

## Correspondence.

## FROM THE RESERVES.

## CARADOC RESERVE.

This reserve is composed of the Southwestern part of the township of Cardoc, in the south riding of the county of Middlesex, and embraces between 12,000 and 13,000 acres of fine agricultural land. The Muncey Indians occupy the southern part of the reserve, about one third of the whole, and the Chippewas the other two thirds. There are four schools on the reserve, three for the Chippewas and one for the Muncceys. There are four churches, two methodist, and two Church of England. The Mount Elgin Institute is situated on this reserve and is doing a good work. This Institute was founded by the late Rev. Peter Jones, father of the editor of THE INDIAN. There is no council house on this reserve, and the people are taking steps to build one in keeping with the improved condition of the reserve. Considerable improvement has been made during the last few years, both among the Muncceys and the Chippewas, and several members of the bands are good farmers. The lands of the old and infirm people, and of others who have not the means to clear and improve their own lands, have been leased for the purposes of making improvements and for the benefit of the locatees, and valuable improvements in clearing, fencing, ditching and building; are thus secured; Generally a good class of tenants has been obtained, but there are a few who are not desirable tenants of Indian lands.

The Oneida Reserve is situated in the Township of Deleware, also in the south riding of the county of Middlesex, it lies to the east of the Caradoc Reserve, and is separated from it by the river Thames. This reserve comprises about 6,000 acres of very superior land. The Indians of this reserve emigrated from the United States about forty years ago, and purchased their land with their own funds, and is held in trust for them by the Indian Department. The members of this reserve are among the most civilized, industrious and prosperous Indians in Ontario. There are many good farmers among them, and it is no uncommon thing to see them on the London market with fine farm horses and waggons loaded with as good wheat as comes to the city.

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## CAUGHNAWAGA.

This reserve is situated on the south side of the river St. Lawrence, opposite to the village of Lachine and abreast of the celebrated Lachine rapids. Many of the people live in the village of Caughnawaga, in substantial, well furnished stone houses. There is a fine stone church belonging to the Roman Catholics. The Indians on this reserve rank among the most industrious, prosperous and civilized in the province of Quebec. There are many good farmers, and several really prosperous merchants among them. Messrs Jacks and DeLorimer are contractors for furnishing stone from a valuable quarry on the reserve for the enlargement of the Cornwall canal. The reserve has been recently surveyed

into lots and a redistribution of the lands among the several members of the band, is expected to be a work for the near future. The annual exhibition held here attracts a good deal of attention, and compares favorably with the township exhibitions in the best agricultural districts of the province.

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## TYENDINAGA RESERVE.

A PLEASANT party assembled on Monday last at the residence of George Maracle, Mohawk Reserve, to adopt and give names to the Rev. Mr. Anderson's family. After the reverend gentleman had been heartily welcomed by all assembled and the inner man had been bountifully provided for, the ceremony, a solemn and impressive one, took place. The name given to Mr. Anderson and by which he will hereafter be known in the Band is *Ka-wa-ha-ri-youh*, which signifies "a good vine." At the close of the proceeding Mr. Anderson thanked those assembled for the honor conferred upon himself and family. He said that in his childhood he had by a similar ceremony been adopted by the Ojibways of the great Manitoulin Islands, where he had passed his early life, and now the Mohawks, amongst whom he expected to spend his declining years, had received and welcomed him back as one of themselves. He hoped he would always be a worthy member of the band. They belonged to a common brotherhood of the church, and while this new band must not dissolve he prayed that it would unite us closer to promote the welfare of the people. After a speech in Mohawk by ex-Chief Maracle thanking the people for pleasant assembly which showed the affinity they had for their clergy and family, the party separated well pleased with the proceedings.

It was reported on Monday morning that there was a case of small-pox at "Eagle Hill" about five miles west of Deseronto on the Tyendinaga Reserve. It seems that Napoleon Derozeau came from Trenton where he had been working and put up at the residence of his father-in-law, Peter Johndraw, at Eagle Hill. He broke out with a bad rash but recovered from it after some time. Other members of the household were seized with the same disease and two infant children died of it. Up to this time they had no medical attendance, being either ignorant of or anxious to conceal the real nature of the disease. Friends and neighbors appear to have been allowed access to the house, though not permitted to come near those who were sick. On Monday morning Dr. Newton having been sent for the previous day went up to visit the sick when he found that the disease was small-pox. He immediately informed the Indian department who wired him to use every means possible to prevent the spread of the disease. Constables were placed on duty to prevent all communication with the house and Mr. Hill, the Agent for the Reserve, ordered the schools to be closed. There are now only two young men suffering from the disease and they are rapidly recovering. Dr. Newton is hopeful that the disease will not spread. Johndraw's house at Eagle Hill is a most remote and isolated

spot surrounded on three sides by water and separated from all neighbors by the big plains which are three-quarters of a mile wide. This makes it very easy to isolate the patients. It is hoped that every precaution will be taken by the government, for though those affected are not members of the band, they are situated on the Indian Reserve. We presume that churches will be closed and all assemblies on the Reserve strictly forbidden. It is feared that the Trenton authorities are not exercising proper vigilance or these cases would not need to be reported.

## INDIAN RESERVE, CON. 2, GARLOW LINE.

Oneida Sabbath School reorganized. Election of officers as follows: Superintendent, Nelles Monture; Asst-Superintendent, John Butler; Sec.-Treas., J. Johnson. Staff of teachers: Nelles Monture, Arch'd. Russell, James Copland, John Butler, T. Shular, Cora Russell.

## TUSCARORA SOUTH.

The annual Xmas tree of the Sabbath School of the Tuscarora Baptist Church is looked forward to by the old and young as the event of the season. The last annual tree took place on New Year's eve, when the menu of instruction and entertainment was fully up to the standard usually provided by the people of this community. The young people of this community are to be congratulated upon the success which has always characterized the efforts put forth for the amusement and instruction of the general public. Despite the very dark night and inclement weather a large number, who had assembled to listen to the music and speaking and to witness the distribution of presents, were unable to find seats. The decorations of the church were of beautiful evergreens, tastily arranged in arches over the windows, and strands of evergreens suspended from wall to wall, the effect heightened by numberless sitting-Chinese lanterns and tapers. The tree this year taking the form of four arches arranged in a row across the church, on which presents were hung, and a cart built entirely of evergreens on which books, Xmas and New Year's cards, vases of natural and artificial flowers, miniature pianos, etc., were laid, were also greatly admired. The duties of chairman devolved upon Mr. C. B. Russell, who discharged them in a characteristic manner. Excellent addresses were given by Chiefs Levi Jonathan and William Smith, Rev. John Burke, the pastor, and Mr. Samson Green, interspersed with music by the Sour Spring Brass Band. Speaking being concluded the presents were distributed by the Rev. J. Burke, Mr. D. E. Russell and the chairman.

## COMMENTS ON THE BABY.

MOTHER.

"Ain't it a pretty little thing,  
Its eyes so bright and clear?  
What dimpled cheeks, what tiny toes!  
How do you like it, dear?"

FATHER.

"My love, I think thy little babe,  
All other babes excels;  
It has my nose, it has your mouth,  
And—mercy, how it yells!"