

Some of the Indians are rather fastidious, one man brought back a lovely warm undergarment and said it smelt ; it was quite new, and certainly had a slight flavor of a sea voyage ; however, we did not argue the point but let him leave it. The Indians here have been much excited over the disturbance in Sitting Bull's Camp, and have been coming in daily for information. The school at Eagle Ribs was only opened in November—thirty children are on the register. We are teaching them straw hat making and knitting, besides lessons. School lasts only four hours daily, but we have a night-school for adults. W.W.

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IROQUOIS TEMPERANCE LEAGUE.

THE Iroquois Temperance League held a very successful Convention at Onondago Reserve, New York State, a short time ago, which lasted three days ; delegates from the various tribes of this once powerful league coming together for the purpose to this historic point. The League has a membership, according to reports, of about six hundred persons. It may be proper to give a slight glimpse into the history of the attempted suppression of the sale of intoxicating liquors to and among the Indians. The first organized body was formed about sixty years ago, under the name of "The Six Nations Forest Temperance Society," many of its leading characters being the Canadian portion of the Six Nations ; indeed, Canada has been the recognized headquarters of the League until four years ago, when, at a meeting in Alleghany, it was passed by resolution separating the portions, now under the two flags, who were once a united people, hence "The Iroquois Temperance League" is simply a branch of the old standard which still flourishes in Canada. I have been able to find only one Indian who lives to tell the story of the parent formation of this society. He is Samuel Jacobs, a Tuscarora, who lives near Lewiston, N.Y. Notwithstanding his age, he is still a hearty fellow—he was born in 1815. On Tuesday evening, 7th inst., the Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. Frank Mount Pleasant, of Tuscarora, in the First Episcopal Methodist Church at Onondaga Castle, N.Y. In spite of heavy rains there was a large attendance. After a few remarks from the President, Mr. Alfred Cusick delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the Onondaga people. This was replied to by the Father of the League, Chief Samuel Jacobs, of Tuscarora. The Secretary, Mr. Daniel E. Slongo, of Alleghany, read the minutes of last meeting, then the rest of the meeting was occupied by speeches, singing and music from Logan's Seneca National Concert Band, which accompanied the delegates and members from Cattaraugus, Alleghany and Corn Planter