

spiritual growth, which has, in that period, been made by each communicant. The establishment of monthly communion commenced after the visit of the Lord Bishop of Toronto to this Mission, in 1842, which was felt by all to be a time of refreshing from on high, and will long be remembered with gratitude by the sons and daughters of the forest, in whose temporal and eternal interests his lordship showed so much concern.

Besides the above-mentioned opportunities of scriptural instruction, afforded in obedience to the rubric of the Church, the natives are encouraged to come to the Missionary to inquire on any subject which may need further elucidation to their minds, and a time is set apart each day (except Saturday) at which he is at home to receive such inquirers. So generally do the more serious avail themselves of the permission, that this forms an important item in the labours of the Missionary,—indeed, preaching would be of little avail, unless it were accompanied by conversational explanation and enforcement.

One or two facts will serve to show the advantage of a constant Scriptural instruction to such a people as those of whom I treat. But, before I mention the particular circumstances which appear to me to be illustrative of that point, I would beg to record the general fact which would seem to bear the same way, that, notwithstanding the untiring efforts of the zealous emissaries of Rome, within the sphere included in this Mission, and their admirable system of having two Missionaries connected with the