

gratitude that we acknowledge the speciality and kindness of the providence which has so far restored our venerated friend to health, as to enable him to resume his pulpit labours. The Mission premises need immediate attention, especially the Indian church."

MOUNT ELGIN AND MUNCEY.—The brief yet various particulars sent by the Rev James Musgrove, Principal of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institution, especially the statement, that there is "still much cause for thankfulness to God," will be received with satisfaction.

"At different times during the year a much larger number of our people than usual, both among the Ojibways and Oneidas, were absent on their hunting and fishing excursions. This is to be accounted for in part by the failure of their crops (corn and potatoes), caused by the severe frosts in the month of June, and partly because of their indolent and roving habits.

"Their long absence from the Mission, and want of the regular means of grace, necessarily interfere with their spiritual enjoyments. Their absence also affects the members who remain at home; it seriously interferes with the regular meeting of the classes, and in this way, both those who are away and those who are at home, sustain spiritual loss. Notwithstanding this, on a review of the past, we find that we have still much cause for thankfulness to God, for what he has done for us in connection with this Mission through the year. The Lord has been specially with us at times, in the public assemblages of his people. Our Quarterly Meetings have been seasons of refreshing; and although we cannot speak of the gracious outpouring of the Spirit in the awakening and conversion of souls to the same extent as on former occasions, yet, we have not been entirely destitute of awakening and converting grace; a few have been brought to God, and are numbered with his people; three have died happy in the Lord, and are now in heaven, and a few have been dropped for neglect of duty. Our numbers remain about the same as last year.

"Our Industrial School has been doing well, and is at the present time in a good state. To enter into particulars, would only be to reiterate what we have stated in former years. Our number is more than complete, we have upwards of forty regular boarders in attendance, many of them adults. Their conduct through the year, almost without exception, has been uniformly good; they have applied themselves to their literary studies, and diligently attended to their Industrial and domestic training. The Bible Class and Sabbath School, have been attended to as usual, and the children have been greatly benefited thereby. May they make good use of all the advantages they now enjoy, and on leaving the Institution be rendered a great blessing to their people!"

ST. CLAIR.—The news sent from this Mission, the establishment of which caused much anxiety, is as cheering to the Rev. Thomas Hurlburt as it is to the Committee, and is a corroboration of a sound remark frequently made, that a persistence in duty will bring prosperity.

"We are thankful to the Giver of all good, that at the close of another Conference year we are able to report that the past year has been one of steady progress. For the first time in the history of this Mission, we have been able to get up and sustain an efficient Sabbath School and Bible Class. We have over fifty children and young people receiving Bible instruction an hour or two every Sabbath before Divine service. Our Library contains 200 volumes, which, with the fixtures, has cost about thirty dollars, all of which has been done without drawing on the funds of the Missionary Society. Our head Chief is our most efficient Sabbath School teacher. We hope through the Divine blessing on our labours to see great good result to the rising generation from our Sabbath School operations. There is a steady advance among our people both here and at the Sauble in agricultural and other improvements.