

should keep pace with the rapid progress and extension of the population in the vast North-West. The peculiar position of our country lays weighty responsibilities upon us. There were the strongest grounds of hope for greater victories, and richer fruits of Missionary toil in the future; if God only enables us to go forward, faithfully using the opportunities which His providence opens for our special improvement.

The Rev. Dr. WOOD read the Report of the condition and progress of the Missions. The Report was full of cheering intelligence from the various parts of the great field occupied by the agents of the Society, who are 206 in number, and supplying 181 Missions. There are 16 Day-Schools and 16 Teachers, one Industrial School, which, with interpreters, &c., make a total paid agency of 253, and a membership of 17,639.

The Financial Report for the year was read by the Rev. Dr. TAYLOR; this interesting statement will be found in detail on page 138.

Mr. BEATTY, M.P.P. for Welland, moved the first resolution, as follows:—

“That the Report, an abstract of which has been read, be adopted and published; and that the following be the officers of the Society:—Rev. E. WOOD, D.D., and Rev. L. TAYLOR, D.D., Joint Secretaries; and JOHN MACDONALD, Esq., and Rev. L. TAYLOR, D.D., Treasurers.”

Mr. Beatty said he had paid many pleasant visits to Port Hope. The place had lost none of its beauty, and he was sure the people had lost none of their interest in every good work. He felt it to be an honor to have any part in promoting the objects of this Society. In travelling through this country he had seen the effects produced by the labors of the Society's agents; and he was prepared to say, no money was better spent than the \$80,000 income of the Society. The report had two leading thoughts. 1st. The *claims* which the Society has upon us. We have a wide field for Missionary efforts, and we would not be true to ourselves, as Christians and as Methodists, if we did not enter at once these open doors. Those who have aided in opening up and settling this country, have a claim upon us. Then there were the Indian tribes, who had special claims. We

have possession of their lands, and in taking their places, we must not forget those from whom we have received these broad domains; and how could we do better for them, than by giving them the gospel! The efforts of the Society among the Indians have been successful. On Christian Island there are two villages—one Christian and the other Pagan; and no one can look upon them, without seeing the striking difference between the two, and the benefits which Christianity has conferred upon the Indians who have received it. It has been said the Indians are not true to their Christian profession. This was not the case. He could testify from personal observation, that many of these Indians were models of Christian fidelity. In one neighborhood an Indian had attended a camp-meeting and was converted. He returned to his people, and for thirteen years preached the gospel, without once being visited by a Missionary. Mr. Beatty then referred to the financial condition of the Society, and proceeded to point out the need of increased liberality. The report also referred to the appointment of officers for the coming year. He moved this part of the resolution with very great pleasure.