

know that the poor fellow has made so poor returns for the expense and pains bestowed upon him. But if any one has imagined that our resolutions were so feeble as to fail with the fall of a poor Indian, or even a white man, I could only say they are mistaken. And, further, I am under the impression that this event will be overruled, as all events, even the most untoward, usually (perhaps always) are, to the furtherance of the cause of Christ. Perhaps we have leaned too much on an arm of flesh,—been too anxious for a *native* assistant, and will be taught to look to a better support. But I will not give you a report of my addresses. I only wish to have an opportunity of arguing the case before the good people of Halifax.

But I may add, that I used to state in my addresses, that there was a bright as well as a dark side to the story. In the great object which I proposed to myself in commencing this mission, I have been successful beyond my most sanguine expectations. When in 1846, a worthy brother of Windsor, surprised me, writing down Indian words in a store, from the mouth of an Indian woman, and almost laughed at the idea of my learning the language; or when two years later Rev. R. McLearn assured me that my attempt would be a failure,—that I would, in his opinion, waste the best of my days in attempting to learn the language, and fail,—and when other wise and grave men gave their advice and opinions in the same way, I had not anticipated witnessing before I died, what I have already witnessed,—the *Sacred Scriptures in circulation among the Indians*. O could any one then have assured me that in 1861 I would be able to take the story of Jonah for a text and preach from it to an attentive audience of Indians,—that I would hear one after another reading the Scriptures in their own tongue,—that I would know that in a few weeks the art of reading could be acquired by them,—that I would learn that there were several Indians who are in the habit of reading to others, and that notwithstanding all the opposition we would have to encounter, we would steadily advance, and be amply sustained by the sympathies and contributions of the christian public,—I say, had I known all this, and all the other interesting events which I now know, how differently I should have felt, from what I did feel! Certainly I have no intention of abandoning the work. I would be glad if some christian merchant or banker would advance the money, so as