

spent two years with the Wyandots, or Hurons; afterwards four years with the Missisauquahs, or Ochipwas, at the Credit. I have also visited other branches of the Ochipwas; also the Mohawks on the Grand River. While living at Amherstburgh, in the western district of Upper Canada, I had the opportunity of seeing thousands of Pagans, and other Indians from the North West, who used to resort thither yearly for their presents.—In addition to this, I have had the pleasure of intimate acquaintance with nearly all the most talented Indians in Upper Canada.

Should some of these relations appear strange and incredible, I would remind the reader that they are well attested. I cannot for a moment doubt the evidence upon which they are founded. I leave each individual to form his own judgment, and to draw his own conclusion—to receive or to reject as he may think proper.

It may be thought that there is something similar in some parts of the following remarks, to what has appeared in some other works on missions; but if so, I have only to observe that they are no imitations. My plan was formed long before I had seen any of those works. I may differ from some authors who have written on the Indian character, but I have given my own unbiassed opinion.

I must regret that I have not had an opportunity of consulting some eminent Indian Missionaries, especially the Rev. Messrs. W. Case, J. Evans, W. Scott, and others, from whom I might have derived many valuable suggestions, and important facts.

I can scarcely say why I have written such a work. From my first intercourse with the Indians, I have been in the habit of writing down any thing worthy of remark, and afterwards I employed myself in arranging them: and the thought occurred to me, that if published they might be read with some degree of interest by some. After several reflections on the subject, I resolved on making the attempt, and the result is now before the public.