

## ANNUAL REPORT

ENDING 1st SEPT. 1829.

In presenting the fifth Annual Report of the Missionary Society, the Committee have the pleasing satisfaction of announcing to the Members and friends of the Society, that the work of conversion continues to prevail among the wandering tribes of our wilderness,—the Schools are in a prosperous condition, and are increasing in number, and several bodies of the Indian converts, who have been encouraged to settle, are losing their attachment to a roving life, and are engaging in the labours of agriculture and the improvements of Mechanism.

By reference to the Table which is annexed to this Report (marked A.) it will be seen that during the past year more than 200 converted natives have been added to the Church of Christ, thereby swelling the number of Christian converts to 1052. The same table shews that *four new* Schools have been established; making in all, sixteen. In these Schools are taught more than four hundred native children, about 80 of whom are reading in the New Testament.

The *new* Schools, instituted during the past year, are as follows: one among the Mohawks, on the Grand River; one for the benefit of the Mohawk children at the Bay Quinty; one at Mah-je-dushik Bay, Lake Huron; and a Female School among the Rice Lake Indians, at Schoogog-Lake. The whole number of Schools have been established in compliance with the earnest solicitations of the *natives themselves*, who have, since their conversion, evinced the most ardent desire to hear their children read the "Good Book." Other Schools, *now* called for, will be opened when the means can be obtained for erecting the necessary buildings, and the support of Teachers.

The education of the Native Children, it is believed should be principally in the English language, there being so few translations into the Indian tongue. When a knowledge of the English is once obtained, it will be no difficult task to learn the scholars to read their native tongue. The most effectual means should therefore be adopted which may lead to the pronunciation of the English. To accomplish this object, the *Pestalozzian* system has been adopted; a system which combines instruction with amusement, and necessary bodily exercise with entertaining labour of mind, and renders the studies of the children delightful, at the same time that it promotes health.