

Clergy, at the discretion of the Society. And I should think it desirable that if a gift were made, care should be taken that, if the experiment should fail, the property should revert to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge; at any rate, could never pass into any other hands than those of the Church; and an annual report might be made of its progress to the Society for the time over which any annual allowance should extend."

It was agreed to grant £50, towards this object, should the cost of the press and types amount to as much as £150. In the event of the outlay being less, the Society would still contribute one-third of the expense.

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(Concluded from the last number.)

We hope soon to hear from the chief of Kaksahgahsqualjee-mobag, and if our wishes are gratified in respect to the location, then we hope measures will soon be taken to have his wishes in turn met. I am happy in believing laborers will be raised up to us in this field. Several devoted females have offered their pious labors, which are most truly required in teaching Christianity and the *Domestic life* to the Pagan. I will now return to our humble Mission House on the borders of this lake. At the close of the winter, the principal chief of this band informed me of his own and several of the principal men's intention, after returning from their Sugar Camp, to commence the cultivation of the soil in good earnest, and also the construction of houses for themselves. A half-breed told me a few days since that nearly all the Indians were talking about *working* instead of hunting, as a means of their future livelihood. This (under the benign influence of the Gospel) can alone save them from utter extinction.

And now to close what I have to say respecting their temporal improvement, let me testify to their most ready acceptance of the white man's dress, which is very important in view of success in labor, for the *blanket* is decidedly hostile to the free exercise of the limbs. It was only a few days since that the first chief of the Chippaways inhabiting the east side of the Mississippi at Mille Sac, which is a large lake about one hundred miles distant, visited us. His object was to inform me of his intention to move to our lake the present spring, and to begin the cultivation of the soil and the building a house for his family. He desired to tell me of his appreciation of what we had done the past winter for his people, and that he was now coming to us that his children might learn the civilized life, for he intended placing them beneath our entire control. This chief's name is BEAR'S HEARR. He is about forty years of age. It is a rare thing for a chief to change his quarters, and doing this for the sake of our Mission, will have a most powerful influence over the Indians as a nation, in commending the good we may do them to their acceptance.

And now, I have written you a long letter, respecting the *temporal* state and improvement of the Indian. I could write you as much more in relation to his *spiritual* growth, and would take great pleasure in doing so, but I fear your patience has already been well tried. I shall therefore make my words as few as possible, and yet try to convey to your mind some correct idea of the teachableness of the Indian, and what he may become in a religious point of view.

Our Mission House has been the Church during the winter. And it has been most gratifying to us to observe the uniform attendance of many of the natives. The room has been crowded on each Lord's Day, morning and evening. But in addition to the Sunday services they have also voluntarily come up to an Ojibwa service *every night* of the week. We have been greatly encouraged, not simply with their attentiveness to listen, but readiness to practice what they are taught. In public worship they conduct themselves with the utmost propriety. They kneel at prayer both *vocal* and *silent*. And

they have made a very fair beginning at *responding, singing and chanting*. In the absence of the ability to read, they are taught to repeat the service *orally*. Several are preparing for Holy Baptism, and on the third Sunday in Lent last, these presented their children, eight in number, for this initiatory Sacrament. All were dressed for the first time in their lives in *pure white*. I have never had a more solemn and deeply interesting service than this was, during the entire of my ministry.

We have the *Prayer Book* in *Ojibwa* and also the New Testament. I am now able to read these quite well, so as to dispense with an interpreter during the week-day services.

The little church, whose corner-stone was laid the 1st November last (All Saints' Day,) is now in progress, and we hope to have it in readiness for consecration by the Bishop on occasion of his first visit to the Indian Mission.

I must now close, begging an interest in your addresses at the Throne of Divine Grace. I remain your grateful and obedient servant for CHRIST and His Church,

J. LLOYD BRECK.

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