

INDIAN MISSIONS.

NEW CREDIT.—The Rev. Thomas Williams' report is comprehensive and minute, and well presents the state and prospects of a Mission where several native languages are spoken among a people nearly the first in Western Canada to exchange paganism for christianity, and who will never cease to be grateful debtors of their lamented chief and benefactor, the devoted Peter Jones.

"Our principal appointment is the New Credit Mission proper. There is sustained a Mission Day-school. In connection with this appointment we have five Indian classes and one small class of Whites. Our older people here still manifest a pleasing attachment to the house and worship of God.

"We have a good general attendance upon our public services and at our Sabbath prayer-meetings. There is a good attendance upon our Day and Sabbath Schools; in the latter several of the young people of both sexes labour as teachers, and manifest a growing interest in their classes and in the school, and I think there is quite an improvement in their general conduct. Our efforts to impress upon them the importance of surrounding themselves with all the comforts of civilized and christian homes have not been without success.

"Our second station or appointment is among a band of Delaware Indians. They live about four miles from New Credit. The work among them began about three years ago; then, we have had to pass through trials; but we have had reason to admire the constancy and faithfulness of a few devoted people. They have won my warm affection by the manner in which they bore their trials.

"Our third appointment is among some families of Onandagas, who were once connected with the Grand River Mission. They are surrounded by pagans of their own nation and the Cayugas. They seem steady and pious, but manifest very little ambition to improve their social condition.

"And we have another appointment among some Mohawk families who have not long since moved into the vicinity of New Credit. I feel admonished that a Missionary to the Indians must be unceasingly vigilant."

GRAND RIVER.—The Rev. James Harris sends favourable intelligence from this the first Methodist Indian Mission in the country.

"We entered upon our labours on this Mission in January, and though it has been in an unsettled state during the year, through changes in its pastorate, it has enjoyed some prosperity. The Camp meeting held in September last was successful, and followed by a protracted meeting, in which several were converted. The Rev. David Wright also succeeded in finding out several whose names had not previously been on the Church's roll, but who are now reported as members. My colleague has been laborious and successful in pastoral visitation and the public ministry. The result is found in our return of an increase of about fifteen full members, and two on trial.

"The Indians have erected and nearly finished a log church in the rear of the Reserve, known as Thompson's neighbourhood. The Temperance cause, through the blessing of God, has accomplished wonders among the poor Indians.

"The Sabbath School is in successful operation, and is likely to do much for the rising generation. By the action of the last Conference, the white society at the Salt Springs was placed under the pastoral charge of the Rev. William Ryerson, whose labours have been admirably successful. A large Society is now gathered in, and a neat brick church is almost completed. It is with unfeigned

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