

thereto. The nomadic habits of the people make it most difficult to reach them, or to continue instruction with them. The influences of barbarism and the corruptions of heathenism tax the persistent faith of the missionary, while the evil examples of the "bad pale faced," and the remembrance of wrongs received at their hands, lead them to hesitate in adopting their religion.

In answer to their claims, and despite the difficulties, your Directors are thankful to report the work done, and the success attained during the past year. At their request the Revs. Messrs. Clarke and Robinson, in July last, visited the mission stations, explored new fields, and preached the gospel to Indian bands wherever they could be found. They also sought to instruct and encourage the Indian missionaries engaged in the work. Their report, as well as reports of missionaries in regard to the labours of the past year, will appear appended to this. A new station at Spanish River has been established, and the work most energetically and successfully carried on by Miss Emma Baylis, who has had several years' experience in mission work on the Labrador coast. Owing to the absence of the Indians during the winter, the work was suspended for a few months, but has been again resumed by Miss Baylis. Her report will be read with great interest.

Peter Keshick, Indian missionary, continued to labor at She-she-gwah-ning among his people, until September last, when he was laid by with a most alarming sickness, his life being despaired of for some time. Through the mercy of God he was spared and restored to health, and during the past winter has laboured with a good degree of success at Cape Crocker. In answer to a request, numerously signed by Indians at this place, your Board has consented to his remaining for the present summer.

William Barrell, Indian missionary, laboured among the pagan Indians at Partridge Point until the fall, when he was requested to take charge of the Indian Church at Saugeen. This was with the concurrence and at the desire of John Anjecabo, formerly a pagan priest, but for years a zealous missionary, and pastor of the Saugeen Church. Mr. Barrell will continue his work here for the summer.

Steps have been taken to secure a missionary for She-she-gwah-ning, which is at present vacant.