

INTRODUCTION.

NEXT to the word of God must rank in importance "Hymns and Spiritual Songs." The enjoyments of the soul find expression in tuneful praises. Among all nations where the power of christianity has transformed the savage to a meek disciple of Jesus, devotion has found an elevating agency in the exercise of singing. Believing that this employment constitutes an essential portion of Divine Worship, the Missionary Board of the Canadian Wesleyan Church have authorised the publication of the following Hymns. Future labourers may throw more poetry into productions of a similar class, but not more Scriptural truth, according to the light and knowledge of the faithful and exemplary missionary to whom this race of converted Indians are indebted for this translation. May the blessing of the adorable Trinity rest upon this, as upon other means, divinely appointed to benefit mankind.

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