

One man was in danger of drowning, but after battling with the wind and waves, ultimately gained a rock, more dead than a live. I improved the circumstance by discoursing from the words, "All hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

14th.—Arrived at my destination amidst the hearty greetings of several officials; and after a little rest, was kindly taken over to Rossville in Chief Factor Barnston's boat. Here the re-

ception baffles description. All my past trials were at once forgotten, for I felt I had in brother and sister Brook- ing, those who regarded me indeed as "a man and a brother." Sister Adams and brother B.'s lovely daughter were also greatly pleased to see one from so remote a portion of the mission field, but,

"Here I give my wanderings o'er," and leave whatever may come under my notice during my stay here, for another letter.

A NATIVE APPLICATION.

NASH-KO-TA-YONG, May 31st, 1858.

To the Rev. E. Wood, &c.

We, the small bands of Indians composed of Methodists, Catholics, and Pagans residing here on the North Shore of the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, beg to trouble you in transmitting our humble petition to be laid before you for your consideration, praying that you will be pleased to endeavour to assist us by sending one of your Missionaries or teachers to teach us the good way, and that our children may be taught A. B. C.

At our recent Council we agreed to concentrate ourselves on the Reserve, which we reserve by the consent of the good and wise Government for our benefit, and to begin to cultivate the soil, and to embrace the true Church, in which our new Chief is member.

We know very well that we will have no peace among us unless that Popery and Paganism are renounced. We also agreed at our Council that a few acres of land be reserved on which a Mission may be established; and we also agreed to collect lumber, and to put up a school house, and a house for a teacher to live in; but we are poor and have not the means. The payment made to us by the Government is so to enable us to purchase materials for the houses above mentioned; such as lumber, nails, &c. We do not wish to see, if any one is to come and live among us, to be left destitute for the want of a comfortable place, as our brethren of French River did to their teacher. We fully now believe and see that religion, education, and husbandry are the only things which elevate the condition of the people in the world. We trust that something will be done by your kindness for this our beginning settle-

ment; at the same time some of us feel thankful for what we have received already by your society. An ordained Missionary will be very much required; a minister from Beausoliel Island, will not be able to pay us regular visits on account of a great distance, which we called, by guess, one hundred miles; that is the reason why your missionary from Beausoliel has made no visit during the Conference year. If you wish to promote the great cause in these parts, send one of your ordained missionaries; he will find enough work to do among the Indians here, and the French River Station, to baptize and to administer the holy sacrament, and to perform the marriage ceremony. We have been destitute of all these privileges; we will require our own minister to do all these things for us. O let not the good Christians in Canada feel weary in their well-doings towards the North Shore of Lake Huron! We anticipate that this place will be like (if well attended to) that of Beausoliel or other Missions in future days, by the will of God. We pray that more attention will be paid to this place and the French River, which is between 15 and 20 miles from the other. O how highly do we like to see some one to come and live amongst us. O may the good and great Spirit grant you means to enable you to grant our request, and may the Lord bless this place till the end of time!

With kindest regard to you as well as to all the Conference, we remain, Rev. Sir, your most obedient and humble servants.

Signed in behalf of this Band,
S. JAMES, Chief,
DAVID ABETUNG.