

understood among those whose only foreign language is a smattering of French *patois*, it is exceedingly difficult to those Indians who wish at the same time to learn a little English. Peter Jones's version of the Gospels is much easier and plainer, though this is said to be superior as a literary performance. I suggested an edition of this translation remodelled in the spelling, which seemed to meet with favour in the eyes of all the educated Indians present.

Our host, Henry Jones, who came with us next day to Tara, in Arran, and spoke for us at the meeting, is quite willing to take hold of a School among his countrymen, and is eminently qualified for it. He spoke of a young man too, ready to devote himself to the ministry, and the training preparatory for it. It was touching to hear Anjegahbo plead for help to his people. He said he had but one way of gaining knowledge—by the ear; the world of literature was shut out from him, and no wonder if he felt sometimes as though he had nothing new to say. Joseph Jones too, of some standing and rank among his people, is ready to be sent, wherever and whenever the Society wills. He told us once in our prayer meeting at Owen Sound, of hearing Mr. Fenwick give an exhortation here, and then on his way home, kneeling down behind a log, where no eye could see him but God's, and with strong cries and tears seeking mercy. And he hoped he then found it. We hope so too. There are said to be 40,000, speaking the language of the Ojibways and Crees, nearly, if not quite identical. And about 125,000 Indians in all, in British America. A vast number, and nearly all as yet pagans. I shall recommend to the Board of Directors, the immediate appointment of a teacher for the Saugeen Reserve, and the printing of a small Catechism of Christian Doctrines in Ojibway, for distribution. It is much to be hoped that the Board will, by the liberality of its friends, be able at the opening of navigation to locate a white missionary and at least one Native teacher, in the vicinity of Manitoulin Island. Colpoy's Bay is already provided for.

Owen Sound.

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REFLECTIONS AND JOTTINGS UPON A RECENT MISSIONARY TOUR.

What a distinguished privilege to be permitted to take part in advancing the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom! Yet *all* Christians may share in this noble employment, whatever the circumstances in which they are placed. Ministers and people may alike participate in it, and the benefits it yields.

As each Missionary season advances, it is gratifying to observe how many minds are exercised, the various exertions made, and the anticipations indulged. The annual visitation of the deputation appointed, the interchange of thought and feeling between ministerial brethren, the gathering of the people for missionary purposes, and the solemn, instructive and practical nature of the exercises are peculiarly adapted to effect spiritual good.

Those who visit the stations of beloved brethren observe and learn much as they pass from place to place, and have many opportunities of usefulness, which they do well to improve; and those who are visited, may in various ways receive benefit from the intercourse and services in which they share.

Our female friends, as usual, have been found active as collectors, in ministering to our funds. Many thanks are due to them for the warm interest they manifest in this department of Christian labour. It is no less encourag-