

METHODIST MISSIONARY NOTICES,

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SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT.

THE REV. GEORGE McDOUGALL.

THE REV. GEORGE McDOUGALL was born in Kingston, Ontario, in the year 1820. His parents were from Scotland; his father was a non-commissioned officer in the Royal Navy, and served in that capacity throughout the war from 1812 to 1815. When peaceful times closed up that arm of the service, the family moved up to a farm above Barrie, on the Penetanguishene Road. His first serious impressions of an abiding nature were received at a prayer-meeting conducted by the late Peter White. At the centenary celebration held in Barrie, which was then a small village, he obtained a scriptural evidence of his being a child of God, and from that period to the hour of his death he became a worker in the vineyard of Christ. Though first engaged on a farm, after his marriage, near Owen Sound, and then for a season in business with Messrs. Frost & Nealand, he was always under the impression he was destined for a higher and holier calling. His business relationship ending rather abruptly, and becoming acquainted with the late Rev. William Case, then in charge of the Indian Industrial School, at Alderville, he gave himself up to the necessary preparation for an Indian Missionary. For a short time he attended Victoria College, and at the Alderville School his studies and labours were so successful, that the Cobourg District recommended him to the Conference at Brockville, in 1850, when he was received on trial for the Missionary work.

His scenes of labour were Lake Huron, Garden River, and Rama, in the Province of Ontario; Rossville, Norway House; Victoria,