

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

FEBRUARY 1st, 1855.

HUDSON'S BAY.

The intelligence already received of the return in safety and health of the devoted and respected Deputation to Hudson's Bay, the Rev. John Ryerson, Co-Delegate, will we are sure, have been received by the friends of our Church and Missions with pleasure,—and that, after a protracted and perilous, important, official expedition, they will gratefully acknowledge the gracious authority which continues to give angels charge over his servants who trust in Him. On the completion of his onerous labours in the Territory, to expedite his return, the Deputation sailed to England in one of the Honourable Hudson's Bay Company's ships, and there received a welcome from the Parent Wesleyan Missionary Committee characteristic of that body, and exceedingly acceptable and honourable to the Deputation, whose free and full communications at several meetings obtained the warm admiration of the Committee; and had no correspondence have taken place on the subject with the Mission House in London since, we can readily conceive how cordial must have been their congratulations in the presence of the Deputation, whose arduous duties had been so successfully discharged in giving prompt effect to the Committee's transfer of the Bay Missions, and to the noble wishes and purposes of the Canada Conference.

The entire series of Letters prepared by the Deputation has been received, and for diversified and authentic information relating to the Company's Territory, and for vigorous and graphic description, we are not acquainted with any productions so comprehensive and reliable, and calculated to guide the managers of our Missionary Society. Several numbers of the series have appeared, as we are aware of the general anxiety to see them; and a wish to meet that feeling induces us to select another; but others of equal interest remain; their value to our Church is permanent; and their appearance should not be ephemeral; and we are gratified that the writer has consented to their publication in a more durable and acceptable form.

The Letter we now send forth is a narrative of thrilling *facts*, well calculated to create emotion in the reader,—and could we unreprieved draw other statements from the more personal records of a very hazardous occasion, we know enough to assure our readers that the emotion would be greatly increased. We now implore that benediction which shall give to efforts so efficiently performed a wide, and an accumulating influence in Hudson's Bay, in their future beneficial temporal and spiritual results.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. J. Ryerson, Co-Delegate, dated, London, Oct. 26th, 1854.

On Monday morning the 18th of September, at 6 o'clock, our luggage, &c., was sent to the ship "Prince of Wales" in the schooner, and at 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Tom and their two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and child, Miss Bird

and myself were conveyed thither in the packet-boat; the Captain accompanied by Doctors Rae and Combs followed soon after in the captain's gig. In the evening at 10 o'clock Mr. Mason, Dr. Bennet, and Messrs. Watson and Miles came on