

Indian school in the Indian village of St. Francis, near Lake St. Peter, of the tribe of Abenakis. The master, who is likewise interpreter of the tribe, and receives £20 sterling per annum from the Government, appears to feel a deep interest in the welfare of this school. He writes under date of January last: 'The interest I feel for the instruction of our Indian children will always lead me to do all in my power to promote it, and I am convinced no reformation can be effected without the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.' By a letter of a recent date he states the number of children in the school to be very small, in consequence of some of the children being employed in harvest; but he thinks that if the improved system of mutual instruction were introduced, about 80 might be collected. The Indians and Canadians in the village have entered into a subscription to build a school-house, and have applied to your Committee for a plan of the building, which they have gladly sent to them. The school-house, which they propose immediately to build, will accommodate 100 children. The two Indians from this tribe who have attended your school since May last for the purpose of being qualified, the elder, Simon Annance, aged 25 years, as school-master, the younger, aged 17, as general monitor, have made considerable progress in writing, arithmetic and the English language. The elder, who has studied about four years in a missionary college in the United States, is nearly competent to organize and conduct the Indian school, to which your Committee propose sending him this fall. They both promise to be useful. Towards the maintenance and instruction of these two Indians His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie has very generously contributed £20."

An effort, to which the Society lent itself, was made to secure on a larger scale the well-being of the Indian population. A special meeting was called on the 21st February, 1825, attended by Messrs. John Frothingham, D. Fisher, J. Torrance and W. Lunn.

"The Secretary laid before the Committee a plan by Rev. Thaddeus Osgood to ameliorate the condition of the Indians in Canada, and to qualify young persons to be masters to supply the destitute settlements.

"The plan being read, it was resolved

"That as Mr. Osgood is about to proceed to Great Britain to raise a fund for the promotion of this object, and otherwise to assist this Society, the Secretary is hereby directed to prepare and deliver to Mr. Osgood a certificate of recommendation.