

II. Work Among the Six Nation Indians on the Grand River Reserve.

1. Who they were : A group composed of six bands, the Cayugas, Delawares, Senecas, Tuscaroras, Onondagas and Mohawks, numbering in all about two thousand, who were given a tract of land on the Grand River as a reward for services rendered the British Government during the Revolutionary War, under Captain Joseph Brant, 237, 238.
2. Their religion : All were pagan but the Mohawks, who were nominally Church of England, but were really more degraded than the pagan tribes, 238.
3. Some early workers among them :
 - a. Alvin Torry : (1) Was appointed to minister to the whites on the Grand River Mission, 238. (2) His heart was touched by the spiritual destitution of the Indians, 238 : He held services at intervals among the Delawares with encouraging results, 238 ; he also preached to the Tuscaroras and Mohawks, who seemed pleased with his visits, 238 ; he organized the first Methodist class-meeting among the Indians in the home of Chief Davis, 240 ; Peter Jones and his sister were members, 240 ; there were some wonderful displays of saving power, and on Torry's return from Conference twenty were admitted as members of the society, 240 ; another society was organized in a different part of the reservation as a result of a gracious revival among both whites and Indians, 240 ; he preached, with satisfactory results, to the Indians on the Grand River, 1825, 242 ; accompanied by Peter Jones, he visited the Indians on the Thames, 242, 243.
 - b. Edward Stoney, a Methodist local preacher : Even before Torry came he held prayer-meetings, and even preached in the home of Chief Thomas Davis, who himself read the Church prayers and the Scriptures to his neighbors, 238, 239.
 - c. Seth Crawford : (1) A pious young man from the Eastern States, who felt he must give his life to evangelizing the Indians, 239. (2) Unexpected providences led him to the Mohawks on the Grand River : He told them he had come to learn their language and teach their children, 239 ; they consented that he might live with them and fare as they did, 239. (3) After his coming the first awakening occurred, at which Peter Jones was converted, 239, 240.
 - d. Peter Jones : (1) His ancestry and education, 239.