

for the Indians. The latter has been the most numerously attended, and seems to command the greatest interest. The day-school has been regularly sustained, and is doing good. With regard to prayer-meetings and other social means peculiar to us, the taste for them seems to have died entirely out. In the generally better conduct of the people around us, there is apparent proof that our efforts are not in vain.

2nd. Efforts to extend the work. There are bands of Indians living on the shores of the two great lakes—Huron and Superior—East and North-west of us; and as with the latter we had Missionaries some few years ago, it seemed that they should be visited, that we might show our continued interest in them, and at the same time ascertain their present disposition towards Christianity and us. I purposed to do all of that work possible to me during the last summer. It was ordered otherwise by Providence. My son was drowned early in July. The search for his body was continued for seventeen days. When ready to begin my proposed work, the first week in August had reached us; the interior Indians had removed from the shores. Nevertheless I took two short voyages, one on the shore of each lake, gaining some information for future guidance. It is very desirable that some such visits be made before any additional expense is incurred in establishing permanent Missions. The Indians mostly retire into the far interior very early in the month of August, and are then widely scattered until the opening of the rivers and lakes in May and June, when they seek the shores of the great lakes. This applies to all but a few who follow fishing, and they are under the influence of the Jesuit Priests. Some of the interior people are nominally Christians, retaining, in some measure, the influence of the teaching of our Missionaries in years past. The remainder are still Pagan. Those on the shores of Lake Huron, from the Mississauguee to French River, have the same habits, and are still Pagan, only the bands are smaller in numbers.

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PARRY ISLAND, SHAWANAGA, and FRENCH RIVER.

In presenting the report of this, my seventh year's labour on this Mission, I feel much gratified with the religious character of the Indians of these bands. I am impressed with their earnest spirit and punctuality in attending all the means of grace.

We have attended these appointments as often as distance and circumstances have admitted, for there are certain seasons of the year when they cannot be visited.

The Indians have greatly improved in their religious character and in their temporal condition during the year. The Indians of Parry Island are gradually yielding to the influences of the Gospel, and we hopefully look forward to the day when there will be no pagans on the Island. We are greatly encouraged to labour on. Members: Parry Island, 29; Shawanaga, 29; and French River, 21; total, 79.

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