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WHO HAVE NOBLY TOILED AMONG

THE INDIAN TRIBES OF THE GREAT NORTH-WEST

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## PREFACE.

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**L**ONG did we wait for a short biography of the man who did so much for the Indian tribes of the great North-West, but it came not. Much thought upon our negligence in not doing something to remind the Christian public of the heroism of a brave Canadian Missionary, caused me to assume the responsibility, although other minds and hearts could have done better in inditing a life so full of devotion and courage. In the midst of other duties these pages have been written, a few at a time, with repeated interruptions. I hope that all the imperfections will be overlooked in the sincere desire to do something that may prove helpful to young and old, and to discharge a duty incumbent upon all friends of Canadian Missions, and more especially those belonging to the Methodist Church.

JOHN McLEAN.

MOOSEJAW, ASSINIBOIA,  
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