

of him in most things which materially affect them, many of whom cannot be otherwise than men of clear views, with calm reflecting minds, not easily imposed upon for any great length of time by that which is specious and defective; who feel deeply in all that affects the Church with which they have an identity of interest; who are also in a position to note every man's short-comings, as well as his talents for office, and who besides have a remedy at hand for unfaithfulness and incompetency,—the conclusion is forced upon us, that he who can maintain his position and discharge his duties so as to satisfy so many inquisitive and judging minds, must be a man of rare penetration himself,—solid judgment, and of pure incorruptible principles. To such a scrutiny our Superintendent of Missions is constantly subject, and yet he has so discharged his duties, that instead of confidence being impaired by lapse of years, time has only tended to consolidate and strengthen the confidence of the whole Church in his ability and integrity. Space alone prevents an extended statement of facts illustrative of the success of this department of our work, under his supervision. We shall just say, that in 1847, our Missionary field embraced only a few Indian tribes within the Province, and some destitute white settlements; with an income of about \$10,000. Now we have Missions to the French Canadians, to Hudson's Bay and Rocky Mountains, to Vancouver's Island and British Columbia,—with our Indian Missions greatly extended; and those to the destitute white settlements perhaps, at least quadrupled, with an income derived from this country of \$40,000, besides the aid obtained from England.

He has been invested with very considerable power and influence apart from financial management,—and as the human mind can scarcely have a truer test as to its real greatness, than to have power, and not abuse it, we never yet heard of his abuse of power or position. Another test of his superiority as a man and Christian Minister, is to be found in that peculiar faculty he has in soothing and in winning over men in private conversation—for whoever, even of the dissatisfied or aggrieved, has closed an audience and had an angry feeling lurking in his bosom towards him? He subdues or encourages not by force of authority, but by the “law of kindness.” He is not viewed so much as a high dignitary, as a warm, sympathising, and powerful friend; and the conviction is borne, that what he advises or does, is the best that can be done under the circumstances,—that though submission may be painful, yet it has become a necessity.

As President of the Conference, he had, or has, every necessary physical qualification,—in every respect he *filled* the Chair most admirably. A full, solid, healthy, commanding “bodily presence,”—meek, modest and complacent, without excess in either,—an eye active, penetrating, and full