

# MISSIONARY REGISTER.

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## [ C I R C U L A R . ]

*The Committee of the Canadian Baptist Missionary Society, to the Baptist Churches in Upper and Lower Canada.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

The Society in Britain having engaged a Tutor to be sent out to this country, and he being shortly expected to arrive in Montreal, to take charge of the Students intended for instruction in the proposed Academy, we are desirous of calling your attention to the subject, and in particular of suggesting to you the propriety of looking out among the young men of your respective Churches for such as may appear suitable for the Christian Ministry in this Colony.

In making this enquiry, the points to be attended to are these: deep and decided piety, zeal for the propagation of the Gospel, promising abilities for the ministry, a desire for mental improvement, and an aptitude to teach and exhort.

It is recommended that, whenever such persons are found in a Church, and ascertained to be desirous of going through a course of instruction, with a view to the exercise of the Gospel Ministry in Canada, information be immediately communicated to the Secretary, accompanied by a testimonial and recommendation from the Church, and a statement of their present acquirements,—when directions will be given as to the mode of proceeding, and the time of admission into the Seminary.

In the name, and by desire, of the Committee,

N. BOSWORTH,

Montreal, April 4, 1838.

*Corresponding Secretary.*

### UPPER CANADA.

#### MISSISSAUGA INDIANS.

The late energetic Governor of the Upper Province, Sir F. B. Head, having, in a Despatch to the Home Government, made some representations concerning this tribe which appear to have been founded on incorrect data, we readily insert the following letter from the *Christian Guardian*, by which the matter appears to be set in its true light.

REV. SIR,—I am sorry to be under the necessity of calling in question the correctness of any statement made by Sir Francis

Bond Head, but his despatch to Lord Glenelg on the subject of the Indians, published in the last number of your valuable paper, appears to me of a nature so extraordinary, that, I trust, you will permit me to make a remark or two on the subject. In doing so, I shall chiefly confine myself to facts that occurred under my own observation.

I am not aware that, previous to 1821, any attempt had been made to christianize the Indians of the Mississauga tribe, who frequented the borders of the Rice Lake, and they appeared, as Sir Francis would say, before “the accursed process of cultivation” commenced, in all the glory of nature—During the winter season, especially, they encamped in my vicinity, affording a particular opportunity of observing their habits