

INTRODUCTION.

The writer of these sheets was sent out in connexion with the Foreign Mission work from England to Montreal in 1851, and in the following year he was despatched thence through Canada and the States viâ the Mississippi to the Red River Settlement in Rupert's Land. In the year 1855 he visited England, and in 1857, he gave evidence before a Select Committee of the House of Commons on the condition of the Hudson's Bay or Indian territories*. In the same year he returned to the Red River Settlement viâ the Hudson's Bay. An account of his Missionary tours appeared in the Hampshire Chronicle and is annexed in Appendix K. And during the whole of his residence in those regions, besides pursuing his avocation as a minister and Medical Missionary, he pursued one unvarying course, as occasion called for it||, of associating with every movement in the land which was calculated to impart correct information to the British public and to the British Government on the condition of that long neglected and down trodden country. He has traversed that land from Hudson's Bay up to the sources of the Red River, which comprises a distance of over 1000 miles in the heart of that Continent. And in 1862, as it was believed sev-

*See his evidence in the Blue Book, Hudson's Bay Company 1857 pp. 137—150. ||See his Letters in the Nor-Wester, and the Buck's Chronicle, and other public documents, and his Missionay Map 1857, &c.