

The Alnwick Institution in charge of the Rev. Sylvester Hurlburt, Principal, is much less satisfactory, because of the disinclination of the Indians to send their children. The Indian Schools at all the Missions are circumscribed in good by the frequent absence of the scholars with their parents. Nevertheless, considerable advantages accrue to the tribes by the instruction received, and by it, however interrupted, many Native Agents have been qualified for usefulness in the work of the Lord; and at present several Indian Missions are confided to an Indian superintendency; and successfully, by the blessing of God.

In HUDSON'S BAY the much regretted return of Missionaries, and the undelayed supplying of their places, have made that department unexpectedly expensive; however, there was a good work there long ago well done by the Parent Society's Missionaries from England to be kept without mutilation; the Wesleyan Missionaries from Canada have been assiduous; thousands of Pagans are wanting the Gospel, and many have heard and welcomed it; hundreds have been baptized, and exhibit in some degree Christian graces; a good number meet in class; well-ordered villages reward patience; and only funds are needed for the outfit and maintenance of more suitable men, who would go and fix themselves on other lakes or plains of that Territory.

On the PACIFIC COAST, though preliminaries are yet in progress, and as of old sin and ecclesiastical formalism reject Methodism, and the localities and habits of the population are not settled,—the countenance of many has been obtained, churches and parsonages have been erected, congregations gathered, souls converted, societies formed, and Sabbath-schools established. The Missionaries have laboured in uninterrupted harmony, and most indefatigably, and feel that the duties of their assigned posts require their constant presence, and almost entirely preclude them from explorations of the country, which are much needed, and that until their number is increased, many gold-diggers, and multitudes of Indians must be without the privileges of a Gospel of power, and hymns to Christ be not yet heard where the forests have for ages echoed with the din of deadly native conflicts; and earnestly does the devoted Chairman, Dr. Evans, and his colleagues, implore the Society in Canada to send additional labourers. There is much that is commendable in the fact, that every one of the brethren—distant as they are—sent a report of his Mission in good time, as not a few other Missionaries have done; their minuteness of detail is very satisfactory to the Committee; and they will be read with avidity and pleasure in Canada and England.

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