



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, INDIAN RESERVE, MUNCEY TOWN,
DIOCESE OF HURON.

and encamp and hunt upon the sites of what are now flourishing towns and villages. Game was plentiful and furnished him with an easy means of support.

Muncey Town was then the headquarters in that part of the country of two tribes of Indians; the Ojibeways, who were the original owners of the soil, and the Munceys, who came and settled there at the time of the American War of Independence, preferring to leave their lands in the United States and cast in their lot with the British, whose firm allies they had been during the war.

Again, in 1812, both these tribes proved their loyalty afresh, and the name of Tecumseth, who fell while resisting the advance of the Americans, will ever be inscribed on the roll of heroes. These were the tribes—all pagans then—amongst which this mission was first begun.

It was not long, however, before a third tribe came and settled on the opposite side of the river, and hearing of the preaching of the Gospel amongst their red-skinned brethren, sent to ask the missionary to come and preach to them also. Mr. Flood was the missionary to the English settlers in the neighborhood as well, and lived some distance from the Indian Reserve, so that all his efforts could not be put forth amongst them, but notwithstanding this the preaching of the Gospel gradually made itself felt. First one and then another was won for Christ, and witnessed both in life and in death that they were His. Small log school houses were built on each side of the river, and the children were gathered together and taught to read and instructed in the Bible and the Cate-

chism. The New Testament and parts of the Prayer Book were with much labor translated into their different dialects, and many of the Indians, old and young, learned to read and love them.

As an instance of this, an Indian came to the missionary one day and said that when his house had been burnt down a little while before he had lost everything, including his Indian New Testament, and as he could not read English he was very anxious to get another, as he loved to read it. These log buildings served also for churches, and from them went up the voice of prayer and the sweet and plaintive voices of the Indians mingled in the praises of the Sanctuary.

After a time, through the efforts of Mr. Flood, a very creditable church was built, in which a tablet to his memory, always pointed to by the Indians with great affection, marks

his thirty years of earnest service amongst them.

The Rev. H. Pahtahquahong Chase, an hereditary chief of the Ojibeway tribe, continued the good work already commenced, and through his efforts amongst friends in England, where he is well and favorably known, two brick churches were built. When H. R. H. the Prince of Wales visited Canada, Mr. Chase was the Indian chief chosen by the General Council of the Ojibeways to read the address presented by that tribe. After many years of active service, at the age of over seventy, he was superannuated.

The Rev. A. Grasett Smith was then appointed as his successor, on account of his many years of experience amongst the Indian tribes.

Under God a great deal has been accomplished, both for the material and spiritual welfare of these people, and of this they are deeply sensible. But still a great many things need to be done, and the foremost of these in things material is a parsonage. The Indians themselves recognize this, and have subscribed \$300 towards it, which for them means a great deal, for they have very little. When it is understood that in addition to this they pay half the stipend of their missionary, support half their schools, and gave besides last year nearly \$50 to send the Gospel to others, it may fairly be said of them that they have "done what they could."

The sum raised in Canada for the proposed parsonage is about \$800, leaving \$1,500 still to be provided. Mr. Smith is now in England for the purpose of collecting this amount, of which part has already been given, and he will be thankful to receive any further donations.