

Your Directors have deemed it necessary to authorize the construction of a missionary building at the new station of Spanish River, and to assist the members of the Indian Church at Saugeen to erect a place for worship, of which they are in great need. This will draw somewhat heavily upon our finances; yet we have confidence that the increased liberality of our constituents will meet every requirement.

It is with thankfulness we are enabled to report an excess in the receipts of the Society, over and above those of last year, which manifests not only the energy of the agent, but also the pleasing fact that the claims of the Society are being more and more appreciated.

Our general agent, the Rev. William Clarke, owing to advanced years, has felt constrained to present and press his resignation, which your Board has reluctantly been compelled to accept. For four years Mr. Clarke has been a most indefatigable and successful agent of this Society, in presenting its claims to the public, and in prosecuting its work in the mission field. The thanks of the Directors are presented in acknowledgment of these services.

The Rev. R. Robinson, who has long been identified with our work, has consented to receive the appointment of missionary and agent to this Society, which appointment your Board has made, subject to your approval. It is the intention that Mr. Robinson spend a large proportion of his time in mission work among the Indians.

Your Board cannot close this report without expressing their regret that its honored President deems it necessary to relinquish his office as the head of this Society; also their high appreciation of his long and valuable services. Dr. Wilkes has been President of this Society from its formation in 1860 until the present time, and it has been through his instrumentality that an annual grant has been received from the Boston Society for the Propagation of the Gospel among the Indians of North America. The richly merited thanks of this Society are hereby presented him for his devoted and disinterested services in the past.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Toronto, June 1st, 1872.