

ANNUAL REPORT.

In both respects, spiritual and financial, this Forty-third Report of the Canada Auxiliary Wesleyan Missionary Society will be found to contain evidences of the divine favor, and tokens of a steadily growing attachment to the missionary enterprises of the Church, by an increase of voluntary and liberal offerings to maintain and extend the work of God in this and other lands. Its missions in the

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have shared largely in the thoughtful attention of the Committee. At the last meeting of the General Committee, held in Whitby, it was resolved, with much unanimity, to commence two new missions—one to the scattered population on Red River, and another to the Black Feet Indians, Elk River, near the Rocky Mountains. This warlike people had previously been visited by the Rev. G. McDougall, and notwithstanding their heathenism and degraded and savage nature, they earnestly importuned him to stay amongst them, as their teacher and religious guide. His duties at the new mission amongst the Crees at Victoria, Saskatchewan, prevented compliance with this request; but the promise he made them to lay their case before the Missionary Committee, and endeavour to secure a Missionary for their band he has faithfully fulfilled. The Committee anticipate beneficial results to the cause of humanity itself, independent of the transforming effects of the Gospel of Christ upon themselves, by the restraining influences upon their wild and murderous passions, and appetites for blood. Their antipathies to Americans are very strong: this has led to the wanton destruction of many valuable lives within the residence of Mr. McDougall on the Saskatchewan.

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