

tools, or animals? Above all, has any one measure been adopted for improving their moral condition, or for educating their children in any one instance? To all this they give no answer. The Company indeed talk a good deal of the Missionaries whom they have "introduced" among the Salteaux Indians, but this curiously vague phrase must not be understood as though the Company paid or provided these men. They were sent out and supported by the Church Missionary society, and the Wesleyan Missionary society. Even at the colony of Red River, originally founded by Lord Selkirk, who brought over a body of Highlanders and Orkney men to people it, and where the Company's old and retired servants mostly settle with their families; forming, with the half castes, a population of about 5000 persons, consisting of Roman Catholics and Protestants; the Company, though liberal enough to make "an allowance" to the Romish ecclesiastics, are not liberal enough to enable them to dispense with the necessity of exacting tithes, "amounting to the 26th bushel of all kinds of grain."

As to the charges of the Protestant worship, "they are defrayed partly by the Company and partly by the Church Missionary society." The charges of education, these are the statements of Sir George Simpson we are quoting: "as to four-fifths of them fall upon the Church Missionary society, the remaining fifth is borne by such individual parents, as are able and willing to spare fifteen shillings a year for the moral and intellectual culture of the child." It was to the exertions, not of the Company, but of Dr. Mountain, the Bishop of Quebec, that the scattered inhabitants of the Hudson's Bay territories are indebted, for the appointment of a Bishop. Hearing of the increasing number of the inhabitants of the settlement, and of their spiritual destitution, he undertook the long and adventurous journey to Red River, and the appointment of Dr. Anderson was the result.

Then Mr. Labouchere tells us "the Company has at its head *gentlemen of the highest character and sagacity* residing in London." In 1821, when, with the sanction of Parliament,