

as it is now; also that in crossing a stream down the canal, which was very full of fish, He slipped again, and then cursed the stream, and hence fish never go up this stream, though they inhabit all others.

*Resurrection of the dead.*—None according to their old ideas; the spirit went to the spirit-land; the body was not raised in this world, but gradually, as it decomposed, was taken there also.

*Retribution.*—That the wicked will be turned into a rock or animal, formerly. Now, most believe in future punishment as taught in the Bible.

*Merit and demerit in sight of Deity.*—All were good except the very bad, formerly. They had no dividing line. The Great Spirit divided the good from the bad at death.

*Eternity of happiness and woe.*—Happiness was eternal. The wicked were turned into a rock and always remained so, or into an animal, as long as it lived. At present most believe in the eternity of happiness and woe, as taught in the Bible.

*Progress in religion.*—It is but four years and a half since the first Protestant services were held among them. About twenty-three years ago, a Roman Catholic priest taught them a little and baptized some; but this instruction was given up a long time ago, and most of them have given up their belief in it. When the present Indian policy began, four and a half years ago, this reservation was turned over to the Congregationalists under the American Missionary Association. The attendance on the sabbath services has been increasing every summer, the Sabbath attendance averaging about eighty during the past summer (1875). In the winter there are not so many, as most of them live from one to three miles away, and the weather is often bad. One of their number has united with the church here, and there are others whom I believe to be Christians. Most of them say they believe the Bible is true, and that Christ came to this world; but still they cling strongly to their *tamanamus*, some of them I think as a religion, and some merely as a superstition. The ideas of many in regard to the Bible are dim yet, even respecting the most important truths, and this is not strange when we remember that they cannot read. They are in a transition state in this respect, as in many others.