

feeling is greatly promoted through the influence exercised over many of them by unprincipled white men mingled among them. If this band could be induced to join a stronger one, more excluded from the influence of a white population unfavorable to morality and godliness, much more might be accomplished, at a less cost physically and financially; and yet, while they remain as they are I do not see how the church which has originated and fostered Christianity among the aborigines of Canada, can consistently abandon these few reclaimed ones from heathenism to the recklessness of unregenerate humanity. The number of members returned this year is 24, one less than last, caused by death. Perhaps the change of the missionary may have a beneficial influence on the band. Members, 34. D. B. MADDEN.

ALDERVILLE.

Since our last report, our Chief, John Sunday, son of the late Rev. John Sunday, has passed from earth to heaven. He has had to wade through deep waters since his father's death, from ill health intensified by family trouble; but his end was peace. During the year, our Indians have expended nearly \$200, in new shingling the church, and re-painting it on the outside; they have also contributed \$25 towards the Case-Sunday monument, which is now erected, and with which they are greatly pleased. The spiritual state of this Mission is not all that could be desired; but by the blessings of our Heavenly Father, we are still making some little progress in Divine things. Our last quarterly meeting, attended by Brother Fish, was one of great spiritual interest, and was much enjoyed both by Indians and Whites. It seems trite now to say that one of the greatest hindrances is the use of strong drink, nevertheless, none but those who have to contend with it on Indian missions, can fully understand its fearfully ruinous influence. We have had to drop some whose conduct did not become the gospel of Christ. Our day-school, under the faithful labours of Miss Millard, has been more than usually prosperous, and the average attendance larger during the past year; and our Sabbath school, we hope, is doing a good work. Notwithstanding the very hard times, our missionary subscriptions exceed last year's. Present membership: Indians, 38; Whites, 9; Indians on trial, 4; making a total of 51.

ROBT. BROOKING.

HIAWATHA.

This station has had to mourn the loss of its beloved missionary, the Rev. Wm. Andrews. His health has been feeble for some years, but he had sufficient energy to devote himself most efficiently to the spiritual care of an Indian charge. Under his wise and sympathetic management, the people prospered in the Divine life. His last sickness was of short duration, but he died in the full assurance of a glorious immortality. Miss Andrews who has had charge of the day-school writes,—“The Indians are doing nobly; their thoughtful kindness we will never forget, and we have two young Christian Indians who are ornaments to their profession, so faithful and sincere.”—Members, 40.

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