

## INDIAN CHARACTERS

religious services held for some days among four thousand people camped on that river was a great blessing; and the simple story of her conversion, told to the crowds who heard her, was also a blessing to many. It was on that memorable occasion that the Rev. Mr. Russ baptized Chief Mountain. Brother Russ and others never forgot that trip.

Often when we were leaving on a Missionary tour, Neas-tle-meague with a crowd of people would be on the beach. After the singing of a hymn, "Whosoever heareth," or the like, and the offering of prayer for our safety, her voice would be heard above the rest counselling the crew to be wise and cautious in crossing dangerous places, and to be kind to the Missionary. She would then add, "Sumoigetgelahug lemone sum," meaning, "God will take care of you and help you." After being away for weeks, we often found her the first one on the beach to greet us with a warm welcome, and she would join with others on such occasions in singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

It was more especially at times when domestic difficulties arose in the village that "Victoria Yonge" (which was her Christian name) proved a great help. Her good sensible advice was like the casting of oil on troubled waters. Being a woman she did not always sit in council, although, on account of being a Chief, she was often requested to do so. Whenever she knew that there was likely to be a tie vote on any important question, she would be there; and, after nearly all the men had spoken, she would speak in her dignified way. She was always listened to with great attention by all as her voice rang out a note of warning to those whom she thought to be wrong. She earnestly pleaded that they would listen to the advice of a woman, although she being a woman did not stand for much, and let their decisions be for truth and right.