

heartly sympathy of all his ministerial brethren and the churches throughout the country. So that, if such an appointment is to be made, he possesses eminently every qualification for the work. 4. In relation to the cost of the proposed engagement, the Board have ascertained that Mr. Robinson would be content with such a scale of remuneration as will secure the two-fold service in the mission field in summer and among the churches in winter, for very little more than has hitherto been paid for the collecting agency alone: while on the one hand much more missionary work will be done and more effectively, and on the other much greater interest will be excited among the contributors to the mission.

"There remains however the important consideration of Mr. Robinson's removal from Owen Sound. The Board have felt the gravity of the unsettling of a pastor so deservedly beloved. But the responsibility for that result does not rest merely upon them. The Indian mission needs such a man; his own mind and heart are thoroughly drawn to this work; and his place as pastor can be filled a hundredfold more easily than the post of missionary.

"In view of all the circumstances above recited, the Board have come to the conclusion that it is their duty to intimate to Mr. Robinson that they are now prepared to accept his services, if he can see his way clear to place them at their disposal."

Mr. Robinson has signified his acceptance of the office of missionary and agent to this Society, has resigned his charge at Owen Sound, and will enter upon his work at the beginning of July next. As stated in the minute just read, he will spend the summer months in active labour in the mission field, having a general supervision of the mission stations; and the winter of each year in visiting our Churches, reporting the work, and taking up collections for the mission. And now that our brother has attained the object of his many years desire, and is to be set apart by his brethren as a missionary to the heathen, let him receive a large measure of encouragement by our loving sympathy, devout prayers and generous support; especially as the mission field is not foreign but in our own land, and the heathen are upon our own shores, and almost in our very midst. Mr. Robinson will be assisted during the present summer by four Indian evangelists, and Miss Baylis; making in all six missionaries and teachers.

Your Directors are very anxious to secure means sufficient to employ other missionaries to fill stations still vacant, and occupy new places that are open to us, which are fields full of interest.

In concluding their annual report, your Directors would do so with the words of the first Great Missionary to our race, who, in order to qualify himself for the work, graduated in our humanity, becoming the Divine Man, living for thirty years a life of stern self-abnegation and suffering, and finally dying that he might bring to us the blessings which we now