

is to reside. This Band is more numerous than that at Rice Lake, so that of course there is need for a resident Missionary. But, as all the Indians who profess religion are Members of our Church, and strongly attached to our doctrines and usages, it seems a pity that the resident Missionary is not a Methodist. If our Mission authorities could make some arrangements with the Company to this effect, there would be much toil and money saved—the Indians would be better satisfied—and our work would be much more thoroughly done. Members, 43.

W. SHERIDAN.

ST. CLAIR.

As the Conference year draws near its close, it becomes the duty of the resident Missionary to take a review of the past year, and present a report to the Society of the state of the work on this old and important Indian Mission, where so many have toiled in years past, and where such a large amount of money has been expended for the benefit of this people—and what shall we say? We find ourselves at a loss, not for the want of matter to make out a report, but, where there are so many points of interest, to sufficiently condense our remarks so that they may find a place for whom they are intended, and be satisfactory to ourselves, as well as to the Mission Board, and give a true representation of the general character and state of this Mission. We would, first of all, say, that we are thankful to God for the mercies of the past year. It has been our desire to keep in mind that we are here to do this people good, temporally and spiritually. Circumstanced as this people are, it is no small thing to be able to say: at the end of another year, that, by God's help—we held not only our own—but have made some advancement. The year, as it has passed along, has brought its trials, &c., but we have had many happy meetings together, and we are sorry to leave them. During the year we have dropped two; one of our oldest members died happy in the Lord, and, we have no doubt, has gone home to Ishpeming; we have received three on trial; we return 193 members. The Sabbath School has been kept up during the year, excepting when the Indians were from home. Mrs. Hurlburt has had a very interesting class of girls in the Sabbath School, reading in the New Testament. We think that among the young people on this Mission, there is a strong desire for education. Many of them have gone to the School at Muncey, and many more of them wish to go. They think well of the School—and we are pleased to see them take such an interest in education. We think it is a good sign of better days coming. The appointment at Kettle Point has been faithfully attended. We have a good cause at this distant place. Our last quarterly meeting, at St. Clair Church, was a glorious meeting. The Church was filled with devout worshippers of the Great Spirit. Members 193.

E. HURLBURT.