

Hence it is that many of our schools prove unsuccessful in accomplishing the good desired; others are a continual burden to officers, teachers and scholars, and many are entirely discontinued. From these and similar causes many populous neighbourhoods are entirely destitute of such institutions; and when recommended, ignorance of their working, timidity about commencing, and inability to conduct them, are the usual pleas for neglecting them. How then shall we obviate these slight difficulties, which prevent so much good?

We think some *plain, clear, and definite* instructions regarding the Sabbath School institution—the constitution of a school—the duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent and officers individually, with the necessary instructions for teachers and children, appearing from time to time in one or both of our periodicals, would tend very decidedly to remove embarrassment, improve the schools already in operation, facilitate the establishment of others, to lead to more uniformity.

The *Sunday School Guardian* would be a desirable medium for such necessary information. But it is not known very extensively in the country. This difficulty, however, could easily be removed by a slight effort on the part of our ministers and other interested friends. It is *prized* by our friends and *loved* by the children who have perused it—its present standing, its objects, and its remarkably low price commend it to a circulation even more extensive than our larger sheet. What Sabbath School cannot return ten subscribers at one shilling each? Our ministers might place it in the hands of almost every child, by simply recommending it and enlist-

ing the services of a few young persons as agents.

You inform us that the June number will commence a new volume—may we hope that such pleasurable efforts will be immediately made and important ends secured?

J. E. S.

Chinguacousy, May 28th, 1852.

WESLEYAN MISSION AT RICE LAKE, UPPER CANADA,

The *Juvenile Offering*, from which this account of the Rice Lake Mission is taken, contains, as the reader will see, a picture of the Wesleyan Mission premises; but not having the cut, we are unable to give it in the *S. S. Guardian*. But we have no doubt that the reading will be very interesting to our young friends without the picture.

This beautiful and flourishing Mission is situated on the shores of the Rice Lake, Upper Canada, among the Ojibway Indians, some of the scattered tribes who once peopled that immense country.

In order that you may know how much good has been done among these Indians by the Missionaries, I will tell you what they were in their heathen state, and what they were 6 months ago, (1851,) when a friend visited the Mission-Station.

Formerly the Indians were always roaming over the country in search of game for food, and wild animals, whose skins they sold to traders for guns, whiskey, and rum: they were very fond of these firewaters, as they called them, and would drink till they were quite mad; then, in their fury, seizing their weapons, they fought, and many were killed in these drunken fits. The state of the females was very wretched; the men were tyrants and the women slaves, obliged to do all the work and carry heavy