

GRAND RIVER:

The seed sown by the noble band of missionaries who have preceded me on the Grand River Mission is alive and growing. Such men as Revs. W. Ryerson, J. Mesmore, and others, have left an undying influence for good.

Methodism has in the past, and is destined in the future, to bring many of the Six-Nation Indians into the fold of Christ. Her superior qualities, so well adapted for mission work, are being acknowledged, even by her opponents here.

The "Gibson" appointment, in an Indian's house, has resolved itself into what is now known as the Onondaga Church—a frame building, 32 x 42, with an end gallery and one acre of land, estimated at a cost of \$1,500. The Bibles, Testaments, and other school-books and appliances, sent by the Society, are doing good work. The Bible and Catechism are used in the day-school as text-books. The children are taught the fear and love of God, and through this influence are converted and united with the Church. At our last Quarterly Meeting some of the children were communicants. This had a quickening influence on the older members. Indian mission work is slow, but by patient care and teaching the work can be done. Pity the poor sinner who will presume to think the work does not pay. With the Indians, corn is the staple article of food. Last year the crop failed, and with them it is difficult this spring to buy food and seed. There is a growing interest manifested in the means of grace. Members, 81.

WILLIAM CROSS.

MUNCEY.

We are thankful to God that we are able to report a good degree of progress during the last Conference year on this mission. We were unable to hold any special revival services during the autumn and winter, on account of the destitution of the people. The August frost of 1883 destroyed nearly all the crops at Muncey, and in consequence the Indians were compelled to go out to work for provisions. Our congregations have been thinly attended for the above reasons. We had, therefore, recourse to pastoral work, and it proved to be very useful to the people. Whenever we found them at home we made our visits, and a number gave their hearts to God. There was also a good revival at the Institution among the pupils and employees.

We have completed our new church and paid for it in full. The church cost us \$650. The Missionary Society made a grant of \$250, leaving \$400 of a balance, which we have been able to raise.

We are sorry that we have to report a decrease in the amount of missionary money raised. This arose from the hard times, and the effort made to clear off the debt on the church.

We report an increase of 13 in the membership, and a total of 202.

A. S. EDWARDS.