

it : and that the angel desired him to bury them again, where they should lay concealed until the last day. When he had gone through with his discourse, as was usual with them, he asked if any individual had any thing to say ; if so they were quite at liberty to speak. An Indian had been passing that way, and perceiving there was a meeting, stepped in. When the preacher gave the invitation and permission for remarks, and all were silent, he got up, and said, " May Indian speak ? " " Yes," replied the preacher, " Indian may speak." " A long time ago," said he, " the Great Spirit send his book to the white men over the waters. He receive it—believe it, and it make his heart all over glad. White man then send it over to this country to poor Indian. He receive it—believe it ; and it also make his heart all over glad. The devil see this—he envy the Great Spirit, and he try to make a book just like it ; but when he had done, he failed so much—it was so very unlike Great Spirit's book—that the devil be ashamed of it, and hid it in the earth in the woods. By and bye, Joe Smith, he come along, and he dig it up ; and this is the Mormon Bible." This story was told us shortly afterwards at the Credit, and we subsequently had the opportunity to prove its authenticity.

The Indians not only love the Bible in word, but in deed. They prove their love for the sacred treasure by their acts. The following extract from my Journal is sufficient evidence of the truth of this assertion :—

" May 9th, 1839. This evening we assembled in our Mission Chapel, for the purpose of organizing a branch Bible Society, in connexion with the Toronto Auxiliary. I was appointed the President. It is at all times interesting to see those who, a short time ago, were pagans, coming forward to do any thing to send the Gospel to others. But on this occasion it was more particularly interesting, inasmuch as *this is the first Bible Society ever formed among the red men.* We had the assistance of the Rev. James Thompson, from the Parent Society, and Agent for the whole of British North America, late Agent in the West Indies,