

of a new and stronger life. Under the enthusiastic direction of our former Superintendent, a larger force of laborers than we had ever had before employed, was engaged in successful work upon our mission fields, and abundant blessing was falling in almost every place. While gathered in numbers, such as had never been witnessed in the history of our work, and listening to the account of what had been accomplished, we felt that the morning of a new day had come, and that hopes long deferred were beginning to be realized. With these indications of the Lord's blessing and favor upon us, it was with a spirit of confidence and hopefulness that we took up the work that was entrusted to us. We are pleased to record that the good work in progress at the time of our Convention continued throughout the summer, and in such measure, that we shall ever look back to that period as one of signal blessing to our missions. The number of summer laborers was 12, the number baptized on the profession of faith 103, churches organized and recognized 8, church buildings dedicated 3.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

Your Board promptly addressed itself to carrying into effect your directions as laid down in Convention in the outline of future policy. The office of superintendency was continued as indispensable to the success of our work, and, according to your request, the Brandon Church was asked to permanently release their pastor that he might accept the appointment of Superintendent of Missions under this Convention, and Bro. Best was permanently appointed to that office. We then began to feel that our work was assuming a settled shape, and that we had reached a position in which we would be able to press forward with greater vigor in aggressive missionary operations. Thus all seemed to be moving hopefully onward, until the Superintendent made known that he had fully determined to accept the urgent call of the Brandon Church to return to the pastorate, and that his resignation would be laid before the semi-annual meeting of the Board to be held at Portage la Prairie, January 7th, for immediate acceptance. At the above mentioned meeting Bro. Best's resignation was presented, and after considerable delay was accepted, with a resolution expressing regret for the necessity of the action, and appreciation of the work which had been accomplished under Bro. Best's superintendency. This change unsettled our work for a time, and seemed to dampen the spirit of hopefulness that had so generally prevailed. The securing of a suitable successor to Bro. Best appeared an unpromising prospect. A committee was appointed to assume control of the work, with instructions to secure as soon as possible some one to fill the office made vacant by Bro. Best's resignation, and to report to the Board. This committee, at its first meeting, determined that the peculiar and pressing needs of our work demanded the immediate appointment of a Superintendent, and decided to recommend for the office the pastor of the Emerson Church, Bro. J. H. Doolittle. At a special meeting of the Board, held in Winni-