

care; and it is calculated that nearly seventy thousand immortal souls, either regularly or occasionally, attend their ministry, among whom not the least interesting are several congregations of *native American Indians*, who have proved the civilizing as well as the converting influence of the truth of the everlasting Gospel, and from among whom some very interesting and useful native preachers of the Gospel have been raised up, and are employed in preaching to their aboriginal brethren of the forest with encouraging success.

In that part of the Province of CANADA, which falls within the limits of our own District, as well as in that of Western Canada, we have had many proofs of the attachment of our numerous members and friends to the Missionary Ministry, under the direction of the British Wesleyan Church. During the past year several of the stations of the District have been favoured with animating visitations of religious revival, and several earnest applications for additional Missionary labourers have been forwarded to the District Meeting. But while the Committee cannot but be humbly grateful to God for these encouraging evidences of the public confidence, and of the Divine favour, they have to deplore their inability at present to furnish that supply of Missionary labourers which has been so imploringly solicited at their hands by individuals and congregations, justly claiming their respectful attention and most lively sympathy.

The Committee are, nevertheless, cheered in their review by the noble and generous contributions of the friends of our Missionary Institutions in the various stations of the District, as they were announced in their last printed Report. To these valued friends they offer their sincerest thanks, and they fervently trust that, notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties which have so heavily pressed upon almost every class of the community, the same pious and intelligent generosity will secure for the Missionary Ministry of the British Wesleyan Church increased and increasing friendly and persevering support.

The Committee desire still more fully to feel how uncertain is the brief stay allotted to us on earth, during which alone we can render our humble aid to this invaluable work of God; and, in recommending these statements to the immediate attention of all the Members and friends of the Society, they will only quote, in conclusion, the significant and weighty words of one of our West Indian Negroes, when he brought a contribution which the Missionary was disposed to think too liberal for his circumstances and position in Society, but which he insisted on giving, at the same time observing:—“*Massa, the work of God MUST BE DONE, and I SHALL SOON BE DEAD!*”

The following are the amounts severally reported by the Branch Missionary Societies throughout the District:—

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