

for any one who has not undertaken those Missionary journeys to have an adequate idea of what has to be endured in them. It is not the intensity of the cold, or the snow drifts carried in one's face by the northerly winds, which might be almost compared in this respect with the sandy blasts of the Arabian desert, that forms the worst part of them; it is when these are passed, and the Missionary is about to seat himself on the ground by the wigwam fire, that the worst part of the expedition has to be encountered. The filth and vermin by which he sees and feels himself surrounded are quite sufficient to make him long for the morrow's journey, even though it be but a repetition of the biting winds and blinding drifts which he has already experienced. Still happy would he be, and soon would he forget even these inconveniences if, in most cases, he were received as a welcome guest, and his message listened to with any degree of attention: but the averted eye, the head covered up in the filthy blanket that forms almost their only covering by day and night, and laid down to sleep, are too often the returns met with for the labour endured, and the glad tidings conveyed, by the Christian Missionary. Besides that, the squalid wretchedness, and starvation, that usually surround him, are sufficient to make his heart bleed for the poor creatures, though, in very few cases, can he administer any thing like relief to the famishing little ones of the family. This is a very inadequate description of what had to be endured by that servant of God who preceded me in this Mission;