

had been for some time past destitute of pastors. Our earnest prayer is, that the Lord may send them a man, who shall "feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

The subscriptions and collections amounted to \$62.13. But three of the churches have yet to send in their subscriptions, the visits of the deputation having been made too early for Unionville, Markham, and Manilla. Subscriptions will be forwarded in January.

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INDIAN MISSION.

HYMNS IN OJIBWAY.

In Mr. Lister's report of the season's operations, laid before the Directors in Toronto, on 12th December, occurs the following passage, respecting Mr. William Walker, Indian Evangelist at French Bay, Saugeen.

"Brother Walker has also done a noble work in translating some forty of the most popular hymns into Ojibway. This is not only a good, but a much-needed work, for as all know, or ought to be told, the Indians are much inclined to hymn-singing; and the hymns they now have are old, too familiar, and so to speak, *threadbare*. He and his people are anxious to have them printed, and formed into a nice little book, for the use of their prayer-meetings, Sabbath-school, etc. I am delighted with what he has done in this respect, and I trust, if not done by some of his personal friends, the Board may be pleased to consider the matter."

AN APPEAL.

Mr. Lister promised the Indians last summer that "next year he would speak to them in their own language." And he has kept his word; holding many parleys with them without an interpreter. He finds the language rude and difficult, and as in most other cases, only spoken in grammatical purity by *the few*. Still

there are now some slight helps in the way of vocabularies, etc. He says:—

"As I have now, by incessant reading, etc., acquired much of the euphonious, but difficult Ojibway, I feel intensely anxious to make the very best use of it in my power, by holding special services among the Indians. Or perhaps for the present, I could be still more useful by imparting all I know of it to some devoted young Christian, whose heart burns within him to become an Eliot, a Brainerd, or a McDougall, on the Indian mission-field. I make little doubt but that there are young men of this class in Canada, and for me to assist them in fitting themselves for the task, would be both a work of faith and labour of love. For I speak deliberately and advisedly when I say that it would prove both easier, and more economical in the end, to teach the Ojibway to some noble-hearted young Christian of our race, and thus fit him for Indian mission-work, than to depend on Indians for the same services. And as it was found to be advantageous for even the divinely-inspired Apostles to go out in pairs to convert the heathen, how much more necessary does it seem that poor uninspired mortals engaged in carrying on the same glorious work, should enjoy the inestimable advantages of sympathy, confidence, and co-operation, when far away on the cold, unsympathetic, and often inimical Heathen field?"

INDUCTION AT JOLIETTE, QUE.

The French Protestant church at Joliette, is one of the churches of the Synode de l'Eglise Evangelique du Canada. The Rev. Mr. Vessot, has done a good work there. The Rev. Mr. Coté, late of Chicoutimi, up the Saguenay, was inducted into the pastorate of that church on Sabbath Dec. 3rd, 1876. Rev. George Anderson, of Calvary church, Montreal, preached in the forenoon, in English, for the benefit of the English-speaking people and the French people who understand English. There was a congregation of between 40 and 50 persons at that service. The evening service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Prevost, of the Craig St. French Evangelical Church, Montreal.