

when he first came to reside among them, that he well knew his labours, his privations, his self-denial, his unwearied patience in persuasion, exhortation and prayer, that the Indians under his charge might receive the Gospel and be saved. He knew, too, how ready he was to attend to the temporal wants of the poor improvident Indians, and how often he must have pinched and strained himself and his family by doing good, giving and lending, hoping for nothing in return. He remarked that if Mr. Nelles's history should be recorded it would be a hard one, for he well-knew that he had endured hardship as a soldier of the cross. As to the benefit of the Institution to the Indian children, he said there could be no difference of opinion about it, that he considered it like a *bee-hive* where industry, skill, and good conduct are taught, and that as one swarm of bees after another leave the parent hive and commence to labour for themselves so one generation of children after another are instructed at the Mohawk Institution, that each in succession return to their respective neighborhood improved, and able to support themselves, and to teach and assist others, while the Institution still remains open and ready to receive the younger classes of our children for instruction. He was happy, he remarked, to hear Dr. Digby speak in favor of the temperance society among the Indians, that it was an engine in successful operation, and would, he hoped, greatly tend to carry them onward to prosperity and peace. It was also very satisfactory to him, he said, to hear that, though there had been some disagreement between Mr. Nelles and Dr. Digby, the feelings of the Christian had overcome the difficulty, and concluded by saying that he heartily concurred with the Six Nations in the expression of their thankful acknowledgment to Mr. and Mrs. Nelles.

John Buck, a handsome man, the chief of the Onondaga tribe, and the Fire Keeper of the Council of the Six nations, next addressed the meeting. He has not as yet embraced christianity, but is friendly disposed to it, and said, that when a boy, he would gladly have been educated, but that his parents would not permit it, having been advised neither to receive christianity, nor have their children instructed. He was desirous of having his own children educated, and felt much pleasure in being a sharer in the present proceedings, and expressing his approbation.

Mr. William Kerby, a particular friend of the Indians, said that he was pleased to see so numerous a concourse of the people of the Six Nations; that he entirely approved of the purpose of their meeting, and that so sensible was he of the benefit bestowed upon the Indians by the members of the N. E. Company, and of the constant exertions of Mr. and Mrs. Nelles for the promotion of the welfare, for many years, that if he had the ability, and time would permit, he would be delighted to speak for hours in their commendation.

William Green, a Tuscarora chief, next addressed the audience. His language being very different from that of the previous speakers, George H. M. Johnson, Mohawk chief, and Interpreter to the Six Nations and the Indian department, being acquainted with all the different dialects of the Six Nations, interpreted his address. He said that, though not a member of the Church of England, he concurred in the sentiments of those who preceded him; that he highly valued education; that he felt grateful to the New England Company, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Nelles, for extending the means of improvement to the Indian children; and that he fully approved of the way in which the Six Nations had chosen to evince their sense on so many and great advantages.

Cornelius Owen, a Tuscarora, who has nearly lost his sense of sight, requested that the Rev. Mr. Nelles would be pleased to convey to the New England Society his sincere thanks for kindly enabling the Indian young to acquire knowledge. He was delighted to find that when they returned from the institution, they could converse and transact business with the white people, if not better than many of the English themselves.

Cornelius Anderson, a sensible and intelligent man, and one of the Tuscarora chiefs, expressed himself much gratified with what he had seen and heard on this interesting occasion, and with the opportunity afforded him of evincing his approval of the object of the meeting. He remarked that he had been well acquainted with Mr. Nelles during the whole period of his residence among us. His labour for the benefit of the Indians and their children, had been incessant, and though some things had occurred to cause him grief, and tended to discourage him, yet on the whole he had happily been instrumental in doing much good to the people committed to his charge, and his exertions had been crowned with the Divine blessing.