

of the influence Christian principle has exerted upon them, in promoting moral conduct. The river Credit, at certain periods of the year, possesses a valuable treasure of salmon, and other fish. From its mouth, and several miles upwards, it runs through the Indian Reserve, and ought to be considered their property. Any other proprietor would claim the exclusive right of fishing, and would not allow an intruder on their lands, at least, for the purpose of taking the fish. However favourable might be the circumstances which presented themselves on a Sabbath-day, I never knew the Indians to attempt breaking the sabbath by fishing; but would allow them to run by unmolested. But while they were quietly worshipping God in his house, it frequently happened that wicked, unprincipled white men from the neighbourhood, would come down with their nets and rob them of abundance of fish. They are sometimes very scrupulous concerning Sabbath observance. one Saturday, in the winter, one of our pious men, who lived a mile and a half from the chapel, came to me and said,—“I something want to ask you. When I come to chapel on Sundays, my little boy too young to walk—and don't like to carry him on my back—so I bring him on a little hand-sleigh. Is it a sin to do so?” They are very exact in avoiding doing any little thing on the Sabbath. In the neighbourhood among the white people, I was often annoyed by hearing the sound of the axe, in preparing fuel, on the Sabbath; but I never once heard it among the Indians. While I resided at the Credit, Christmas-day once fell on Monday. They generally came from a hunting excursion the day previously. At the time I allude to, they came home rather late on Saturday evening, and immediately the village presented a busy scene, in preparing for the Sabbath: the females in domestic affairs, and the men in preparing fuel. On Monday morning, (Christmas-day,) one of our Indian speakers going through the village, saw an old man blowing his fingers, and gathering chips. “It's pretty cold,” said the old man; “I came home late on Saturday night,