

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

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INTRODUCTION.

It is gratifying that the religious and financial state, and prospects of the Missionary Society of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada are such as to sanction the issue of "Missionary Notices," for the information and edification of the friends of the Society, and for the farther extension of its Missions. They have been rapidly extending for years in Western Canada, and the recent acquisition of Missions in Eastern Canada, and Hudson's Bay, is such that no doubt is entertained of our receiving from time to time communications calculated to give deep interest to the reader: and it will be a matter of solicitude to select from the Parent Society's publications intelligence tending to excite lively feelings, and a nobler purpose to promote the welfare of unenlightened men of every nation. The Wesleyan family, wherever resident, is one in its spirit and object; and while they are glad to hear of our Missionary doings in Britain, theirs, surpassing ours, always cheer us. Would that our pages were broad enough for the use of every branch of that family, and of the entire Missionary Church of Christ.

The Parent Wesleyan Missionary Society in England has long experienced the benefit of such a publication, and in 1853 printed upwards of 442,000 copies, at a cost of £1290; and notwithstanding great utility attends similar publications of other Societies, it is doubtful whether any equal in evangelical variety, and hallowed effect, the English "Notices." The attendance at Prayer Meetings in England is not fitful and uncertain; and when the Monthly occasion comes for reading the "Notices," its animated and devotional tone is sufficient to furnish a key to the fact of remarkable financial success, which results from the weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual application for funds made by that Society. Five per cent expended in printing is at least twenty per cent gained in income. Our wisdom is, to learn from the Parent, and immediately establish Monthly Missionary Prayer Meetings on every Circuit and Mission in Western and Eastern Canada.

Some of Mr. Wesley's first productions were tracts. Protestant Missionary publications constitute the purest and most enchanting literature of the age. We step forward to do our part in counteracting the pernicious effects of frivolous, unscriptural, and fatal periodicals of the day, multiplying with a reckless disregard of man's dearest interests. And the intelligence and generosity of the patrons of Wesleyan Missions in Canada merit the amplest information. It is pleasant to think of the reception this little Wesleyan Missionary *messenger* will meet with at the Missionary Meeting, Missionary Prayer Meeting, Christian Fire-side, and joyous Sabbath-school! Where can Gospel tidings be unwelcome?