

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES,

MAY 1st, 1872.

BARRIE DISTRICT.

THIS DISTRICT is one of the largest in the Conference, presenting some points of great interest to those whose sympathies are strongly with the spread of Gospel Truths and the blessings of salvation. There are places within the boundaries of this District, as it now exists, which shared in the visits of the earliest and very successful laborers in our Indian work. In 1832 the Rev. Thos. Hurlburt was sent to Sault Ste. Marie, with three assistants. Respecting this tour Mr. H. says,—“At the suggestion of H. R. Schoolcraft, U. S. Indian Agent, and son-in-law of Capt. Johnson, I visited and explored Garden River, and Sugar Island, opposite, with a view of settling the Indians there, the Canada Indians on Garden River, and the United States Indians on the Island opposite, so as to co-operate. In 1833 I went up again with the Rev. J. Clark, for the United States Indians, and Peter Jones on our part, to commence the Mission in earnest. On our arrival we found one Mr. McMurray in possession of our ground.” There were converts of John Sunday found there, as well as Christian Indians the fruits of these brethren's labors at this early date, scattered among the Bands along the north shores of Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. Now that we have established Missions at Sault Ste. Marie and Manitoulin, we anticipate more effective attention will be given to Garden River, Nipigon, Batchewana Bay, the Pic, and Michipicoton; not forgetting that at Lac-le-Pluis much time and thousands of dollars have been spent to convert a noble race of Pagans, who of late years, feeling their error and destitution, have called in vain for the re-establishment of that Mission.

Letter from the Rev. E. S. CURRY, dated Sault Ste. Marie, January 19, 1872.

Knowing that the supporters of our Missionary work will be glad to hear of something that is being done especially in these distant fields, we venture a few facts. We firmly believe that none of the labor and means spent on this Mission have been lost. The seed sown in former years by the Rev. G. McDougall, and others, even in the hearts of children, is now producing fruit. The effect of the Gospel then preached has been retained, and that