

judgment. His portrait is prefixed to Heckewelder's Narrative. Amidst all his privations and dangers he was never known to complain, nor ever regretted, that he had engaged in the cause of the Redeemer. He would never consent to receive a salary, although he deemed it proper for some missionaries. He trusted in his Lord for the necessaries of life, and he looked to the future world for his reward. Free from selfishness, a spirit of universal love filled his bosom. A more perfect character has seldom been exhibited on the earth.

It is a melancholy fact, that he suffered more from white men, called Christians, by reason of their selfishness, and depravity, and hostility to the gospel, than from the Indians. In 1745, on his journey towards the five nations, he was arrested at Albany with Mr. Post, and after much abuse imprisoned 7 weeks in the city of New York. At last he was declared innocent of any treasonable views, and was liberated. At one time a plot was laid by one Girty, an English agent or trader at Sandusky, to procure his scalp, and nearly succeeded.

In March 1782 between 90 and 100 of the Christian Indians at Gnadenhutt on the Muakingum were massacred by a party of whites from the settlements on the Ohio. The immediate cause of this massacre was the murder of a woman and child by some Sandusky warriors, in which however it is incredible, that the whites could have thought the Christian Indians were implicated. The party found the Indians at work in a corn field, and hailed them as friends, and offered to protect them from their enemies, and even called them "good Christians." When they were secured it was told them, that they must die. Begging for a short delay, that they might prepare for death, they fell on their knees, and prayed to their God and Savior and sang his praises, and then kissed each other with a flood of tears mingled with lofty Christian hope. Some of the party remonstrated against what was proposed, but it, being in vain, they withdrew to a distance, wringing

their hands, saying, they were innocent of the blood, which was to be shed. Then one of the white monsters began the work of death. Seizing a cooper's mallet, he knocked in the head 14 unresisting victims one after another, & then handed the instrument to a brother monster, saying, 'I think I have done pretty well!' More than 90 men, women, and children were killed and scalped, when the murderers, having set fire to the houses, and scalped their victims, went off shouting and yelling. Such a foul and horrible deed cannot be found in the page of history. The object was the plunder of 80 horses, of furs, and other property of these peaceable Indians. Of these victims 62 were grown persons, one third of whom were women; 34 were children. Two of them had been members of David Brainerd's church in New Jersey.—The leader of this horrible party had the name of *Williamson*. Two months afterwards he attacked the warrior Indians at Sandusky and was defeated. Col. Crawford was taken prisoner, and the savages, in retaliation, tied him to a stake and put him to death by various tortures; under which he was tauntingly asked, how he felt, and whether they did as well to him, as he had done to the believing Indians? They added, "we have to learn barbarities of you white people!"

Had the back settlers of our country participated in the benevolent spirit of the Moravians, the benefit to the Indians would have been incalculable. Amidst all obstacles the brethren, in the days of Mr. Zeisberger, instructed and baptized about 1500 of the Indians. The calm death of those, who were murdered at Muakingum, is a delightful proof of the influence of the gospel on men, concerning whom it is sometimes said, they cannot be made Christians.

In the evening of his days, as the faculties of Mr. Z. began to fail him, his desire to depart and to be with Christ continually increased. Yet was he patient and resigned. His last words were, "Lord Jesus, I pray thee come, and take my spirit to thyself."—"Thou hast never yet for-

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