

missionaries of other churches, the excuse why the grants were cut off from all the churches and missions. Wonder whether this brother is aware of the fact that, through his conduct, *thousands of dollars were lost to our missionary cause?* Gentlemen of the Company—like Governor McTavish, Hon. William Christie, Hon. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Stewart, and others—long bitterly annoyed, then took action, and the income suffered accordingly. Mr. McDougall rather glories still in his conduct, as he said, even as late as 1892: "Yes, Dr. Wood sent out an old man by the name of W—— to straighten me up, because I was trading with the Indians; but I soon stopped his mouth, when I called him out and gave him some valuable robes." This is the "critic" of his brethren.

The criticisms of what is said on page 162, of "Sammo," and the dogmatic way in which the Blackfeet, Rev. Mr. Lacombe, and "grizzlies" are disposed of, are simply amusing. If my memory fails me not, I was present when this "critic" was ordained for the work among the Indians, and in the arrangement of the work it was understood that he was to go and begin the work among the Blackfeet, while I was to open up the new field among the Salteaux. Liberal appropriations were made for him as well as for me. The work among the Salteaux has succeeded, as my brethren know. But what about the Blackfeet work? Where is the record of it, and what returns for all the money spent there by this man who is so industrious and indefatigable in hunting through old Reports as to the cost of other men to the Society? It looks like the red herring on the trail. When, in years after, his signal failure to do anything among the Blackfeet, and the cause of it was so frequently asked for by the patrons of the Society, the charitable answer some of us used to give, which we had inferred from all accounts sent, was that they were so wild and warlike that, at present at least, nothing could be done with them. But here, in this paragraph, Mr. McDougall would have us believe they are arrant cowards, the easiest whipped of all the tribes, and that even Pere Lacombe's opinion—who has lived among them, I believe, over forty years—is to be treated with contempt. Then, why did he run away from his field, after all the fuss and ado made about his opening the mission among the Blackfeet? His answer will doubtless explain; but in the meantime there have been theories among the brethren. He says "the Blackfeet were not grizzly-bear hunters," and perhaps not fur-hunters either, and there was but little *profit* among such a tribe; and so, as they were omnipotent in that part of the field, why not select a place where there would be gain in bartering with the Indians, raising fat cattle, getting a