

to the work accomplished by our missionaries during the year, we must refer you for details to the several reports which will be appended to and published with this.

At the last annual meeting, your Board of Directors were desired to take into consideration the possibility of arranging with Churches to collect contributions without charge to the Society. At a meeting of the Board held on the 23rd of January, the following minute was adopted in reference thereto :—

“The Committee of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society have repeatedly and carefully considered the most efficient and least expensive method of raising funds for the work, as instructed by the last annual meeting of their constituents. They endeavoured to accomplish this in part by accepting the generous offer of Miss Baylis to collect without charge east of Toronto, but have been disappointed by her inability, through the failure of her health, to continue the work after visiting a few towns. At the expiration of seven months from the annual meeting, but one of the Churches whose representatives then promised to collect by some agency of their own has sent a remittance. The treasury is now empty, and they are under positive engagements with the Indian missionaries up to the 1st of July. Besides which, arrangements need to be made soon for next summer's operations, so that it is necessary for the Board to know whether the work can be sustained on its present scale; and, moreover, whether it can be enlarged by the engagement of a white missionary. The Board feel therefore constrained to revert for the present to the former plan of appointing a collecting agent, and would invite the Rev. W. Clarke to undertake the work in Toronto, and north and west of that point. The places which contributed last year to be revisited, with any others that seem promising.”

At a subsequent meeting your Directors resolved to request Mr. Clarke to visit places east of Toronto and collect for the Society in conjunction with the pastors of churches in their respective localities. These requests were acceded to by Mr. Clarke, and he has since been engaged in collecting with his usual zeal and success.

The thanks of the Directors is due and is hereby tendered to Miss Emma Baylis, who consented to undertake this work in part, and who generously insisted that her services should be rendered free of charge to the Society. Her success in the few towns visited by her before her health failed indicated that she would have met with a full measure of success had her strength been equal to her devoted energy.

We also have pleasure in acknowledging the sum of \$357 from the Boston Society, established for the propagation of the gospel among the Indians of North America. This venerable Society has for many years lent us a helping hand in our work by like generous donations. We are