

and his salvation. By the punctual attendance of the Walpole Indians upon their prayer and class meetings, the God of Missions has kept them. Our

class at the Sauble of 24 members, is doing well. Our native labourers take turns in visiting them.

NEW CREDIT.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. D. Wright, dated February 28th, 1858.

I intended long before this, to have forwarded to you a short account of this Mission—but one thing after another hitherto prevented until now. We came here the first of July, was kindly met and welcomed by our old friends; but alas! what a change in three years; many of the most pious and useful members of our Church were no more; three more were in a feeble state, and have since followed; some had moved away, and others are abroad—so that our congregations are small, though quite regular in their attendance. Moreover, our former excellent *Choir* of singers, with two or three exceptions, have either gone to heaven, or where they are not heard in the church with us.

The School connected with the Mission was small, and very irregular in their attendance; I thought it best finally to close it for a couple of months. The first of November I took charge myself; for one month I was alone, and had great opposition to contend with; yet, through all the labour both of school and mission, I was enabled to work my way until relief came. The School is doing much better since Miss Ranous came to assist. We have 12 or 13 in the I. Book, 6 in the II. and 8 in the III. There are four boys studying figures; there are six good readers; some seven or eight who write a very good plain hand, and read and spell well; but, *alas!* they know but little of what they read; I am endeavoring to make them understand every word. Our school commences at 9 a. m.; I remain until 12; Miss Ranous continues until 3 p. m., (allowing one hour's intermission,) then closes for the day. I have established a Sabbath School, which meets every Sabbath at half-past nine, and continues for one hour and a half, and is doing exceedingly well under the care of Mrs. Wright and Miss Ranous. The children and young people come very tidy and clean, and are quite regular in their attendance.

As to the state of the Mission I

regret to have to say it is not what it ought to be, considering the many advantages this people have enjoyed for many years. They have always had a School, and it is a fact, that only a few can read and write *understandingly*. Something must be done if we succeed at all. We want a Geography of our country, also a Spelling-book with definitions of words, a short Grammar in catechetical form, and then burn or destroy all Indian Books, and put an end to talking Indian in school—this I am trying to do, and I have my full share of opposition. The old members of our Church on the Mission are very sober and regular in their lives, in fact, I think they would compare favorably with any branch of the Christian Church, either in this or any other country; but many of the younger members of this Mission have repeatedly been caught in the snare of the *devil*, with tiplars and drunkards—so that after a proper Disciplinary dressing, we find our numbers less by twelve than when we came on the mission. Drinking strong drinks I believe to be injurious to any person, but they are fearfully fatal to our Indians.

I have taken up an appointment in a neighborhood of Mohawks, about three and a half miles from the Mission-house, where I think we shall soon have a fine Church; we have three good members now, and a fair prospect of more being added soon.

The appointment among the Delawares is not well attended. The members are quite regular, and sober now, as far as I know, but they are few and far from each other—poor but pious. They (with myself) are somewhat embarrassed in building their small Chapel and School-house; we are in hopes of getting relief soon. We suffer much here for want of a way out to the plank road. For several months I had to walk to my appointments, and hold three services every Sabbath, and walking seven miles one day, and all of eight the other. Our