

Indians. Perhaps my convictions on this subject had better remain where they are, than to have publicity.

The Indians, or the principal part of them, now reside on the south side of the river, and have consequently to cross when attending the service held in the chapel; and it is delightful to see, on Sunday mornings, the numbers crossing and repairing to the House of God. Notwithstanding this inconvenience, and the distance many have to come, our congregations are large—the white inhabitants of the neighbourhood greatly contributing to its increase.

Having no School-house on the south side of the river, and the one on the north side being very inconvenient, few Indian children have attended. The School, however, has been large, from the attendance of White children. This arrangement was made immediately after the last Conference, with Mr. Senior (our Schoolmaster), by the inhabitants and myself,—guaranteeing a proportion of his salary from the funds of the Mission, on condition of the School being open for as many of the Indian children as might attend.

This arrangement, on the whole, I thought the best; for, last year, when there was no school on the south side of the river, among the Indians, ours was removed over, and in a few weeks the Agent of the New England Society commenced one immediately in the rear of us. We had no desire to compete with one who had such ample resources at command; nor were we jealous by whom the children of the Indians should be instructed, so that the intellectual and moral condition were improved.

Although we have no increase of members, we trust we have of actual *religious* growth and Christian stability. Many are worthy of the Christian name.

The prospect of a speedy termination of conflicting efforts in Methodism, on the Grand River, affords no little encouragement that the work in this department will be greatly increased; and that the members will become steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

SNAKE ISLAND MISSION.

This Mission is an island in Lake Simcoe. It appears that nearly all the adult inhabitants are members of the Church. There are no White settlers on the island, save the Missionary's family. The Indians have this year built a Parsonage for the Missionary, and presented it to the Missionary Society. The Rev. Horace Dean has furnished the following interesting report of the Mission for the past year:—

Snake Island, 25th May, 1844.

DEAR BROTHER,—The approaching session of Conference reminds us of the duty of making our annual report. The report of an isolated