

ur last Conference, several have cast their lot with us, especially from among the more youthful portion of the community. Some backsliders have also been reclaimed; and the Society, generally, is in a healthy state.

There is also a general desire among our people to improve their temporal circumstances. Many who have never before engaged in farming their land, are now preparing to do so in the spring, as they now begin to see the advantage of it. I expect, that before long, the old village will be almost deserted, except by a few of the oldest Indians, who are now past labour. As fast as the old houses get uninhabitable, the younger ones prefer to go on their lots to rebuild their houses, where they have suitable land for cultivation, and where they build much superior houses to those of the old class. They also furnish them more comfortably, and indeed, are far more comfortable in every respect. Nor in the march of improvement are they forgetful of their Missionary, whom they wished to see more comfortably domiciled. The old Mission-house being almost uninhabitable, they have given much more eligible site for a new one; and as they have no money to give, they have promised to give me 25 days' work towards the erection of it.

We have succeeded in securing the services of a school-master, whose labours are greatly appreciated. It is true that we cannot secure the attendance of a very large number at any one time, but quite a good number avail themselves of the School, as

they can spare time. Most of the young people of both sexes spend a part of their time at the school, when they are at home; and I think I am safe in saying, that on no Indian Mission at which I have been, has the desire for mental improvement been so manifest as here, and as a necessary consequence, the improvement is much greater. Some of our young people are fond of reading, and would greatly value the gift of a small library. Could not some of our wealthy friends who have the welfare of the poor Indian at heart, help us a little in this matter.

I might further state that these people do what they can in aid of the Mission Funds. Our Missionary Meeting, which was held on the 3rd of January, was a great success. Upwards of one hundred dollars were subscribed; and in addition to this, as you are aware, fifty dollars are allowed by the band out of their funds towards the school; so that you will probably receive more from this Indian Mission than from any other in connection with us.

On Friday, March 28th, we held our Missionary Meeting in Mara: which was also successful. The day was one of the most stormy of the season, yet we had a good attendance, and the avails were very creditable for the few adherents we have at that place. I have no doubt that the whole of the returns for this Mission, including the fifty dollars from the Indian Funds, will be near *one hundred and seventy-five dollars*.

*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. E. Sallows, dated Garden River, February 20th, 1862.*

Clouds which seemed to threaten us, are passing over, and light from above is shining upon our path, and cheering our hearts. We have had retroacted services among the Indians, assisted by Brother Ashquabe, which have been owned of God to the salvation of souls. We have better attendance on public worship, and the class and prayer meetings are refreshing seasons.

We have taken up two appointments among the whites; one at the flourishing village of Sault St. Marie, where we have an encouraging congregation, highly educated, who appreciate our services; and the other about five miles above the village, which place we have to reach on snow shoes; but are abundantly rewarded for our toil when we witness the gratitude manifested for the priv-