

needed. What endless collision and confusion this would prevent! what desirable consequences it would produce!"

After these introductory observations, the Committee will briefly lay before the supporters of the Society the state of their Indian and Domestic Missions, and a list of its contributors, which, they believe, will be gratifying.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

In introducing these interesting Missions, the Committee need not, as they have done in other Reports, enter into the eventful history of the Indians, to show what their condition *was*. What is it, generally, in Canada *now*? Though debased by Paganism and sin, and despised by many, as they were, God has remembered them in "their low estate; for His mercy endureth forever." The Rev. Peter Jones, when in England, made this announcement (worthy of God, who had visited the speaker's own endeared people):—"My Christian brethren, I bless your God that He is also the Indian's God; and that your heaven is the Indian's heaven," "and that the Great Spirit is no respecter of persons."

It is an encouraging fact that a number of the Committee's Missionaries to Indians can preach in the *native* tongue, thereby dispensing with an inconvenient and expensive mode of communication, that of interpretation. Of this number, some have the honour of giving the *written* language, and books, to the Indians, chiefly at the cost of the Society; and in this respect, as in others, they are the imitators of Carey, in India; Morrison, in China; and Eliot, in America, "the apostle of the Indians." The language thus given them has conveyed to their understandings Revealed truths, which show, in several ways, they have had a transforming influence on them; one of which is, the gratitude and liberality they manifest to the Society, in annual subscriptions, to be seen in the lists of its contributors.

This is not all: having submitted their hearts to the truth, their lives are accordant with it, and in them are to be seen love to God and their fellow-men, sobriety in the midst of temptation, meekness under oppression, and diligence in their new relations as civilized beings and as Christians. They are not now, as they were, a wilderness people, but have their well-laid-out villages; nearly every family possesses a dwelling, and almost every tribe a sanctuary for God. In the latter, many a voice is heard in spiritual worship; and, from some of the former, the pious, dying Red man has passed from earth to heaven. In the midst of these sanctuaries stands that of the Missionary, who rejoices in his privations and labours. One, who

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