

city, virtue; and is essentially beautiful, glorious, divine. Earthly pursuits cultivate only one-half the human faculties, and these not the most important; the ministerial life alone develops the higher powers of man, those that connect him with God and eternity. It is there that the passive virtues—humility, self-denial, sympathy, meekness—which so shone in Christ, are seen to confer moral distinction. The love of God, reliance on Christ, holiness and rest in the will, the strength, and the fulness of Jehovah—these are the constituents of that character which is the finest product of grace, and the only preparation for glory. In the varied walks of secular life, rank, power, and money may be attained—but you lose them in death; whereas, character, which is almost the only form of personal good which the ministry enables you to attain here, is a permanent possession. In this world, it may not count for much; but no true man will ever reckon that to be less than of supreme importance which makes him like God. If ministers have to resist sore temptations from within and without, to bear heavy burthens cheerfully, to be calm under menace and frown, to contend in the conflicts of religion with the views of men, and to endure a multitude of little ills over which religious principle can alone give them the victory—what are all these but the forces or blows by which the sculpture of character is completed, the furnace out of which, after many days, the gold comes out refined?—*From Paper in Evangelical Witness.*

Missionary Intelligence.

INTELLIGENCE FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.—Intelligence has been received by the convener from Rev. D. Duff of British Columbia, up to about the end of February. We deeply regret to state that in consequence of impaired health Mr. Duff feels himself under the necessity of leaving his field of labour and returning to Canada. In the present circumstances of Victoria, this is deeply to be regretted, especially as Mr. Duff may be compelled to leave before any other labourer can arrive to take his place. We trust that the Synod may be able to make some appointment to this important locality.

SASKATCHEWAN.—The convener has received letters from Mr. Nisbet, dated Carleton House 26th January. Extracts from his letters will appear in our next number. Mr. Nisbet is most anxious that a teacher should be sent to conduct a school to which the officers of the Hudson Bay Company's servants could send their children. Such a school would be self-sustaining from the outset. Mr. Black is in hopes that a competent teacher may be got at Red River to undertake this work.

RED RIVER.—Matters are progressing as usual at Red River. Mr. Black and Mr. Matheson are well. Mrs. Matheson is still poorly. Mr. Black purposes to be at the meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTATION APPOINTED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF LONDON, TO VISIT THE CONGREGATION AND MISSION AT ST. ANN'S, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS, U. S.

The deputation, in accordance with the appointment of the Presbytery, visited St. Ann's, on the 28th of January last. One of their number having arrived on the Saturday previous, he found that this was the Com-