

cur frequently? And in what light is the circumstance viewed by the Indians?" Answer—"I only knew one instance, which occurred at the Credit. The Indians, in general, abhorred her conduct." This answer embraces a period of *six years'* residence. Cases of bastardy did *frequently* occur before they became Christians: but Christianity has effected this good among them. I do not mean to deny that their babies, faces were in no cases blanched; but I deny that it was by any *artificial process*. We had white men *married* to Indian women, and Indian men to white women. Besides, a different mode of living, less exposure, and more cleanliness, has effected a change in this respect.

The Despatches refer also to their *drunkenness*. This is well known to be their besetting sin. But such as maintain a connexion with the Christian church, (I speak as far as the Methodist branch of the Church of Christ is concerned) are preserved from this vice, otherwise they are expelled. And what is material to observe is, the expulsions are few. Such also as are not in close membership have a constant check upon them. Notwithstanding their natural propensity, their great exposure to temptation from monsters in the shape of white men; there was, perhaps, less drunkenness in the Credit Indian village than in any village or settlement of white people of the same number of inhabitants. I have seen hundreds of villages in England, and in Canada, and can testify, I do not know one more decent, orderly, and well behaved than the Credit village. There we were not accustomed to see any open violation of the Sabbath; the house of God was frequented, and *one-third* of the total inhabitants were in actual membership with the Church—which they could not have been, considering the strictness of our discipline, had they not been pious, devout, and sincere Christians. Perhaps an enlargement of observation, on their quiet and religious observance of the Sabbath, may be here appropriate, and will contribute toward producing conviction on the mind of the reader,