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evil is done by the persistent illegal selling of liquor to those who will keep their mouths shut, by some in Orillia and other places. The school is in a very unsatisfactory state, and in this respect is no exception to Indian schools generally. The teacher has done her utmost, but the children will not come, and the parents will not send them. Compulsion is the only thing that will be effective. It is more needed here than in English schools. They have good land, and numbers of them are doing pretty well in the cultivation of their small farms of 25 acres. But they are hampered by not being able to keep a team on so small an acreage. The women, many of them, are quite industrious, and earn considerable money during the year by making and selling baskets and porcupine-quill work. I pray for their prosperity in all good.

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#### ALDERVILLE.

The Fenella part of this work was for many years self sustaining. The Alderville part is an Indian mission. Three years ago the two were united. That union has certainly effected a great saving in the outlay of missionary money. Apart from that, the results have not been of the most happy character. A religious awakening prevailed among the Indians during the winter, resulting in several accessions to the membership upon profession of faith. About sixty per cent. of the Indian members attend class.

In addition to the regular weekly prayer-meeting, cottage meetings for prayer and testimony were maintained until the muskrat season set in. After that the gun and the trap seemed to possess greater charms for the Indians than the means of grace. Members, 48.

JOSEPH C. BELL.

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#### MUD LAKE.

A week of revival service among the Indians at Chemong Village produced some beneficial effects. A special feature of the work among the Indians has been the temperance work. If this people are to be advanced temporally and spiritually, they must be kept away from intoxicating liquors. The Band of Hope for the juveniles, and regular monthly meetings for the grown-up people, have done much to instil sound temperance principles among them. Members, 21.

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#### HIAWATHA.

The year now closing has been one of peculiar care and toil. The people, so prone to evil, require constant care and faithful nursing. Sometimes it requires all the ingenuity and energy of the resident missionary to meet and control the various tendencies to evil peculiar to the Indian character. It is, in my opinion, absolutely necessary that a missionary should live amongst them. During the month of February we conducted special services, which were owned and blessed