

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

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HUDSON'S BAY MISSIONS.

We occupy considerable space with intelligence from the Rev. Thomas Wool-ey, because of the interesting and important facts it contains, and the striking and pleasing manner in which it is communicated ; and it will be seen that he and his colleague are "in perils in the wilderness," and patiently inured to solitude, privation, and toil, among the large and different tribes of the region of Edmonton House. We commend the zeal which holds from three to five services on the Sabbath, and a service nearly every day ; that gathers the youth in the Sabbath and Day Schools, and the wakeful Wesleyanism that is judiciously giving the sacraments, classes, and discipline to superstitious men just taught of God, and wish these beloved brethren all spiritual and physical resources for their arduous duties.

The Rev. Henry Steinhaur, has, with the consent of his superintendent, removed from Lac-la-Biche, to a more eligible Missionary position, at the White Fish Lake, and, as will be seen, commenced building, with favourable prospects, which, we trust, will reward him and his excellent wife for their self-denying exertions. Mr. Woolsey has received a formal request from the numerous and powerful Assiniboines, to establish a Mission near the Rocky Mountains, and is by other providential indications convinced that the way of the Wesleyan Missionary Society is unobstructed and inviting.

These and other openings, and the presence of British Commissioners in the North West, are special facts which the friends of that Society cannot wisely disregard, and they may be received as assurances—should the Church of God and Canada be promptly bestirred to nobler deeds—that ere long Christ will have numerous labourers, and achieve signal triumphs by the Gospel and civilization, in the beautiful plains of the far-reaching Saskatchewan, and on many a prairie, river, and lake of the boundless Hudson's Bay Territory.

From recent dispatches, it appears that the Imperial Government has about decided that Vancouver's Island, in the Pacific, shall be a British Colony, not to be confined within its shores, but to stretch away eastward to the Rocky Mountains, and Canada is likely to have an opportunity of settling and governing immense tracts on the east of the Mountains, altogether an area perhaps equal to the present dimensions of Canada. When this magnificent scheme shall have been consummated, enhanced indeed will be the responsibilities of the Wesleyan Missionary Society of Canada, and more vivid the light in which its supporters will behold their duties and privileges, while with an invigorated faith, benevolence and zeal, they pray, that the waters of life may break out in that wilderness, and the dwellers in those rocks sing aloud of salvation.