

October, 22nd, 1858.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have now the pleasure to inform you that these documents having been submitted to our Editorial Sub-Committee, they have passed a Resolution ordering that the printing of the work shall be proceeded with at once at the Society's expense. From this you will gather that Mr. Rand's explanations have been found generally satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

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In the course of a few months, therefore, we may hope that this important portion of the Scriptures may be placed in the hands of those Indians who can already read, and be listened to by hundreds who cannot read. The Book of Genesis has been published, and several copies are in the hands of those who can read and understand them.

Another circumstance deserves to be mentioned. We have other Scripture readers among the Indians besides Mr Rand and his fellow-labourer, Benjamin Christmas. It has been stated in previous Reports that the Phonetic Alphabet, in which the Micmac is printed, can be readily mastered, so that one who knows nothing of the meaning of the words can pronounce them with sufficient correctness to be understood by the Indians. Several persons have done this. Mr. George Creed, of South Rawdon, in particular, forwarded last winter to Mr. Rand, who sent it to the Committee, a most deeply interesting letter detailing the results of his efforts in reading Micmac to the Indians. Mr. Creed seems to have become quite enthusiastic in the work, and his hearers greatly interested: for he tells of visiting them Sabbath after Sabbath, and of their urging him to continue his reading, and of their listening to him for hours in succession.

Mention was made in our last year's Report of two Indian boys attending school under Protestant instruction. Efforts were afterwards made, with too much success, to get them away. But they soon returned again from the woods of their own accord, and resumed the places they had so unwisely left.

Benjamin Christmas has attended the Normal School at Truro both terms since our last Annual Meeting. During the vacations he has laboured as a Colporteur among his people. He was with Mr. Rand in the spring, but Mr. Rand having been detained at home in the autumn vacation, by sickness in his family, Benjamin went to Cape Breton without him. In the month of May they visited together and laboured among the Indians at Hanstport, Cornwallis, and thence on to Granville. They were with scarcely an

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