

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

MAY 15th, 1857.

THE MISSIONS IN HUDSON'S BAY.

To be able to publish now a selection from various Bay Correspondence recently received,—other portions of which will afterwards appear, and to gratify the friends of our Missionary Society, this Extra number of the Notices is sent forth in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management, under the conviction that full and early information is satisfactory and beneficial.

It will be seen that Mr. Hurlburt, of Norway House, is rewarded with much success in the discharge of his important duties; that the laborious culture bestowed by Mr. Brooking, of Oxford House, is very productive; that Mr. Woolsey, of Edmonton and the Rocky Mountains, has cast in his honoured lot among the different Tribes of the vast Plains, with the Mountains in sight, and has determined to establish a Mission at Pigeon Lake, while his colleague, Mr. Steinhaur, devotes his labours to the Mission at Lac-la-Biche. Mr. Salt, of Lac-la-Pluie, is yet sowing in tears: will he not soon return with joy, bringing his sheaves with him? We add an artless statement from our useful Native Agent at the Pic, a new Mission on the north shore of Lake Superior, lacking space to say more, than that it brings to remembrance some of the first evangelical achievements of the Society among the Indians of Canada. A teacher's letter is pleasing.

With devout thanks to Him who has redeemed all men, and is with these his self-denying servants, we afresh commend them, and all our Missions,—Indian and Domestic,—to the unwearied attentions of their generous Christian supporters.

NORWAY HOUSE.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Thomas Hurlburt, Chairman, dated Rossville, Dec. 15th, 1856.

In regard to enlarging our work there certainly is room. There are two or three places not far from this Mission which could be profitably occupied as summer stations if we had the proper agents. The great valley of the McKenzie River is populous, and mainly unoccupied as Missionary ground: also the regions to the westward recently visited for purposes of trade are populous,

with a rather favourable climate and good soil, and plenty of good timber. It has always appeared to me a humiliating reflection that we could not do as much for souls as the traders do for furs. At this Mission we have very few, if any, that seem suitable for being trained for Native Agents. I, however, saw one at Berrin's River I was anxious to take.