

attached were a clergyman, a medical man, and a schoolmaster for the Indian boys. Huts were erected for the Indians, and moderately good houses for the officers.

In the year 1847, the Rev. Dr. F. O'Meara, being then the chaplain, as he is at present, visited this country for the purpose of soliciting funds for the erection of a church at the village of Mahnetooahning, which had been rendered necessary by the increased number of the Indians attending public worship. The government, then fallen into other hands, was not only not willing to assist further in the enterprise, but was actually contemplating breaking up the establishment altogether, and the withdrawal of the annual present of clothing, &c. to the Indians. Dr. O'Meara was received on this occasion into our house, as one whom we had known and esteemed from the first exercise of his ministry in this country.

He was accompanied by the Rev. R. Flood, who labours amongst the Ottawahs, and other neighbouring Indians, with much Christian zeal and faithfulness, and who had a similar object in view. From the liberality of Christian individuals and societies, they both realized their wishes, to a great extent, and the hearts of these poor red children of the forest were made glad in an extraordinary manner by the sympathy and support thus afforded to them by their more favoured brethren in England.

Our own immediate friends became interested, and in the following year, large boxes of warm clothing, for the children of the schools, were sent out to both the stations of our friends, some contributing the rough material, some their labour in making up the dresses, and others their money, not grudgingly, nor of necessity, but cheerfully, as to the Lord. This was subsequently, at the approach of several winters, repeated, as regards Dr. O'Meara's station, conceived to be in greater need than Mr. Flood's. From this beginning sprang up, as is natural to Christian effort, the wish to do more, by sending out, if possible, a female teacher for the Indian girls,—a great want in the Mission.

For this purpose the necessary fund was raised, and after no small exercise of faith and patience on her part who had undertaken the work, the Lord smiled upon the freewill offerings of his servants, and sent just such a person as was looked for,