

man seems to be much decayed ; at least we find his influence is rarely sufficient to induce a Band to refuse a teacher.

The policy of employing Native Teachers, under efficient Missionary supervision—which has been the policy of the Society from the very first—is, we are more and more convinced, the true one. We trust, sometime soon, to be able to put in force a long-cherished scheme of the Society, in the establishment of a Training School, on however limited a scale, for Native Teachers and Evangelists. William Barrell, who is doing well the work of an Evangelist at Saugeen, was trained under our own Missionaries. Could we have begun, and supported a small Training School ten or twelve years ago, we might now have had a number of the same class ready for the work.

Our great cry is want of funds ; for even as it is, we could soon find men, or train them, *and find abundant room for them*, if we could but support them. A married native Evangelist labouring all the year, receives \$300. Are there not many, among the affluent Christian friends of this Mission, who would like to devote a sum of money, by donation or bequest, to such a purpose ? With many, there is a life-long yearning to do Missionary work, which at last age and circumstances utterly forbid. But if a man is found who *can* go ; and is sent and supported in his field, shall not much of the satisfaction, and much of the praise, accrue to him by whom he is sent and maintained ? In the case of a bequest, the money must be left to the Treasurer, by name ; (the Society not being a corporate body) the purpose to which it is to be applied, following the name and address of the Treasurer.

THE GENERAL AGENCY.

The Rev. Robert Robinson now completes his first year, devoted wholly to the interests of the Society. Besides attending an important Indian Council at Cape Croker, and visiting the Church at French Bay, Saugeen, Mr. Robinson took two extensive tours over the mission field, in the past summer ; one extending to twenty-six days, and the other to five weeks. Extracts from his letters are given below.

Respecting his work as collecting agent (in the winter), Mr. Robinson reports success, and that the Mission meets very general acceptance among the Churches. Several persons of other denominations largely assist our work, being glad to find that anything is done by us for the heathen ; and having apparently confidence that Congregationalists will preach the *Gospel* rather than sectarianism. Many thanks are due to the Christian friends who have assisted the Mission. In consequence of the successful and persevering efforts of the General Agent, the funds are two hundred dollars better than at this time last year. This more encouraging aspect has led to the action detailed under the head of "SHE-SHE-GWAH-NING."

Mr. Robinson everywhere finds the advantage of the labours of his relative and predecessor, the Rev. William Clarke, in collecting. He says, "it is comparatively easy work to get men to *renew* their subscriptions to a Society, instead of creating entirely new ground."

MR. ROBINSON'S LETTERS : VOYAGING.

"Messrs. Keeshig, Barrell and myself, started in our boat on the 11th July from Owen Sound, and reached Cape Croker next day, intending to