

1. At the outset we protest against the method employed by Mr. Blake of sending to the members of the Board printed statements, marked private and confidential, and embodying views not accepted by the Executive Committee and calculated to prejudice the minds of those who received them.

2. We protest against the presentation to the Board, of the Report of the Indian Committee, of statements "which Western men (who knowing Indian Missions, and, being on the Committee, should have been consulted) had no hand in preparing"; such statements being calculated to "set forth, and by a clever marshalling of facts to establish, views and conclusions with which the Western men do not agree"—views and conclusions, indeed, "which have not the support of a single Western Bishop, or member of the Indian Committee possessing actual experience in Indian Mission Work."

3. We protest against the printing and publication of the preamble to the report of the Apportionment Committee in the minutes of the Board Meeting of last October, after it was distinctly understood and promised by the Board that it should not be so printed and put forth because exception was taken to its statements as "mischievous" and to the conclusions drawn from them "as so unwarrantable that it was "contrary to the true interests of not only Indian Missions, but the "Board itself that the preamble should be given to the Church with the "endorsement of the Board."

4. We respectfully represent to the Board that in the statements alluded to there are certain matters which are so inaccurate as to be to all intents and purposes untrue.

For example, it is stated that representatives (of the great Societies and other helpers in England) have visited the localities in which work is carried on with a view to ascertaining for themselves the facts, etc.; and that these representatives "have made full investigation of the whole field."

The facts are these, "No representative of the C.M.S.," the Society chiefly interested, "still less of other Societies has ever been "in or near the Dioceses of Mackenzie River, Athabasca or Selkirk. "Nor have any seen the Dioceses of Moosonee and Keewatin, except "by passing along the C.P.R. line, where no Indian Missions exist. "There is moreover no record of any such representative having ever "visited the Indian Missions of Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle and "Yukon.

*(1) A memo by the Hon. S. H. Blake, K.C., marked private and confidential and sent to the members of the Board of Missions, before the Spring meeting of 1907. (2) A memo, by the Hon. S. H. Blake,