

## INDIAN MISSIONS.

In addition to the interesting Report of the Superintendent of the Muncey Mission, the Board of Management have pleasure in placing upon record the opinion of the Hon. Colonel Bruce, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, after a personal visit and examination of the Alderville and Mount Elgin Industrial Schools. Such a testimony must be appreciated by the older members of the Church especially, who have long taken a lively interest in the civil elevation of the Indian character, as well as in his spiritual regeneration.

### MUNCEY.

"The close of another ecclesiastical year reminds me of the duty of furnishing, for the information of the friends and supporters of the Missionary Society, another report on the state and prospects of the Mission, on which, in connexion with brother Sunday, among the Ojebways; Sickles, among the Oneidas; and Halfmoon, among the Muncneys, I have been labouring during the two last past years—years of unusual toil and anxiety.

"As this is a purely Missionary field, so our work has been purely Missionary work, the work of distributing, as the almoners of heaven, '*the Bread of Life*' among the famishing—'*the Sovereign Balm*' among the morally diseased—and the "*Roses of Righteousness*," to hide the shame of their nakedness, among the destitute; a work rendered increasingly arduous, because these gifts are not desired by the mass of those to whom they are presented; requiring to be shewed their necessities, and to have the importance of these gifts made convincingly known. Their vitiated taste renders *the Bread of Life* distasteful; the torpid character of their disease causes them to look with strange indifference on the only suitable remedy; and their long degraded state, and the protracted use of their own evil habits, lead them to turn away from the '*white raiments*,' though so costly and so necessary.

"And yet the work cannot be abandoned. The command is imperative, spoken by Him who could say, when giving it, '*All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth, go ye therefore*;' and who still says, '*occupy till I come*.' These commands which have constantly im-

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