

extinct. During the fifteen years since the establishment of the Mission, wherever there has been continuous effort, mission buildings have been erected, and partly furnished, societies formed, a printing press employed, souls saved, children instructed, and habits of civilization more or less cultivated.

The nature of the work, and the onerous duties of a Superintendent of Missions there, will appear from a part of a letter written by the lamented Evans, worthy of the pen of a Brainerd or a Henry Martyn. He says when about to enter upon a formidable journey of some nine or ten months, "I anticipate by the divine blessing, visiting the following places during my absence: viz., Cumberland, Carlton, Fort Pitts, and Edmonton, where I hope to meet, comfort, and encourage my good brother, the Rev. Mr. Rundle. After spending a few weeks in that vicinity, I shall proceed by winter conveyance, (snow-shoes and dog-carriages,) to Fort Jasper, Assinaboine, Lesser Slave Lake, Duiveweg, Vermillion, Chippewyan, Fond-de-Lac, La Crosse, Green Lake, and back by Carlton, thence to Norway House, by the Saskatchewan boats, or Athabasca boats, reaching Norway House in June, or July, 1842. This journey is undertaken with the decided approbation of the Governor General, Sir George Simpson, who kindly assured me that he would himself, in passing the Saskatchewan, see that every preparation should be made for me to proceed thence by snow. Before my return, should I succeed in my purposed tour, I shall travel about six thousand miles. During this time I trust to preach the everlasting Gospel to hundreds who never heard its joyful sound; and I humbly trust that, in a short period, not a post belonging to the Honourable Company will be found where the cheering and joyful sound of the Gospel has not been heard. * * * * I feel assured of the Divine protection and blessing. Glory be to His Holy Name, I can commend myself in journeying, and my dear family during my absence, to His Fatherly care. *God is love!*"

Such intrepidity and faith could not be exhibited in vain. God looked down, and smiled, and the writer and his devoted coadjutors rejoiced exceedingly for the good done by the blessing of the Holy Spirit. There were peculiar obstructions in their path; and all the Missionaries in their communications with the Parent Committee speak of them; and the Joshua-like Superintendent said, "The Romish Priests who appear to have just risen from the dead in the land, are making the most strenuous efforts to go before us in every quarter." But the true cross was attractive, and these servants of the Lord, during their Missionary expatriation, were triumphant by the pulpit, by prayer, by schools, by translations, and by the printing press, sent by the Committee to confront Paganism and Popery. The Hudson's Bay Mission has cost the Parent Society, from the first, about £10,000; and the return for so liberal an outlay is, Hudson's Bay Wesleyan Communities now in existence; Hudson's Bay Christians now in heaven; and a process of Evangelization commenced, which shall not stop till it has made Hudson's Bay a civilized and happy, a Protestant and Christian Territory.

For several years after the death of Mr. Evans the Superintendency of these Missions was given to Ministers in Canada, and then, according to the following note in the English Minutes for 1851, '52 and '53, it was committed to the Rev. Enoch Wood, President of the Canada Conference, and Super-