

REPORT

OF THE

WESLEYAN METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN UPPER CANADA.

For 1835.

In reviewing the progress of our missionary operations in this Province during the past year, your Committee feel it to be their duty to observe, that although there are some circumstances connected with our benevolent enterprise, which sometimes perplex and discourage us, yet the *general* aspect of our work in our *old* stations, and the newly opening fields of usefulness which every where present themselves, greatly encourage us to continue and increase our efforts to bring the wandering Indians, and the destitute settlers by whom our Missions are surrounded, into the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the various classes of the Indian community, we are happy still to observe the enlightening, the hallowing and saving power of the Gospel. In the hearts of the Indian *youth* of our schools the incorruptible seeds of truth are sown, and are already bringing forth the fruits of righteousness. To those who are in the midst of their earthly pilgrimage, and surrounded by the duties and cares of life, the word of God is a guide—a defence, and an inexhaustible source of consolation; while to the afflicted, the aged, the dying Indian, it opens the path which leads through the dark valley and shadow of death to the regions of glory, immortality and eternal life.

In the prosecution of this work of faith and labour of love, owing to the manner in which the objects of our Mission are scattered throughout this very extensive country, many agents must be employed, and much expense necessarily incurred; but when we look at the value of immortal souls, and at the temporal and spiritual improvement which has been already effected in the circumstances