

INDIAN MISSIONS.

IN this department of Missionary work the Society's representatives cover a large surface of this Dominion, and present encouraging evidences of success. In the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia, the North-West Territory, and Keewatin, church organizations are formed, where the services, as conducted in our churches in the most favoured cities, are regularly maintained, and the praises of multitudes in different languages are offered to the Triune God of Holiness with a simplicity and earnestness not often approached by more cultured and refined mixed congregations. In the formation of new Missions it has always been the object of the Missionaries to commence with those ordinances, which we believe to be essential to the maintenance of religious life in the soul; hence, in addition to public worship, which commands, amongst Indian communities, a general and punctual attendance, the sacrament commemorative of our blessed Lord's death, class and prayer-meetings are means of grace greatly prized and conscientiously attended. From their earliest adoption of Christianity and abandonment of Pagan rites, the Indians' observance of the Law of the Sabbath has been most exemplary; extending to those who may not have placed themselves in immediate fellowship with the Church of Christ, unless a too close approximation to the corrupting example of ungodly wanderers on Sabbath-days, to some extent may neutralize the Missionaries' labours.

Our national Government, in their management of the Indians' claims, has always been distinguished by principles of equity and uprightness, whilst our history has been free from slaughter and oppression in all our intercourse and treaties with the different tribes now settled amongst us. Our settlements around them have never been invaded. The savage cry of the war-whoop has never terrified our white families, but all have dwelt in peace and security.

Politicians are not slack in proclaiming the success of their schemes, founded upon a humane and generous polity; but are too prone to forget the religious element which has contributed so much to the accomplishment of their well-designed efforts. Loyalty to the State, as well as the fear of God, is a prominent part of Christian instruction imparted to the mind of the Indian. Being assured that the

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