

"Our day school is in a more encouraging state at present than it was at the commencement of the year. Scholars 37 in number; over 20 of whom attend regularly."

MUNCEY MISSION.

This locality, whether viewed as to its natural advantages of climate and soil, favourable to the prosecution of the enterprise now commencing with the active operations of the Industrial School, or estimated by the number of Indians on the reserve and its immediate neighbourhood, occupies a prominent place in the Society's Missionary Stations. Of its religious state the following report from the Rev. S. D. Rice is sufficiently explicit:—

"In reporting the work of God on this Mission, we have to record the usual facts of removals, deaths, backslidings, and conversions. The work among the Oneidas is in an improved state. Several during the year have been restored to the Church, and to the favour of God, and there is a pleasing stability in religious professors. The congregations are large and attentive. In Lower Muncey the work is pleasing. Holy influences are very generally manifest in the public worship, and the members steadfastly pursue their course towards the mark for the prize of their high calling.

"Among the Ojebways, we have some devoted, faithful members. The year has been one of agitation, and many who were led into the opposing counsels have fallen through drunkenness, the great bane of religion among us. Of those who are reported as members there are very few in whose religious integrity we have not confidence. The congregations are large. The influences of Divine Grace are very manifest at times. Temporally our people here are improving. They have been diligently employed during the Spring in sowing and planting. Much requires to be done, and a more energetic system in the missionary enterprise will have to be adopted before greater results can be expected.

"Two members have died during the year.

"We have two Sabbath Schools not in a very efficient state for want of Teachers. They number 50 children in the whole."

MOUNT ELGIN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

In the erection of these buildings and the opening of the school, the Society have experienced some disappointment in the esteemed agencies by whom the work was expected to be conducted. The