

JUNE 23, 1859.

The Synod met in St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 23, 1859. The following Report of the Indian Mission Committee was read, and was subsequently adopted:—

The Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, on the subject of Indian Missions, beg leave to report:

That as the conversion and civilization of the Gentiles were a subject of primary consideration with the Christian Church from the first, so should the long neglected aborigines of this land be regarded by our Reformed Church with a like solicitude and care for their evangelization and enlightenment.

It is only within the last twenty-five years that the Government of this Province has extended any assistance towards so desirable an object as the Christian education of some of the Indian tribes, and it is with regret that your Committee have learned that the Missionaries employed by the Government were notified from the Indian Department that, at the close of the current year, they were to expect no further aid from that source.

Under these circumstances, your Committee are encouraged to hope that by a timely representation to some of our Church Societies at home of the peculiar position in which some of the Indian Missions are about to be placed, they may be induced to take them up, and so secure the ministrations of the Church enjoyed by them for some years.

The Committee are happy to state, that some of these Missions have, from an early period, been favored with the fostering care and generous support of a company in England, which renders them comparatively independent of any Government support.

Your Committee desire to notice, *seriatim*, the Indian tribes at present under the charge of Missionaries of your Society, as well as the source whence these have been hitherto maintained.

1. The Six Nations Indians on the Grand River are under the paternal care of the New England Company, which not only provides salaries for Missionaries, but also defrays the expenses of an Industrial School, where children are taught—in addition to the branches of a

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