

## REPORT.

THE Love of God has given existence to Christian Missions. Such Missions are needed, by the darkness, depravity, and degradation of fallen man. That love alone has inspired a volume for his illumination, comfort, and guidance; raised up, qualified, and authorised men to exhibit its doctrines and enforce its precepts; originated a wise and vast economy of means, to extend the tidings and truths of Redemption; and poured a Spirit from on high, whose office is, and whose energies are exerted, to teach and save mankind, by the instrumentality of those doctrines, precepts, and means. Well might the Rev. Richard Watson, at the commencement of one of his admirable Missionary speeches, say of this subject, "It is wide as the mercy of God and the wants of man."

The Committee of THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE WESLEYAN-METHODIST CHURCH IN CANADA, believing that this remark is as scriptural as it is emphatic, have endeavoured, during the past year, to act under the authority, and give a wider spread to the blessings, of that Volume which is stamped with mercy for the world; and now have the pleasure of presenting their *Eighteenth* Annual Report, which will show their endeavours have not been unsuccessful. Many are the Ministers, School Teachers, and Native Labourers they have had employed, who have been much aided and encouraged by the visits and services of the respected Missionary Agent, the Rev. William Ryerson, whose journeys to the Missions, even the remotest, have been toilsome and perilous. All have gone forth bearing "precious seed," and, after labouring another year, have returned, "bringing their sheaves with them,"—ascribing their abundant "harvest" to the God of grace.

It is disagreeable, but faithful to the friends of the Society renders it a duty for the Committee to say, that they have not been permitted, during this year, any less than last, to proceed in their work, on some Missions, without interruption from others; and that several of the Missions have not been free from the mischievous interference of agents of a Church whose pretensions are invidious and unjust. Dr. Abeel, an eminent Missionary in China, shall speak the mind of the Committee on this painful subject: "In selecting their spheres of action, let each denomination *pass by* the places *already occupied*, and fix upon those where their services are most