

French and Micmac. During two and a half years Dr. Rand carried on his work as a pastor and studied Micmac. Through his remarkable memory and ability as a linguist, he made rapid progress. Soon he began to devote the greater part of his time to the Indians; he travelled from settlement to settlement, and from wigwam to wigwam; preached and sang of Jesus; taught them; prayed for them and shared their sorrows. When he perceived light to be breaking in upon the soul of some poor Indian, his noble heart would nearly burst with joy, and he would go forward, re-inspired for the accomplishment of good. He translated many portions of the Bible, including the whole of the New Testament, into Micmac. Throughout his entire career as a missionary he kept a diary, but at certain intervals this was almost wholly neglected, because of so many pressing duties.

For nearly forty years he thus labored among the Indians of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, during twenty of which he received a salary of £200 a year from the Un-denominational Missionary Society in Nova Scotia. But after 1864 he depended solely on voluntary gifts.

Dr. Rand's success among the Indians was not realized suddenly, nor did it come until after many years of preaching, teaching and prayer. A born orator, he always held his listeners spell-bound, and, by acquainting himself with many of the Indian customs and traditions, found access to the hearts and won the confidence of many. Through his ability and energy as a translator, they were enabled to read a large part of the Scriptures in their own language. Conversion was thus made much easier. While he labored under many disadvantages that do not exist at the present day, he has prepared and facilitated the way for future missionaries to the Micmacs.

The results of Dr. Rand's labors among the Indians are many and varied. Eighty-seven Micmac legends have been contributed to mythology by the scholarly interest of this man. They were first related to him in Micmac, after which he translated them into pleasant, forcible and interesting English. He made no attempt whatever to classify the legendary characters. All these have a rugged strength and manly purity unknown among those of the ancient Greeks. He is the discoverer also of "Glooscap," "the grandest character ever evolved from a savage mind." The value of his mythological contribution to science can hardly be estimated,