

man of steady, sober habits, and is likely to be very useful to the mission. The Superintendent of the Alnwick school informed me that, while at that institution he stood first in the entire school, although many white as well as Indian children were in the school. I cannot say that he is truly pious, but should the Spirit of God change his heart, which I pray may soon be the case, I should look to him with a good deal of hope for carrying on the work among his red brethren.

The agents employed in the mission are Mr. James Atkey school teacher, and Missionary at Colpoys Bay; Henry Jones general interpreter for missionary and superintendent, John Johnson and John Angelahbo, native evangelists Saugeen, occasionally visiting Colpoys Bay and other places, and myself as superintendent. For myself, however, I must say that for the past year I hardly knew what my relation to the missions was. There was no one to say anything to me about it, and no guarantee for any amount for my labours. I assumed however the same relation that I held when the mission was formally connected with the Mission Society, and I assume that relation still. I feel myself now however, in a position in which I can do very little for the mission unless I have some guarantee from some source or other. I have considerable of a family to provide for under God, and have no means for providing except the axe, the handspike, the hoe, and other implements of husbandry required to make a living in the bush. With no hands but my own to provide for myself, my wife and five children, and that in the bush too, you may be assured requires all the time that passes by. This report might have been one week sooner could I have spared time to write it. Still I manage to preach every Lord's day, and once a month preach to the Indians and administer the supper to them. This must suffice on this part of the subject.

The churches are in number two. That at Saugeen containing twenty members, and about 20 adherents, not members, making their congregations average from twenty to forty. Their services are preaching twice on the sabbath, a sabbath and a week-day prayer meeting. At Colpoys Bay the church contains thirteen members, with congregations ranging from twenty to fifty. Their services are preaching twice on Lord's day, and Sabbath school. The Sabbath school numbers from 10 to 23; both churches have been stationary for the past year. The school at present is doing a good work. In several branches the children seem to be advancing rapidly, and at the same time are acquiring a knowledge of the English language, an important item in their calculation. The number in attendance ranges from 12 to 23, averaging about 15 or 16. This I find to be more than attend, any other Indian school in any of the tribes of this region, although the band here is not half so numerous as any of the others. Had we means of boarding children from abroad, we could have any number in attendance, but we are restricted here to about the number before mentioned, 24 or 25, being all the children of this band of the proper ages to attend school.

Mr. Sky who was suspended for sin, I trust has truly repented, and the church has so far forgiven him as to retain him in full membership, but refuse to hear him preach. If the mission however, should be extended and work was to be done elsewhere, I think he might be safely trusted. For the present year commencing July 1st, I intend to give the interpreter but \$50, with which he is satisfied, which will save \$50 of the funds.

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