

INDIAN MISSIONS.

THIS branch of missionary work prosecuted by the Methodist Church furnishes ample testimony of the saving power of the Gospel, and to the records of former years may be added the encouraging reports upon the following pages, showing that faith in Christ and obedience to His commands are productive of peaceful tempers and habits, such as no system of civilization without the fear and love of God has ever brought into practical operation. Cultivating the ground must be subordinate to cultivating the heart, before any community can be reclaimed from pagan life, and brought into the safe position of law-abiding citizens.

Lamentable disturbances in the North-West Territories of Canada have interrupted the labors of the missionaries and teachers several of these distant missions. Strong efforts were made by evil-disposed chiefs to draw the Indians under the religious care of the Methodist Church into their rebellious movement, but up to this time the General Board have not been informed of any of our adherents being implicated in the lamentable disorders which have stained the soil of the West with innocent blood. God be praised that the traditions of our Church for loyalty to the throne and constitutional government have not been tarnished, though the lives of some of our people were in fearful jeopardy.

The British Columbia Indian work is increasing in interest, and now that greater facility is obtained to visit the different missions by the use of the boat "*Glad Tidings*," we anticipate that her employment will promote both the comfort and usefulness of our brethren and their families in that truly missionary district.