

INDIAN MISSIONS.

CHRISTIAN ISLAND, ONTARIO.

From the REV. ALLEN SALT, dated January 10th, 1876.

The classes have been reorganized. Our religious meetings are well attended, and a few of the Potawatamies have joined with us. A Sabbath school we have commenced has thirty-three scholars and five teachers. The First Catechism is taught to all. A section is first explained in the Chipewewa language, and then all the classes are taught the same by the teachers, after which questions and answers on the lesson are given in the Indian language. Our late Quarterly Meeting was comforting to many and to my sorrowful heart.* In our missionary meeting the people subscribed very liberally.

I visited Beausoliel Island late in the Fall. I enjoyed the meetings I had with the natives. Sixteen meet in class every Sunday, led by one of

them. I intend to visit them again when practicable.

Our prospects of being useful on this mission are encouraging. The day-school is attended by twenty-three children, and the average attendance is sixteen. The greater part of them are reading the First Book of Lessons.

The intention of my hurried letter was to acquaint you that it was the Indians' own desire to pay one hundred dollars per annum out of their funds towards the salary of our present teacher. I may be allowed to state that with my supervision, he is doing well, and gives satisfaction. I hope you will allow him to continue a few months, for his desire is to go to some high school next summer, if God spares him. We are thankful for your sympathies and prayers for us.

 HIAWATHA—RICE LAKE.

From the REV. WM. ANDREWS, dated Hiawatha, Nov. 26th, 1875.

The congregations at Hiawatha are good. The Indians attend well. The class and prayer-meetings are seasons of spiritual refreshing. We purpose soon to commence special services, and expect showers of blessings.

I devote my time and attention to the good and well-being of the Indians. On Sabbath my duties are as follow: at 10.30 I preach; at the close of the service I meet my family

and two or three white persons in class; in the afternoon I superintend the Sabbath-school and conduct a Bible-class of Indian young men and two or three whites; and then at 6.30 I have public service again—a good congregation, chiefly Indians.

Since I came here I have buried several—two last week, an aged Indian woman and a young man.

 ALDERVILLE, ONT.

DEATH OF THE REV. JOHN SUNDAY.

From the REV. ROBERT BROOKING, dated Alderville, December 29th, 1875.

I send you some particulars respecting the last sickness and dying testimony of our dear Bro. Sunday.

His illness continued little over a week,—the attack of erysipelas, which first laid him down, was followed by

his old complaint (the gravel), which quickly put an end to his useful life.

Until the last few days we all cherished a strong hope of his recovery, and he himself desired to live a little longer, if it were the will of God. He

* Bro. Salt recently interred two grown-up daughters.