

ONEIDA.

Relative to this, one of our oldest Indian missions, we rejoice to report some little progress the past Conference year. All of our appointments have been faithfully attended. From the influence of the Gospel, and the stated means of grace, the Sabbath and day-schools, there is being made from year to year an advance in the civilization and the general morality of the Indians. Still, there is room for improvement. The day-school, under the charge of Miss Beatty, the faithful teacher, is doing a good work. The Bible-class and Sabbath-school at the church are kept open the entire year, superintended by the missionary. The Sabbath-school is taught by his wife, assisted by a young friend of the family, and the day-school teacher.

We have now a very interesting appointment, and a Sabbath-school in connection with the appointment, in the Orange Hall, located in a remote part of the Oneida reservation. The Sabbath-school at this hall is superintended by one of our intelligent Indian members. This Indian is also the teacher of the day-school at this Orange Hall.

It is very important for our interest and influence as a Church among this people that this day-school, at the Orange Hall, should be placed in the same relation to our Church as the day-school known as the mission-school on this Oneida Reserve, and we would strongly recommend that this school at the Orange Hall should have a grant from the Mission Fund to aid in the payment of a portion of the teacher's salary. The Indian Department now pay a small portion of the salary, but the Indians are not able to pay the balance. The school is doing well, and numbers some 50 or more children on the daily register, and an average attendance of from 25 to 30 daily. By all means, we hope the Missionary Society will see their way to make a grant for this school.

During the year the Indians have, at their own expense, erected a good board fence enclosing the church, school-house and burying-ground. It pays to expend missionary money among our Indian people. Increase this year over last of missionary money. Members, 55.

E. HURLBURT.

This mission has suffered a great loss in the sudden and unexpected death of the Rev. Abraham Sickles, who was killed by a fall down a stairway, in a store in London, where he had gone on business, on the 23rd of May, 1884. He belonged to the Oneida Indian tribe, was born in 1810, converted when 24, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, U.S., and was licensed as a local preacher when he came with his people into Canada in 1841. He was head chief among his tribe, and the first man in the Church on the Oneida Mission. He was ordained as a Methodist minister in connection with the Canada Conference in 1846. He was a man of noble stature, had an open, pleasant countenance, a fine musical voice, fluent and eloquent in his

native language for the benefit of the diligent student preacher, who over the years among the tributes to "in their own words."

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