

Third Quarterly Meeting was held the twenty-first of February last, and it was the largest and best meeting held in this Church since the dedication, at which you attended. We feel to thank God and take courage. Amen.

As regards the temporal local improvements among our people on this Mission, they are very considerable. Some of our men here are quite good farmers. I am convinced that Captain

James McLean, both by precept and example, is exerting a very beneficial influence among our Indians in this respect. The hum of the threshing machine was to be heard last Fall at almost every barn or stackyard on the Mission. Chief Sawyer and his sons, John and Joseph, had splendid harvests of wheat, oats, barley, peas, hay, &c.; several families had very good gardens.

GARDEN RIVER.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. T. Hurlburt, Chairman, dated January 26th, 1858.

There is a band of Indians collecting within 12 miles of us; but, thus far, we have had no ice safe for travelling, and so I have not been able to visit them. They are still Pagans, as I learned from themselves a short time ago, while on a visit to this place.

There is a manifest increase of the spirit of piety among the few members we have. The old chief I mentioned as being so much afflicted on account of the supposed cause of the death of his son, has entirely surmounted the trial, and, at present, is all we could wish

him to be. Our Sabbath and weekday evening services are better attended than formerly. About twice a week, I read and explain a chapter from the New Testament, selected with a view to meet their state, and with very encouraging effect.

The number of Indians belonging to this place is about 250 souls. We have scarcely one-third of this number to compose our Indian congregation. Besides these, we have a number of half-breed families, Crees, and some whites. The school appears to be doing well.

GRAND RIVER.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. T. Fawcett, dated February 7th, 1858.

Thank God I am getting better. I have preached three times this week, and have to try again (God willing) tomorrow, and to baptize two adults and several children. More souls are being won to Christ on this Mission. "Pray for us."

Departed this life, December 21st, 1857, at the age of 61, Catherine, the excellent wife of James Givens, for many years Interpreter on this Mission. Mrs. G. gave her heart to God about 30 years ago, and joined the Methodist Church, and continued to be a most consistent and exemplary member until death; and the loveliness of the Christian character shone out beautifully in the every-day conduct of Sister Givens. The Rev. W. Ryerson, who preached a most pathetic sermon on the occasion

of her death, said that he had been acquainted with the deceased for 25 years, and never knew a better woman. She was a daughter of the late Father Hess, who translated a great portion of the Scriptures into the Mohawk tongue. Her last illness was short—about two weeks—but severe. She bore it with holy patience, then passed through death triumphant home. In her death, Mr. Givens has lost a noble wife—his children, a precious mother,—the sick and poor, a kind friend,—the Church, of which she was a member, one of its brightest ornaments. But, thank God, she shines now in the Church triumphant. Another blessed Indian woman gone from the old Grand River Mission to glory!

RAMA.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. G. McDougall, dated April 19th, 1858.

With gratitude to the God of Missions, we review the eight months spent at Rama. There we found a people anx-

ious for improvement, their principle wants being proper direction and encouragement.