

REPORT ON MISSION TO NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

The Committee appointed on the subject of a mission to the North American Indians, have to report, after due enquiry, that, according to the information they have obtained, this mission the field may be divided into two sections: the

one extending from Lakes Huron and Superior to Hudson's Bay, and comprising within its limits the large part of the widely scattered settlements of the Chippeway tribes. The other reaching from Lake Superior to Vancouver's Island. This latter field presents three distinct points, in any one of which a mission might be commenced with advantage. The

first, in the valley of the Red River, where the work might be begun among a section of the Chippeways, and in co-operation with the congregation of the Rev. J. Black. The second

in the valley of the Saskatchewan among the Blackfeet. The third in Vancouver's Island, among the tribes found there, in connection with Presbyterian population already settled there, and soon likely to be largely increased.

The Committee with their necessarily imperfect information, feel great difficulty in deciding which field should be first occupied, (though some of the members, for obvious reasons, give a preference to Vancouver's Island,) and they agree to recommend that the Synod send some suitable minister to the Red River, in order to consult and advise with Mr. Black and others, about this matter, and that on his return, the Foreign Mission Committee, or a Committee appointed for the object, be authorized to take such steps as they may deem necessary to the establishment of such a mission.

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