

has ever protected the interests and prospered the labours of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church in Canada. Our devoted Missionaries resolved to "suffer the loss of all things," and to endure poverty and want, rather than abandon their companions in labour and the Church of their choice and affections. The apostolic spirit of sacrifice in which they went forth to their fields of suffering and labour, was soon rewarded, not only by the testimony of a good conscience, and the blessing of God upon their ministrations, but by a sympathy and princely liberality on the part of the members and the friends of the Wesleyan-Methodist Church hitherto unparalleled in the history of Canadian Missions.

In presenting, therefore, the *Sixteenth Annual Report* of the operations of this Society, it is the grateful duty and privilege of the Committee to record the special displays of the Divine favour which have crowned its exertions during the past year. The important and benevolent objects of the Society, in regard both to the New Settlements and the Aboriginal Indian Tribes, seem never to have been more fully understood, or more highly appreciated, or so liberally supported. The joyous and triumphant feelings which have ushered in the close of the year, delightfully contrast with the gloomy apprehensions and prospects under which it was commenced, and warrant the prosecution of our work with increased confidence and zeal. During many years this Society was almost alone in its labours amongst the new settlers and Indian Tribes; and the religious history of most of the Townships of this Province would characterise Methodist Missionaries as the Christian pioneers among the scattered and destitute inhabitants. In reviewing their last year's labours, the Committee would invite attention, in the first place, to the Missions amongst the Aboriginal Indian Tribes; and secondly, to the Domestic Missions, or Missions amongst the new and scattered White Settlements.

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