

of the people that formerly occupied the whole of the country which has now passed into our possession.

During the year the Society sustained a great loss in the death of three of its officers—the Rev. William Clarke, of Dresden, the Rev. Henry Sanders, of Hamilton, and Mr. Geo. Snarr, of Toronto. Of these brethren, Mr. Clarke had been by far the longest in connection with the Society, and had done the greatest amount of work for it. He was also the best known to the subscribers, as he for years had collected the funds. He was deeply interested in all that concerned the Indians, whether of an educational, or a spiritual character. He frequently, while his health permitted him, made visits to the mission stations, and preached the gospel to the Indians located there, and also to many wandering bands that frequently come towards the front for trading purposes. His labors for the Society were unremitting and he was the means under God of accomplishing a great deal in furtherance of its objects. The Rev. W. W. Smith, Secretary for four years, having removed to a pastorate in the province of Quebec, has resigned his office, and the Rev. Mr. Howell has been asked to fill the vacancy. The Treasurer's Statement, duly audited, is herewith presented. All which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES HOWELL,

*Secretary pro-tem.*

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