

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT:

In the midst of many discouragements and changes, the directors have endeavoured to carry on that part of the Lord's work among the Indians, which has fallen to their share as well as they, with anxious thought and prayer could plan, and as fast as the number of missionaries and the funds at their command would allow.

A great advance has been made the past year, by establishing Mr. Lister as a permanent missionary in the North, at Mississagua River; so that during the whole year the work of the Gospel has been carried on, in connection with the station. Miss Baylis spent her seventh summer at Spanish River, teaching and visiting among the Indians, when for a limited time she was assisted by Miss Blacklock of Cornwall. Our Indian brother, Mr. Walker, has done good service for another year at the Saugeen Reserve. Mr. James Nawageshig interpreted for Miss Baylis, and Mr. James McKay, of Owen Sound, assisted Mr. Lister both in teaching and building for four months last summer. These have comprised the missionary staff for the year. We have our eyes longingly on the farther West, and would be glad to send Mr. Lister, who is admirably adapted for such an enterprise, to the Ojibways and Crees of Manitoba and the North West Territory. We pray for the opening of that door, and when the increase of friends and funds opens it, we are ready to enter.

## FRENCH BAY, SAUGEEN.

This is our chief station. On the Saugeen Reserve, Lake Huron. As showing the advance of civilization, a new post office has been established for the Indian population—"Chippeway Hill P. O."

Mr. William Walker, who has been seven or eight years in charge of the church, was set apart to the work of the christian ministry by ordination, on 25th July last. The Revs. R. Robinson, J. I. Hindley, and W. W. Smith, took part in the solemn service. The Indians at this station are never weary of meetings. They will gladly attend any day, and all day. This disposition to wait on the Lord in public, makes it easy to our Indian brother, Mr. Walker, to secure good congregations for his "Revival Meetings," which he carries on with great vigour for several weeks every autumn and winter. Many have been blessed at these services; especially large numbers of young people. The membership at present is nearly sixty; and the directors are not aware of any families now residing in the settlement who have not abandoned paganism; there may

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