

and did not chop enough wood to serve me to-day over, and I am obliged to pick a few chips to keep us warm." The other thought there was some distinction between Christmas-day and the Sabbath, but proposed to enquire of the Missionary. I told him it was good to abstain from labour on Christmas-day—that we might worship God, and think on his great goodness in sending his Son into the world to redeem us; but in a case like the one in question, we should not do wrong in providing for a pressing want, as Christmas-day was not commanded to be kept holy in the word of God, but was attended to by pious men for these purposes.

4. Their *Christian* character may be fairly compared with other professors of Christianity. Whatever distinguishing feature of true piety is introduced as a test of Christian character, we do not shrink from its application to them.

If love to the house of God, and faithful *attendance upon the ordinances of religion*, is designative of sincere piety; then we say, the Indians are truly pious. They love the habitation of God's house. The attendance is good, serious, and devout; and when any unprecedented or extra services are to be held, the sound of the church-going bell will cause them to flock thither.

A Christian is a man of *prayer*. The Scriptures represent it as constituting an essential characteristic of a Christian. So the Indians are men of prayer.—They delight in prayer-meetings; they are earnest in the exercise. Passing through the village at the hours of morning and evening family worship, you may hear on all hands, the Great Being (*Keshumarkedpo*) addressed in the voice of supplication, prayer, and thanksgiving.

Aspirations of *praise* are frequently heard from real Christians. It follows in the nature of things, that the conscious recipient of favours should enquire, "What shall I render?" In accordance with this, the Apostle says, "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, in every thing give thanks." The Indians are thankful for the blessings they enjoy. John Sunday said, "I