

It is with deep regret that we have to state that some of the Indians at this Mission, particularly the youth, occasionally take the Fire-waters, when out amongst the white people; and it has been found necessary to enforce discipline in a few cases.

This Society has been somewhat weakened from the circumstance of so many of our official members having been called out into the work at other Missions. There are no less than ten of our brothers employed in the work in different parts of this country. There are in Society 73 Indians and 8 Whites, making a total of 81 members.

Soon after the Special Conference, an arrangement was made with the Toronto Circuit preachers to take into their work a few appointments amongst the white people, from which places a number of members were returned last year.

The Mission School numbers 23 scholars, who have made considerable progress in their studies; 4 read in the English Reader and Cypher, 8 read in the Testament, 7 in Easy Reading and Spelling, and the remainder in the Alphabet and Abs; 12 write.

The Sunday School, conducted by Mr. John Jones, has been in active operation during the year; it numbers about 30 scholars, who have recited 6212 verses of Scripture. It is to be hoped that the good seed sown in the minds of these children will have its desired effect in producing an abundant harvest, and preparing many souls for the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The friends of Christian Missions will be glad to know that the Indian community, with the assistance of some of their white neighbours, have done more this year towards raising funds for the Missionary Society than on any former occasion, having contributed the noble sum of £31 12s. 14d., besides paying for the repairing of the Mission Chapel to the amount of £26 2s. 6d.

That the blessing of the Great Spirit may still rest on this Mission, and prosper the poor Indians more and more, both in temporal and spiritual good, is the sincere prayer of their friends,

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PETER JONES, } *Missionaries.*

INDIANS AT MUD LAKE AND BALSAM LAKE.

The Indians at these places may be considered as the remains of two important and flourishing Missions—the one at Grape Island, and the other at Rice Lake. Two or three years since, the Indians at Grape Island removed to Alnwick, on the south shore of Rice Lake, where they have formed a settlement, called “Aldersville,” and have thus become connected with what was called the Rice Lake Mission. The Indians at Mud and Balsam Lakes have been heretofore visited by the Missionaries at Rice Lake. The Indians at Rice Lake have been induced to leave the Conference under whose labours they received their spiritual birth, and were nourished during a period of fifteen years, and to unite with the English Conference. The Committee rejoice that the spiritual interests of these poor people