

The Board has this year made a reduction in the appropriations to the Missions in the North-West, and hence the assessments made upon the Annual Conferences this year will a little more than cover the estimated salaries for the current year. The Board, however, still finds itself in debt to the amount of \$12,608.20 and which must be provided for during this year. The above facts and figures will convey to our patrons the exact condition of our Missionary Society.

Owing to the entire failure of our Missionaries in the North-Western work to make to the Secretary Quarterly reports of the state of the work on their respective fields, we are unable to give a detailed statement of their condition at this writing. Our work out there is evidently not making much progress, and it was thought best at a late meeting of the Executive Committee, from representations made to them by the Superintendent of Missions, Rev. Thos. Argue, to withdraw our men from Emerson and Nelsonville. This was thought to be a wise movement in view of the Union coming into practical effect so soon. Steps have also been taken to dispose of our Church property in those places, and at one or two other points of our Mission field.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD :

The following recommendations which were passed by the Board are here presented for the information and guidance of the Missions :

1. That the ecclesiastical year shall begin and close, in the case of Missionaries appointed to our work in Manitoba, on the 16th day of May of each year.

2. That all ministers upon Mission fields, receiving Missionary money shall be required to furnish to the Secretary of the Parent Board, reports of the state of their Missions each quarter.

3. That ministers appointed to work in Manitoba, shall be expected to remain in the country for a period of at least five years, unless excused by order of the Board, failing which, the expenses of their return will not be met by the Society.

Resolved,—That this Board hereby authorize the Superintendent and the Missionaries at Emerson and Portage La Prairie, with two laymen in Manitoba, which they shall select, to secure an Act and to take measures for the sale or exchange of any property which the Board or Executive shall approve.

The managers of the Society send out this, their Annual Report, thankful to God for past success, and humbly relying upon His Providence and the prayers, sympathies and help of the people.

W. PIRRITE,
Secretary.

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