay at Edmonton I had repeated consultations with the Chairman concerning our work in that region, and it became clear that some modification was demanded. It had been our intention to send Brother Glass, one of the teachers, to Saddle Lake, to organize an Indian school and conduct Sabbath services; but we found that before our arrival the place had been occupied by an agent of the Church of England. At the same time there was a demand for more men in the direction of Manitoba, which the Church had not been able to supply; and we finally concluded that by leaving Brother Glass at Edmonton the present needs of the work there would be met, and a school established, which the people very much desired, while the Missionary in charge would be set free to go where help was more needed. Arrangements were accordingly made for Brother Whiteside to go down the river by the Company's steamer, with instructions as to his future movements, which will be referred to in another connection.

Our work at Edmonton was now done, and preparations were made for another stage of the journey. We were informed that the roads for some distance were in a very bad condition, and that some of the streams we would have to cross were very high and dangerous.

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Moreover, our horses were beginning to show signs of fatigue, which made the necessity for some change in the programme the more apparent. After some consultation I decided to send my horses and waggon down to Fort Carlton by the Company's steamer, and to follow them a day or two later in an open boat. A large skiff was obtained, in which our other effects were placed; and bidding goodbye to our kind friends we pushed off, and began our long journey down the Saskatchewan.

WHITEFISH LAKE.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, August 17th, we reached Victoria, and received a cordial welcome from Brother McLachlen and his estimable wife. On the following afternoon, in company with Brothers McDougall and McLachlen, I set out for Whitefish Lake, about 60 miles to the north-east of Victoria. The season having been extremely wet, the roads were bad, and travelling somewhat unpleasant. Heavy showers fell at intervals, and in one place we had to drive for over half a mile with the water up to the bottom of the buckboard all the way, and sometimes over it. We reached our destination on Thursday afternoon, and received kindly greeting from our faithful Missionary, Brother Steinhauer.

Whitefish Lake is, next to Pigeon Lake, the oldest established Methodist Mission in the Saskatchewan, having been organized by Brother Steinhauer in 1857. Here he has laboured with exemplary fidelity for three-and-twenty years, and has succeeded in gathering around him a civilized and Christian community, known and respected through all the North-West. The settlement stretches from Whitefish Lake to Goodfish Lake, and all along may be seen comfortable cabins with fruitful fields and gardens, while near the Mission House I saw a herd of as fine cattle, belonging to the Indians, as one need wish to look upon. Whitefish Lake is especially interesting as a Mission begun and carried on entirely by a native Missionary, and is a sufficient answer to any doubts that may arise as to the power of the Gospel to civilize and elevate the native tribes. In spiritual results it has richly repaid the labour and money expended upon it.

On the day following our arrival a Council was held in the School House, which took very much the character of a love-feast. Complaints there were few or none, but everywhere expressions of thankfulness for the blessing which the Gospel had brought to them. At the close of the meeting I addressed them, Brother McDougall kindly acting as interpreter, giving such counsel and encouragement as the

circumstances seemed to call for, and exhorting them with one heart to cleave unto the Lord.

The Mission house at Whitefish Lake is comfortable, and there is a fruitful garden and fields around it; but the School House, which has also served as a church, is somewhat dilapidated, and needs to be renewed. A year or two ago the people made an effort and got up the walls of a new building designed for a church, but help is needed to finish it; and I would recommend that Brother Steinhauer be allowed, during his stay in Ontario, to receive special contributions for that purpose.

I left Whitefish Lake on Friday afternoon, in company with Brother Steinhauer, he having permission from the Committee to visit Ontario, and on Saturday evening we again reached

VICTORIA.

This Mission, like Edmonton, is a creation of the McDougall's. When George McDougall first visited the country in 1862, he found Mr. Woolsey at Smoking Lake, some 30 miles north of the river, where he had just erected a little cabin, and proposed to locate a Mission. Mr. McDougall was convinced that a spot on the banks of the river was a much better location, though strongly dissuaded by others on the ground that it was right in the war-path of the Blackfeet. Here he left his son John to aid Mr. Woolsey in erecting buildings, while he himself went down to Norway House, at the north end of Lake Winnipeg, for the rest of his family. Returning the following summer, he found a Mission House well on toward completion, and a good deal of material ready for a church.

From this period Victoria has continued on the list of Missions, and for a number of years flourished apace. At one time there were six classes—two of Indians and four of whites and half-breeds; but since then, owing to frequent changes, long vacancies, unsuitable appointments, and the migratory habits of the people, the cause has languished and almost died. I am glad to say, however, that under the faithful labours of Brother McLachlen and his devoted wife, there are signs of revival. They are getting a firm hold upon the people, who were greatly alarmed when a rumour somehow got abroad that their Missionary was likely to be removed.

The Mission premises, which consist of a Mission house and out-buildings, and a small church, occupy a beautiful site on the north bank of the Saskatchewan, overlooking the river. The buildings have of late years got a good deal out of repair, and fences have almost

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Victoria will be a good centre for Indian work for some time to come. Across the river, 12 miles away, is Egg Lake, a Reserve on which are already located some 20 families. About 12 miles up the river, on the north side, is Wah-sah-te-now, with about 12 families, while 40 miles down the river is Saddle Lake, at present occupied by an Episcopalian Missionary, where are a number of families of our people from Whitefish Lake; and these various settlements are *neuclei* around which many Indians will gather. Besides, Victoria itself has a considerable half-breed population who understand both English and Cree, and it is by no means improbable that a considerable white population may yet gather around the place.

Two services were held on Sunday. I preached in the morning to an attentive congregation, and Bro. McDougall conducted a Cree service in the afternoon.

On Monday we prepared to start on our long journey down the river. As Bro. McDougall could not accompany us any farther, and the rest of us were quite unacquainted with the country, I engaged an old H. B. Co.'s freighter and steersman to go with us to Winnipeg. The selection was fortunate, as he proved a faithful servant and helper. Our effects were again put on board the boat, and at half-past 2 p.m. we were ready to start. Bro. McDougall and Bro. and Sister McLachlen accompanied us to the bank of the river, where we commended each other "to God and to the word of His grace," and then pushing out from shore, resumed our solitary voyage.

As I have published elsewhere a detailed account of the entire journey, I need not refer here to the various incidents which occurred as we rowed or floated down the river; suffice it to say, that about noon on Saturday, the 28th of August, I reached

BATTLEFORD,

the Capital of the North-West Territory, where I decided to remain over the Sabbath. The tent was pitched accordingly, and all necessary arrangements made for the day of rest. As no attempt has yet been made by the Methodist Church to establish a cause here, I was the more desirous of examining into the real state of

affairs, that I might the better judge what course we should pursue in the future. In prosecuting my enquiries I received much kind assistance from C. G. Lawrie, Esq., the publisher of the *Saskatchewan Herald*.

Battleford is located on the south bank of Battle River, about two miles above its confluence with the Saskatchewan. The business part occupies the level bottom near the river, while on the hill farther back are the residences of the Governor, the Stipendiary Magistrate, and several government officials. The population is about 300, one-half of whom are Roman Catholics. There is no resident Protestant minister in Battleford at present, but a lay agent of the Church of England has charge of a school, and conducts service on the Sabbath. A most determined effort is being made by the Roman Catholics to obtain a controlling influence in the place, and with no small success. The Governor's Secretary, the Registrar, and several other prominent officials, are Roman Catholics; and only a short time before my arrival, two Protestant Farm Instructors were dismissed, and their places filled with Catholics. At the very time of my visit the R. C. Bishop and two priests were in the place in close and earnest consultation.

The use of the school-house having been obtained, I preached on Sunday evening to a most attentive congregation. During Monday forenoon I made a careful examination of the place with the view of securing, if possible, what would be a suitable site for a church in the future. I found, however, that although Battleford has been the capital of the Territory for several years past, *the town plot is not yet surveyed*; and that the most that could be done would be to buy out some squatter's claim. The Roman Catholics have put up a log shanty to serve as a chapel, and on the ground of occupancy lay claim to *thirty acres* in the town; and as their friends are in power there is little doubt but they will get it. There are no outlying settlements as yet, and as the soil in this region is somewhat inferior to that in other parts of the territory, it is not likely that settlement will be rapid; but if Battleford continues to be the seat of government, as is most probable, a town of considerable importance may soon spring up, and we should be prepared, on short notice, to send in a man and establish a cause.

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I resumed possession of my horses and waggon, and leaving Bro. Steinhauer and the guide to take the boat farther down the river, I drove across the country, and at noon on Friday reached

PRINCE ALBERT.

This is a settlement of considerable extent, occupying the point of land between the North and South branches of the Saskatchewan River. For years the impression had been general among us that this was almost exclusively a Presbyterian settlement, where our services were neither needed nor desired; but information reached me at Edmonton which greatly modified that impression. I there learned that within two or three years past quite a number of Methodist families had moved into the settlement, who greatly desired the services of a Missionary. It was on this account that instructions were given to Bro. Whiteside, when leaving Edmonton, to proceed down the river as far as Prince Albert, visit among the people, and ascertain the real facts in the case; that if he found a legitimate opening for a Methodist Missionary, he should remain until I joined him, but if not he might proceed at once to Manitoba. On reaching Prince Albert I found the desire for a minister of our church even stronger than I supposed. Bro. Whiteside had visited among the people, found a number who had been members of our Church in Ontario, and ascertained that three appointments could be taken up at once, where there would be an aggregate of at least 100 hearers of Methodist proclivities. During Saturday I visited a number of families through the settlement, being kindly accompanied by a Mr. Deacon, who has two brothers in the ministry of our Church. On Saturday evening I met a number of gentlemen who had formed themselves into a committee for the purpose of erecting a place of worship at an early day, and found them enthusiastic in their desire for a Missionary. On Sabbath morning I preached in an empty store, the use of which had been secured for the purpose, and in the evening I preached, by invitation, in the Presbyterian Church to a crowded congregation. As the result of my enquiries among the people it was decided that, with the consent of the proper authorities, Bro. Whiteside should be permitted to remain at Prince Albert to organize a Mission and establish a cause.

Of the journey from Prince Albert to the crossing of the Assinaboine river, a distance of some 350 miles, it is unnecessary now to speak, as there are no settlements, as yet, between these two points, and therefore nothing that calls for the immediate attention of the Missionary Society. Soon after crossing the Assinaboine,

however, we came upon the advanced settlements about 200 miles west of Winnipeg, and from this time were seldom out of sight, for any great length of time, of some sign of human habitation. On Saturday, September 18th, we reached the village of

BIRTLE,

and after a short interview with some of the inhabitants, resolved to camp over the Sabbath. At this place a town plot has been laid out by parties connected with the Hamilton Colonization Company, and up and down the stream on which the village is situated, there is an almost continuous settlement for a distance of five and twenty miles. In the village itself there are perhaps 20 houses; but some 80 lots have been sold, all but three on condition of being built upon within a year. Last year a hired local preacher was sent to Shoal Lake, but it was afterwards decided to transfer the headquarters of the Mission to Birtle, as being a more important centre, and in June last an ordained Missionary was appointed to the field. When he reached Manitoba it was decided by the authorities that a supply was more urgently demanded at Grand Valley than at Birtle, and the Brother was sent there. During the past summer, services have been conducted at Birtle, with great acceptance, by Bro. Burritt, a local preacher resident in the neighborhood; but to reach all the places calling for service was simply impossible, and hence it was evident that a laborer should be sent into the field who could devote all his time to the work. As no ordained man, or even probationer, was available, a hired local preacher has been sent, who will be able to meet the needs of the Mission, so far as preaching is concerned; but I am decidedly of opinion that an ordained Missionary should be sent to Birtle at next Conference.

On the Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Wood, one of the chief men of the place, I made a careful inspection of the town plot, and selected two lots as a site for church and parsonage. Among the people who have settled here, are a number of Methodist families from Ontario, who are minded to provide a comfortable place of worship at an early day. On the Sabbath I conducted two services; and although an equinoctial storm was raging, had large congregations. During my brief stay I received much kind attention from Mr. Wood and his estimable family, and on Monday took my departure with pleasant memories of my visit to the place.

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the next point touched, is situated on the Little Saskatchewan river, about 40 miles from Birtle, and is the centre of a fine country

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which is being rapidly settled. Here I received a cordial welcome from Bro. Lawson, our faithful and energetic Missionary, who, for the past five years, has been doing noble service among the advancing settlements of the North-West. His field is extensive, and the people are widely scattered, but they gladly receive the visits of the Missionary, and the prospects are that we shall have here a strong, self-sustaining circuit at no distant day.

From the Little Saskatchewan, two trails lead to Manitoba, known as the North and South trails. We first decided to go by the North trail, as that would lead us through Salisbury and Palestine Missions, both of which I desired to visit, while on the line of the South trail there are no Missions between Rapid City and Portage la Prairie. As our horses were becoming travel-worn, and the roads ahead were reported very bad, Bro. Lawson kindly offered to accompany us with a fresh pair as far as the Portage; but, on the first afternoon, one of his horses—which he had hired for the journey—gave out, and he had no alternative but to return home. This necessarily changed our plans, as no one in our party knew anything of the North trail. We accordingly took the southerly track, and on the morning after leaving Rapid City reached

BIG PLAIN,

a beautiful tract of country, over twenty miles across, and rapidly filling up with settlers, chiefly from the older Provinces. No effort has yet been made to reach the people, beyond occasional visits from Bro. Lawson; but it is important that a man be sent at the earliest possible date. The Chairman of the Portage la Prairie District has his eye on the ground, and will endeavor to provide for occasional visits in the meantime, until a Missionary can be sent.

Between Big Plain and Rat Creek we passed through some of the worst country we had yet seen. The roads were in a frightful condition, and much of the country seemed to be under water; but after passing Rat Creek there was a manifest improvement, which continued all the way to Portage la Prairie. Beautiful homesteads were now continually in sight, and on every side were evidences of thrift and prosperity. After dark on Saturday evening I reached

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE,

and found pleasant quarters with Bro. Hewitt, the Chairman of the District. I can hardly express the delight I experienced at once more finding myself fairly within the bounds of civilization. To drive along roads with fences and fields on either side was inexpressibly delightful, and enabled me to sympathize more fully with

the brethren who occupy the more isolated positions in our Mission fields. Portage la Prairie is now a thriving village of considerable extent, and the Mission, under Bro. Hewitt's energetic administration, is making rapid strides towards independence. Moreover, as it has been decided to deflect the line of the Pacific Railway so as to touch the Portage, the commercial future of the place may be regarded as assured. On the Sabbath I had the pleasure of preaching in the little log church (which I hope will soon be replaced by a better building) to a full congregation; and on Monday evening took part in a meeting in the Town Hall, in favor of the Scott Act,—the chief speakers being the Rev. James Scott, of Owen Sound, and the Hon. J. W. Sifton, of Winnipeg.

It was now near the end of September, and as the Central Board of Missions was to meet by the middle of October, it was needful that I should hurry homeward. To visit any more of the Missions in Manitoba was a simple impossibility, and I must therefore content myself with a few general observations in regard to the work as a whole.

In the first place, I would say that the division of the District has proved most beneficial. In its old shape it was simply impossible for any one man to give the work efficient oversight; and if there is one place in our entire work where efficient oversight is more needed than in another, that place is the North-West. At

WINNIPEG

I found our work in a condition that proved the wisdom of the choice that sent Dr. Rice to that important field. The people are more than pleased with the appointment, which is saying a good deal of any one who follows a man as popular as Bro. German. Arrangements are being perfected for the erection of a new church, and I have every confidence that by the close of 1881 a building worthy of the denomination will be completed in Winnipeg. The one in contemplation will probably cost not less than \$30,000.

I was able to spend but a single day in Winnipeg; but in the forenoon the Chairmen of the three Districts met, and we spent a couple of hours in consultation about the state of the work, and the duties of the hour. These honored brethren fully understood the situation, and the interests of our Church in that great and growing country could not be in better hands.

On a careful review of all that I saw and heard during my three months' sojourn in the North-West, I am fully convinced—

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2. That our Church has, in common with others, a great work to do in the future, in providing for the spiritual needs of the millions who will yet find a home on the prairies of the West—a work that will tax our energies and resources to the utmost.

3. That as a Church, while perhaps we have not done all we might have done, we have nevertheless done our full share,—as compared with other denominations,—of Missionary work in that land. The statements sometimes made that other denominations are outstripping us, and taking the ground from under our feet, has no foundation in fact.

4. That we have, on the whole, as faithful, laborious and self-denying a band of Missionaries in the North-West as the Church ever produced, even in her heroic age.

5. That it will be necessary, in the near future, to reinforce the staff now in the field if the needs of the white and Indian population are to be met. So far as the white population is concerned, there is not as yet much ground for complaint. I am not aware of any settlement, two years old, that has not been supplied, to some extent, with gospel ordinances. There are three localities, however, for which something should be done as quickly as possible, namely—the Carrot River country, south-east of the Saskatchewan; the Souris River country, west from Pembina Mountains; and Big Plain, south-east of the Little Saskatchewan.

On the morning of September 30th I took the train at St. Boniface, opposite Winnipeg, at 8 o'clock, and was soon speeding in the direction of home. Dr. Young was with us as far as Emerson, where he is doing a good work for Christ and Methodism. I regretted my inability to remain even for a day, but other duties were now too pressing to allow it. The rest of the journey was quickly and pleasantly passed, and at daylight on the morning of the 3rd of October I reached home, thankful to Him who had guided and defended me through many thousands of miles of continuous and sometimes dangerous travel. In fifteen weeks I had completed the longest, most laborious, and yet interesting tour I had hitherto undertaken in the discharge of my official duties,—a tour that has given me enlarged experience of Missionary work, a more ample acquaintance with the field and its needs, and that has furnished me with many a fact, argument, and illustration, to be used hereafter in pleading the cause of Missions before our people.

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ST. JOHNS.			
By Misses Ayre and Cole.			
Archibald, E. M.	\$1 00	Knight, Mrs. Wm.	\$4 00
Ayre, J. B.	4 00	Rooney, James	3 00
Burns, Dr. and Mrs.	10 00	Turner, Mrs.	4 00
Brown, R.	2 00	White, Mrs.	4 00
Campbell, Wm.	2 00	Withycombe, Mrs.	2 00
Gear, Mrs. G.	2 00	Withycombe, Mrs. W. ..	2 00
Gibb, Wm.	2 00	Small sums	17 36
Gibb, H. M. & Co.	2 00	By Misses Steer and Rogerson.	
Gillard & Smith.	2 00	Browning, G. & Son.	4 00
Holloway, R. E.	2 00	Mews, G. W.	4 00
Hutchins, P.	2 00	Missionum Amicus.	4 00
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Milligan, Rev. G. S., M.A.	4 00	Duder, C. R.	2 00
Milligan, Mrs.	4 00	Ladner, Rev. C.	2 00
Nichol, J. W.	2 00	Martin, James.	2 00
Pingel, Capt.	20 00	March, Mrs. N.	2 00
Smith, E.	8 00	Small sums	35 07
Shenton, Rev. J. & Fam	8 00	By Hon. J. J. Rogerson and J.	
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Whiteford, J. A.	2 00	Ayre, Hon. C. R.	100 00
Small sums	60 50	Angell, John	6 00
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Bridgeman, Miss	2 00	Browning, G. & Son.	20 00
Herder, J. W.	2 00	Duder, Henry.	4 00
Handcock, E.	2 00	Green, Capt.	6 00
Knight, S. H.	2 00	Gibb, H. & Co.	12 00
Leake, Miss.	8 00	Knight, M. T.	4 00
March, S. R.	4 00	Marshall, A.	40 00
Murray, James	4 00	Mare, Wm. H. & Co.	6 00
Woods, Mrs. J.	2 00	McPherson, C.	4 00
Watson, Mrs. E.	4 00	March, S. & Sons	20 00
Watson, W. W.	4 00	Peters & Badcock	6 00
Small sums	40 40	Pippy, Jos	8 00
By Misses Parsons and Duder.		Parsons, S. H.	4 00
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		Pitts, Wm.	40 00
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		Spry, T. W.	4 00
		Sillavs, Arch	4 00
		Tessier, Lewis.	20 00
		Tuck, Eli	2 00
		Shirran, A. F.	8 00
		Whiteford, J. A.	10 00
		Woods, John & Son.	20 00
		White, Hon. E.	30 00
		White, R.	2 00
		Small sums	2 00
		JUVENILE OFFERINGS.	
		Shenton, Emma.	18 50
		Noftel Dorcas	2 51
		March, Roste	9 20
		Whalen, Agnes	9 07
		Rumsey, Eliza.	5 40
		Tiller, Jessie	1 35
		Husson, Lillian	1 82
		Bradbury, Rachel.	1 00
		Martin, John	4 72
		English, John	1 22
		Pike, Richard.	3 05
		Butt, Ambrose ..	4 05
		Diamond, John	1 65
		Wilkinson, Wm	6 08
		Mews, Robert.	5 12
		Peters, Arthur	12 06
		Piercy, Albert.	2 74
		Piercy, Samuel.	3 10
		Crauford, Kesson	5 03
		Vey, Wm	2 05
		Gower-Street collections	82 30
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 Boyd, Mrs. George..... \$2 00
 Cameron, Hugh..... 4 00
 Duff and Balmer..... 4 00
 Gould, W. and E..... 4 00
 Moore, Robert..... 4 00
 Maddock, J. and R..... 12 00
 McNeil, I. L., J.P..... 14 00
 Nelson, R. M., M.D..... 2 00
 Nelson, Mrs. R. M..... 3 00
 Tucker and Cameron... 4 00
 X. Y. Z., for Newfound-
 land Missions..... 8 00
 Small sums..... 16 50
 By Misses Nichol & Pike.
 Rorke, Hon. John..... 12 00
 Rorke, John, jun..... 2 00
 Rorke, James..... 2 00
 Simpson, Robert..... 2 00
 Small sums..... 13 00
 Sabbath collections... 32 00
 Public meeting coll.... 35 00
 Juvenile offerings..... 51 60
South Side.
 McNeil, I. L., J.P..... 2 00
 Small sums..... 17 20
 Collections..... 5 10
Freshwater
 Perry's Cove..... 11 80
 Perry's Cove..... 15 24
 Total.....\$333 19

HARBOR GRACE.*

Upper Ward.
 By Misses Stowe and Richie.
 Pike, Geo., and Wife.. \$2 00
 Squires, Alex. and Wife 4 00
 Small sums..... 12 23
Middle Ward.
 Hipplesey, James..... 4 00
 Jillard Bros..... 4 00
 Munn, W. P., in mem. of
 a beloved Father.... 21 00
 Paterson, John..... 5 00
 Woods, Sydney..... 3 00
 Small sums..... 30 45
Lower Ward.
 Bemister, John..... 6 00
 Bemister, Mrs. J..... 4 00
 Small sums..... 17 27
South Side
 Collections..... 4 10
 Munn, W. P., in mem. of
 his Father, special for
 Newfoundland..... 42 00
JUVENILE OFFERINGS.
 Baines, Ada..... 2 80
 Breaker, Clara..... 1 80
 Goodison, Minnie..... 6 55
 Hall, Susie..... 6 40
 Kennedy, Ambrose..... 1 05
 Parsons, Harriet..... 1 80
 Parsons, Wm. F..... 2 20
 Simmons, George..... 1 40
 Total.....\$250 85

BRIGUS.*

Ward No. 1.
 By Misses L. Roberts and A.
 Spracklin.
 Green, John Wesley.... \$2 00
 Norman, Mrs. John.... 3 00
 Pascoe, Mrs..... 4 00
 Small sums..... 10 10
Ward No. 2.
 By Miss Elizabeth Garland.
 Bartlett, Mrs. Abraham. 4 00

Bartlett, Mrs. John.... \$2 00
 Bartlett, Mrs. Naomi .. 2 00
 Shenstone, Mrs..... 2 00
 Whelan, Mrs. James.... 4 00
 Small sums..... 9 15
Ward No. 3.
 By Miss Elizabeth Clarke.
 A Lover of Missions... 2 00
 Small sums..... 6 52
 Collection at meeting .. 26 50
 Thos. H. Leamon's card 3 04
 Anne Whelan's card... 2 10
 Total.....\$82 41

CUPIDS.*

Cupids.
 Reay, Rev. J..... \$2 00
 Smith, Captain Alfred .. 5 00
 Small sums..... 4 00
 Collections..... 27 10
 Mary Anne Smith's box. 4 86
 Isabella Taylor's box... 2 20
 \$45 16
Clark's Beach.
 Small sums..... 1 00
 Collections..... 5 35
 Mrs. H. T. Hussey's box 1 00
 Julia Read's box..... 1 00
 \$8 35
 Total.....\$53 51

BAY ROBERTS.*

Mercer, Azariah.....\$10 00
 Richards, Wm..... 4 00
 Simpson, Mrs. R..... 2 00
 Small sums..... 42 90
 Collections..... 28 00
JUVENILE OFFERINGS.
 Simpson, Bertha..... 3 00
 Simpson, Jean & Minnie 3 75
BOXES.
 Baggs, Annie..... 3 50
 Bellman, Frances..... 3 00
 Gosse, Mark..... 2 00
 Jardine, George..... 3 85
 North, John E..... 4 25
 North, Mary..... 2 00
 Simpson, Jean..... 8 25
 Simpson, Minnie..... 8 75
 Snow, Amelia..... 3 00
 Total.....\$132 25

PORT DE GRAVE.*

Boone, C. & Family.... \$2 00
 Butler, Jonathan..... 2 00
 Bartlett, George..... 2 00
 Kelland, Wm..... 2 00
 Seally Wm..... 2 00
 Small sums..... 13 64
JUVENILE OFFERINGS.
 Bartlett, Victoria G.... 3 01
 Brown, Mary..... 2 27
 Hampton, Bessie..... 1 00
 Butler, George W..... 0 50
 Harriet Bussey's Box .. 4 00
 Total.....\$34 42

BLACKHEAD.*

Dove, Rev. J. & Fam.. \$4 00
 Evans, James..... 2 00
 Hudson, Jos. and Son.. 2 20
 Hudson, John and Son. 2 20

Hudson, Levi and Son.. \$2 05
 King, Jacob and Son... 2 00
 Hudson, John, sen. & Son 2 10
 Lacey, Wm. and Fam... 11 00
 LeGrow, Matt. and Fam. 3 05
 LeGrow, Peter and Sons 4 30
 LeGrow, Jabez & Fam.. 2 00
 Noftall, Wm. and Son... 2 00
 Thistle, J. and Wife... 4 00
 United Tem. Association 4 00
 Moores, J. C. and Fam. 3 00
 Small sums..... 49 05
 Missionary Box..... 2 25
 Total.....\$101 20

WESTERN BAY.*

Western Bay.
 Butt, S. and Family.... \$3 50
 Butt, Wm. and Son.... 2 00
 Butt, John and Son.... 2 00
 Crummey, James & Fam 6 00
 Freeman, Mrs..... 4 00
 Kennedy, Wm. & Brothers 4 20
 Walsh, P..... 2 00
 Walsh, R..... 5 00
 Small sums..... 35 90
 \$64 60

Ochre Pit Cove.

Carnall, Geo. & Sister .. 2 00
 Gillingham, S. and Fam. 2 00
 Halfyard, James..... 2 00
 Halfyard, Arch..... 2 00
 Halfyard, Stephen.... 2 00
 Small sums..... 18 40
 \$28 40
 Total.....\$93 00

ISLAND COVE.*

Island Cove.
 Cooper, Geo. and Wm.. \$2 60
 Garland, Eli..... 3 00
 Garland, Geo. & Alex... 2 00
 James, Rev. T. H..... 3 00
 Louis, John and Family 4 00
 Reynolds, U. and S.... 2 00
 Robins, Geo. and E. J.. 2 00
 Shano, Charles & Sons.. 4 00
 Snelgrove, Fred. and A. 2 00
 Sparks, Jos. and John.. 2 70
 Sparks, George and Son 2 00
 Small sums..... 25 12
 Missionary Boxes..... 3 00
 \$57 42

Northern Bay.

Jacobs, Jos. and John .. 2 00
 Moores, Willis & Jordan. 2 00
 Moores, Jacob & George 2 20
 Small sums..... 4 38
 \$10 58
 Total.....\$68 00

OLD PERLICAN.*

Old Perlican.
 Bryant, Mrs., in mem. of
 Rev. G. H. Bryant... \$4 00
 Boyd, Joseph..... 4 00
 Christian, Wm., J.P.... 4 00
 March, Ebenezer..... 4 00
 March, Elias..... 4 00
 Swann, Rev. Wm..... 6 00
 Small sums..... 39 18

MISSIONARY BOXES.	
Julia G. Bryant	\$2 17
Wm. Fred. Tuff	1 54
Weekly Thank Offering.	1 55
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<i>Grates Cove.</i>	
Benson, John, sen.	2 00
Benson, Benjamin, jun. .	2 00
Small sums	20 10
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Total	<hr/>
	\$94 52

HANTS HARBOR.*	
Myers, Rev. Charles.	\$4 00
Pelly, Wm. and Wife.	2 80
Short, Miriam	2 00
Small sums	15 75
JUVENILE OFFERINGS.	
Green, Phebe	1 14
Green, Harriet	1 31
Green, Bennett	1 15
Janes, Emily	1 00
March, Amelia Jane.	1 40
Small sums	1 20
<i>Russell Cove.</i>	
Button, Sarah	1 02
<i>Lance Cove.</i>	
Brown, George	1 00
Sparks, Bertha.	1 00
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HEART'S CONTENT.*	
Bemister, Mrs. and Fam. .	\$4 00
Martin, E. N., M.D.	4 00
McNeil, S., J.P.	2 00
Paine, Rev. Geo. & Fam. .	4 00
Penny, R. A., J.P.	4 00
Short, Mrs. John & Son. .	3 00
Stentaford, S. S. & Fam. .	3 00
Thompson, A. A.	4 00
Small sums	15 34
JUVENILE OFFERINGS.	
Penny, Jethroe	1 54
Stentaford, Willie.	1 00
Thompson, Harry	1 35
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TRINITY.*	
<i>Trinity.</i>	
Collection	7 20
Allen B. Christian's card .	2 50
Mary Jane Bartlett's c'd .	2 25
<i>English Harbor.</i>	
Collection	2 38
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RANDOM NORTH.*	
Currie, David	\$6 00
Palmer, David	4 00
Pelly, Charles	2 00
Reid, Charles	2 20
Reid, Richard	2 20
Tilly, Aaron	8 00

Small sums	\$3 27
MISSIONARY BOXES.	
Currie, Ellie Grace	5 97
Ivany, Emily	2 00
Pelly, Daniel	5 72
Tilly, Lizzie	2 89
Tilly, Rhoda	1 75
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RANDOM SOUTH.*	
Avery, Wm. and James. .	\$2 00
Churchill, Geo. & Wife. .	2 00
Frost, Jas., sen. & Wife. .	3 00
Frost, Neh. and Fam. . .	9 00
Frost, Newman & Fam. .	3 00
Frost, Hannibal & Fam. .	3 00
Hansford C. & Daughter .	2 00
Martin, Matt. and Fam. .	4 00
Small sums	4 00
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Total	<hr/>
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GREEN'S HARBOR.*	
Hatcher, Mrs. and Miss. .	\$2 00
Newhook, Messrs.	2 00
Newhook, Misses	3 00
Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. . .	2 00
Small sums	7 96
Miss H. Newhook's box. .	2 04
Miss S. Newhook's card. .	2 00
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Total	<hr/>
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RECAPITULATION.

Carbonear	\$333 19	Blackhead	\$101 20	Trinity	\$14 33
Harbor Grace	250 85	Western Bay	93 00	Random North	46 00
Brigus	82 41	Island Cove	68 00	Random South	32 00
Cupids	53 51	Old Perican	94 52	Green's Harbor	21 00
Bay Roberts	132 25	Hants Harbor	34 77		
Port de Grave	34 42	Heart's Content	47 23	Total	<hr/>
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III. BONAVISTA DISTRICT.

BONAVISTA.*	
<i>Bonavista.</i>	
By Master John Saint.	
Brown, James	\$3 00
Brown, Mrs. James	3 00
Forbes, Dr. and Family .	6 00
Little, Samuel & Family .	3 00
Saint, James, M. H. A. . .	12 00
Saint, Jabez	12 00
Saint, Mrs. James, sen. .	2 00
In memory of Jas., sen. .	2 00
Small sums	2 00
By Misses Brown and Wells.	
Lindsay, Archibald	2 00
Reader, George & Fam. .	5 00
Small sums	8 75
By Miss Lucy Templeman.	
Abbott, Robert & Family .	2 00
Hemlaw, R. B.	2 00
Swyers, John and Fam. .	3 00
Templeman, Samuel.	2 00
Small sums	11 80
By Master Stewart Embree.	
Embree, Rev. J.	2 00
Embree, A. E.	2 00
Embree, S. and M.	2 00

Small sums	\$0 70
Collection	15 50
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	\$103 75
<i>Bird Island Cove.</i>	
Moors, Peter	2 00
Public collection	8 00
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Total	<hr/>
	\$113 75

CATALINA.*	
Wm. N. Snelgrove	\$2 00
Small sums	2 50
Collection	4 80
MISSIONARY BOXES.	
Miss S. G. Snelgrove. . .	4 00
John G. Courage box. . .	1 20
Miss C. Courage box. . .	1 00
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Total	<hr/>
	\$15 50

GREENSPOND.*	
<i>Greenspond.</i>	
Allen, George	\$2 00
Allen, Emily	2 45
Burry, James and Wife. .	2 00

Lister, Rev. J.	\$3 00
Lister, Mrs. and Baby ..	2 00
Lang, Wm., sen.	4 00
Spracklin, J. C. & Wife .	2 00
Vater, Rev. G.	4 00
White, F.	4 00
White, Mrs. & Children .	3 00
Burry, Elijah and Wife .	2 00
Small sums	17 42

JUVENILE OFFERINGS.	
Allen, Miss E.	1 60
Osmond, Miss J.	3 05
Stagg, Miss L.	0 70
White, Misses A. and E. .	3 00
	<hr/>
	\$56 42

<i>Swain's Island.</i>	
Kean, Abraham	2 00
Collection at Meeting. .	19 21

JUVENILE OFFERINGS.	
<i>Cape Island.</i>	
Andrews, C.	1 10
<i>Innes Island.</i>	
Barber, Samuel	6 38
<i>Seal Cove.</i>	
Parsons, R.	4 55

<i>Cape</i>	
Ridout, D.	
Total	

TWILL	
Anstey, John and	
Anstey, Thomas	
Atkinson, Mrs.	
Atkinson, Hubert	
Lucas, J. G.	
Minty, George a	
Pearce, J. J.	
Roberts, Samuel	
Roberts, John. .	
Roberts, Andrew	
Roberts, Francis	
Samways, Peter	
Scott, W. J.	
Small sums	

JUVENILE O	
Anstey, Mary A	
Anstey, Mary ..	
Cook, Silas	
Pardy, Matilda	
Ridout, Lilla ..	
Children's Miss.	
For Labrador ..	

Total	
EXPLO	
<i>Explor</i>	
Manuel, Azariah	
Msnuel, Luke ..	
Manuel, Mrs. Jo	
Pratt, Rev. J. . .	
Pratt, Wm. Knig	
Small sums ..	
Janet Manuel's l	

Total	
<i>New Bay</i>	
Moores, Edmund	
Moores, John ..	
Yates, Adolphus	
Small sums ...	

Total	
MUSGRAV	
<i>Musgrave</i>	
By Mrs. S.	
Brown, Thomas	
Oldford, Wm ...	
Small sums ...	
Hettie Little's ca	
Jessie S. O. Way	

Total	
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<i>Musgrave</i>	
By Mrs. S.	
Brown, Thomas	
Oldford, Wm ...	
Small sums ...	
Hettie Little's ca	
Jessie S. O. Way	

<i>Bloom</i>	
By Miss Lavi	
Snowden, Rev. S	
Small sums ...	
<i>South East</i>	
By Misses Lodge	
Blonden, Diamon	
Garland, John ..	
Snowden, Rev. S	
Small sums ...	

<i>White</i>	
By Mrs. Samso	
Ash, Agnes and	
Curtis, Wm. and	

Cape Cove.

Ridout, D. \$2 05
Total \$91 47

TWILLINGATE.*

Anstey, John and Wife . \$3 00
Anstey, Thomas & Wife 2 00
Atkinson, Mrs. T. W. 2 00
Atkinson, Hubert Smith 2 00
Lucas, J. G. 2 00
Minty, George and Wife 3 30
Pearce, J. J. 2 00
Roberts, Samuel & Fam. 4 00
Roberts, John 2 00
Roberts, Andrew & Wife 2 00
Roberts, Francis 2 00
Samways, Peter & Wife. 2 00
Scott, W. J. 2 04
Small sums 50 99

JUVENILE OFFERINGS.

Anstey, Mary Ann 3 47
Anstey, Mary 4 30
Cook, Silas 4 07
Pardy, Matilda 1 25
Ridout, Lilla 2 40
Children's Miss. Meeting 10 20
For Labrador 2 53
Total \$109 55

EXPLOITS.*

Exploits.
Manuel, Azariah \$2 00
Msnuel, Luke 2 00
Manuel, Mrs. Josiah.... 4 00
Pratt, Rev. J. 2 00
Pratt, Wm. Knight 2 00
Small sums 13 15
Janet Manuel's box. 3 03
Total \$28 18

New Bay Head.

Moores, Edmund 4 00
Moores, John 2 00
Yates, Adolphus 2 00
Small sums 10 89
Total \$18 89

MUSGRAVE TOWN.*

Musgrave Town.
By Mrs. Snowden.
Brown, Thomas & Elias \$2 00
Oldford, Wm 3 00
Small sums 4 00
Hettie Little's card 1 60
Jessie S. O. Way's card . 1 30
Total \$11 90

Bloomfield.

By Miss Lavinia Perry.
Snowden, Rev. S. & Wife 2 00
Small sums 4 00

South East Arm.

By Misses Lodge & Lethbridge.
Blonden, Diamond & John 2 00
Garland, John 2 00
Snowden, Rev. S. & Wife 2 00
Small sums 4 00
Total \$10 00

White Rock.

By Mrs. Samson Hancock.
Ash, Agnes and Emma... 2 00
Curtis, Wm. and John.. 2 00

Hancock, Wm. & Fam. \$4 00
Hancock, Geo. & Fam. 2 00
Small sums 3 00
Total \$13 00

Clode Sound.

Simmons, John & Fam. 3 00
Esther J. Simmon's box 2 25
Total \$46 45

MUSGRAVE HARBOR.*

Musgrave Harbor.
By Mrs. Bramfitt.
Bramfitt, Rev. Robert.. \$2 00
Small sums 9 68
Public Meeting 6 32
Total \$18 00

Ladle Cove.

By Miss Wellon.
Wellon, R. G. 2 00
Mrs. Wellon & Daughter 2 00
Small sums 1 03
Total \$5 03

FOGO.*

Fogo.
R. Scott \$10 00
T. C. Duder, J.P. 8 00
J. G. Lucas and Family 4 00
J. G. Lucas, in memory of
six dear ones in Heav'n 6 00
Alfred Simmons & Fam. 3 00
Charles Mayne 4 00
Abraham Miller 2 00
Small sums 4 65
Miss Pike's card 3 20
H. J. Duder's box 1 20
Total \$46 05

Indian Islands.

Blonden, Wm. and Wife 2 00
Carnell, Richard 2 00
Gill, Joseph and Family 2 12
Perry, Wm., sen., & Fam 3 00
Perry, Nicholas & Wife 2 00
Perry, Thomas 2 10
Perry, George and Jessie 2 00
Perry, Wm. jun., & Fam 3 00
Small sums 3 78
Miss Perry's box 2 45
Total \$24 45

Seldom Come By.

Hodnotts, John & Fam. 2 00
Small sums 5 20
Jessie Hodnotts' card .. 6 50
Susie Penny's card 8 20
Total \$21 90

HERRING NECK.*

Herring Neck.
Small sums \$11 08
Selina Blandford's card 1 22
Change Island.
Pike, Alfred, J.P. 4 00
Small sums 5 00
Total \$21 30

MORETON'S HARBOR.*

Moreton's Harbor.
Osmond, Mark \$25 00
Lucar, Thomas J 25 00
Small, Samuel 3 00
Nurse, Mrs 2 00
Small sums 13 00
Brett Bazil's box 1 45
Obadiah Wall's box 0 70
Total \$70 15

Tizzard's Harbor.

Osmond, Joseph 4 00
Boyd, Robert 3 00
Small sums 8 00
Total \$15 00

LITTLE BAY ISLANDS.*

Little Bay Islands.
Jennings, Rev. W. & Wife \$6 00
Wellman W 2 00
Collections 6 00
By Misses E. Strong and A.
Jennings.
Hynes, A. C. and Wife.. 2 00
Mursell, Mrs. L. & Sons 3 14
Strong, Wm. 4 00
Strong, James 4 00
Strong, Joseph and Fam 2 20
Small sums 9 40
Total \$38 74

Ward's Harbor.

Paddick, George.. 4 00
Collections 3 91
Lushe's Bight.
Collections 3 32
E. Parson's card 2 03
Hall's Bay.
Janet Curtis' card..... 5 40
Total \$57 40

BETTS' COVE AND TILT COVE.*

Betts' Cove.
By Jas. Colborne.
Duder, J. C., J. P. \$3 00
McKenzie, Dr. 2 00
Puttner, Capt. H 4 00
Sheppard, W. P. 2 00
Small sums 5 00
Total \$16 00

Nipper's Harbor.

By Miss Batstone.
Eaton, W. J. 2 00
Small sums 5 16
Miss F. Batstone's box.. 1 10
Total \$8 26

North West Arm.

Collections 6 13
Small sums 2 70

Jackson's Cove.

Miss R. Batstone's card.. 7 65
Miss J. B. Knight's box 3 10

Harry's Harbor.

Miss E. Dorey's box 1 27
Miss White's card... .. 2 65

Indian Burying Place.

By Miss Hudson.
Bullen, Geo. 2 00

Squarry, R. T.....	\$2 50	Bice, Mrs. Wm	\$2 00	Small sums	\$3 00
Small sums & collections	4 40	Bullen, Geo.....	2 00	Collection..	6 16
	\$8 90	Gell, L. N.....	2 00		\$25 16
<i>Tilt Cove.</i>		Hoskin, Mrs. Wm	2 00	Total	\$81 82
By Mesdames Bice and Lock.		Maynard, Capt. C	2 00		
Bice, William	2 00	Maynard, Mrs. C.....	2 00		
		Maynard, Miss L.....	2 00		

RECAPITULATION.

Bonavista	\$113 75	Musgrave Town.....	\$46 45	Little Bay Islands	\$57 40
Catalina	15 50	Musgrave Harbor	23 03	Betts' Cove & Tilt Cove	81 82
Greenspond.....	91 47	Fogo	92 40	Total	\$784 89
Twillingate	109 55	Herring Neck, &c.....	21 30		
Exploits	47 07	Moreton's Harbor	85 15		

RECAPITULATION AND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF THE
NEWFOUNDLAND CONFERENCE.

DISTRICTS.	INCOME.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
St. John's	\$1643 24	.....	\$346 55
Carbonear	1438 68	301 15	.....
Bonavista	784 69	.....	199 55
Conference Missionary Meeting Collection	13 56	.....	40 86
Total	\$3380 37	.....	.....
Net Decrease.....	.....	.....	\$285 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

St. John's District.

Burin	Appro.	\$50 00	Channel	Appro.	\$85 40
Rent		60 00	Moving Expenses		20 00
Grand Bank	Appro.	50 00	Flat Island, &c	Appro.	50 00
Rent		60 00	Flower Cove	"	85 00
Fortune	Appro.	50 00	St. Anthony	"	60 00
Rent		50 00	Moving Expenses		12 00
Petites	Appro.	306 00	Bonne Bay	Appro.	115 00
Rent		60 00	Labrador	"	375 00
Chairman's Expenses on the District					20 00
<i>Circuit Expenses :-</i>					
St. John's, \$2 70; Chaamel, 2 50					5 20
Total					\$1513 60

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Brigus.
Cupids..
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Carbonear District.

Harbor Grace.....Appro.	\$50 00	Old Perlican.....Appro.	\$103 40
Rent	40 00	Rent	60 00
Brigus.....Appro.	50 00	Moving Expenses	24 00
Cupids.....	83 40	Special, for Supply	120 00
Rent	40 00	Hants Harbor.....Appro.	50 00
Moving Expenses	56 00	Heart's Content.....	325 00
Bay Roberts.....Appro.	50 00	Rent	10 00
Port de Grave.....Appro.	115 00	Moving Expenses	12 00
Moving Expenses	4 00	Trinity.....Appro.	250 00
Blackhead.....Appro.	50 00	Rent	40 00
Rent	60 00	Random North.....Appro.	85 00
Moving Expenses	44 00	Moving Expenses	8 00
Western Bay.....Appro.	50 00	Random South.....Appro.	187 00
Rent	60 00	Rent	40 00
Island Cove.....Appro.	75 00	Green's Harbor.....Appro.	350 00
Rent	60 00	Moving Expenses	14 00
Chairman's Expenses on the District			20 00
The late Rev. G. H. Bryant, Special Grant, for Medical and Funeral Exp.			106 00
The late Rev. J. G. Currie, Special Grant, for Funeral Expenses.....			40 00
<i>Circuit Expenses :-</i>			
Carbonear, \$14 00; Harbor Grace, 14 50; Brigus, 4 00; Cupids, 1 00; Bay Roberts, 9 00; Blackhead, 6 00; Western Bay, 5 00; Island Cove, 2 00; Old Perlican, 1 00; Hants Harbor, 3 00; Heart's Content, 4 00; Trinity, 4 00; Random North, 2 00.....			
			69 50
Total			\$2831 30

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DECREASE.

\$346 55

 199 55
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 \$285 81

Bonavista District.

Bonavista.....Appro.	\$50 00	Musgrave Town.....Appro.	\$203 40
Rent	60 00	Musgrave Harbor....	187 00
Moving Expenses	52 00	Fogo.....	70 00
Catalina.....Appro.	220 00	Rent	60 00
Rent	60 00	Moving Expenses	10 00
Greenspond.....Appro.	355 40	Herring Neck.....Appro.	247 00
Rent	60 00	Moving Expenses	20 00
Twillingate.....Appro.	50 00	Moreton's Harbor...Appro.	125 00
Rent	60 00	Little Bay Islands... "	160 00
Moving Expenses	17 00	Rent	50 00
Exploits.....Appro.	100 00	Betts' and Tilt Coves..Appro.	50 00
Rent	40 00	Chairman's Expenses on Dist.	20 00
<i>Circuit Expenses :-</i>			
Bonavista, \$2 70; Catalina, 1 00; Twillingate, 1 10; Exploits, 2 00.....			
			6 80
Total			\$2331 60

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RECAPITULATION.

St. John's District	\$1513 60	Bonavista District	\$2331 60
Carbonear	2831 30	Expenses of Conference Missionary Committee.....	90 00
Expenses of Conference Missionary Committee.....		Circuit Expenses—Postage pre-paid on Parcels of Reports, &c.....	7 21
Circuit Expenses—Postage pre-paid on Parcels of Reports, &c.....		Conference Missionary Reports, 300 Copies	38 82
Conference Missionary Reports, 300 Copies		Total	\$6812 03

... 5 20
 \$1513 60

GENERAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1880.

INCOME.	EXPENDITURE.
Toronto Conference.....	Toronto Conference
London	London
Montreal	Montreal
Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference.....
Newfoundland Conference.....	Newfoundland Conference.....
Mission Districts.....	Mission Districts.....
Wesleyan Missionary Society... ..	Mount Elgin Industrial Institution.....
Legacies.....	Sundry Appropriations
Miscellaneous	Miscellaneous
\$37763 63	Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure
35558 58	for the year
24602 45	169 17
887 81	\$131204 26
5070 96	Balance brought down
3880 37	Relief and Extension Fund, to cancel indebt-
3555 09	edness
4870 90	67780 37
321 00	\$67949 54
6703 47	
\$131204 26	
169 17	
67780 37	
\$67949 54	

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1879-80.

COMPARED WITH THAT FOR 1878-79.

BY CONFERENCES.

INCOME.

		<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease</i>
Toronto Conference	\$37763 63	.....	\$906 23
London "	35558 58	.....	1096 19
Montreal "	24602 45	\$989 02	.....
Nova Scotia "	8877 81	.....	1146 95
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	5070 96	.....	667 85
Newfoundland Conference	3880 37	.....	285 81
Missionary Districts	3555 09	.....	640 95
Wesleyan Missionary Society	4870 90	37 57	.....
Legacies	321 00	.....	236 00
Miscellaneous	6703 47	.....	76 43
Total	\$131204 26	.....	\$4029 82

EXPENDITURE.

Toronto Conference	\$16698 09	.....	\$969 68
London "	15104 07	.....	196 54
Montreal "	19261 34	.....	604 20
Nova Scotia "	8761 18	.....	269 30
New Brunswick and P. E. I. Conference	7779 20	936 14	.....
Newfoundland Conference	6812 03	783 68	.....
Missionary Districts	35969 05	.....	3688 48
Mount Elgin Industrial Institution	2000 00	.....	1000 00
Sundry Appropriations	5575 00	625 00	.....
Miscellaneous	13075 13	.....	4671 33
Total	\$131035 09	.....	\$9054 71

RELIEF AND EXTENSION FUND.

Amount subscribed, per Circuit Lists received	\$87700 00
Amount subscribed by Ministers and their Families	28400 00
Total Amount Subscribed	\$116,100 00
Cash received on Account of Subscriptions to 30th June, 1880	74817 54
Interest on Bank Deposits	165 60
Total received	\$74,983 14

Balance, June 30th, 1879..... \$67949 54

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1879-80.

COMPARED WITH THAT FOR 1878-79.

BY DEPARTMENTS.

INCOME.

	Increase.	Decrease
Subscriptions and Coll. from Circuits and Missions...	\$103399 10	\$3497 75
Juvenile Offerings ..	15823 46	270 54
Legacies ..	407 33	222 67
Grant from England ..	4870 90	\$37 57
Donations on Annuity ..	1505 40	344 60
From the Indian Department, for Indian Schools...	3957 00	90 00
From other sources ..	1241 07	178 17
Total	\$131204 26	\$4029 82

EXPENDITURE.

Domestic Work, including Missions to <i>Settlers</i> in Missionary Districts	\$61101	\$526
Indian Work, including the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution	29617	442
French Work, in the Province of Quebec	5298	\$161
German Work	1207	50
Chinese Work, in British Columbia	400	150
Foreign Work (Japan and Bermuda) ..	6625	3240
Special Grants, for purchase, erection, and repair of Mission Property, Furniture, etc	1256	1126
Special Grants, on account of Affliction and Supply	1309	1015
Appropriation towards Allowances of Superannuated Missionaries and Widows of Missionaries ..	4900	.....
General Conference, President's Expenses (2 years).....	600	600
Chairmen's District Expenses	887	250
Circuit Expenses (Deputations, Advertising, etc).....	2539	264
Annuities in consideration of Donations to the Society ...	778	126
Interest, Discount on Bills of Exchange, etc	5624	1719
Publishing and Contingent charges.....	3068	726
Cost of Management.....	5826	1034
Total	621097 P \$131035	\$9055

The undersigned have examined the Books of the Methodist Missionary Society for the year ending the 30th day of June, 1880, and compared the receipts and vouchers therewith, and find the same correct; the Books are kept in a very clear and satisfactory manner. We have also examined the Cash Book and Vouchers of the Relief and Extension Fund, and find them correct, and that by carrying to the Income Account of the General Missionary Society, the sum of \$67780 37, the debt of the Society is cancelled and the Books exactly balanced.

(Signed)

JOHN N. LAKE, }
WM. ANDERSON, } AUDITORS.

TORONTO, 27th September, 1880.