

It became necessary, therefore, to supply his place at the Credit. The Rev. James Wilson undertook this service. This venerable man, though upwards of seventy years of age, and laid aside as worn out, seeing several Preachers withdraw from the connexion at the Special Conference, arose, and, in terms the most affecting, expressed his unwavering attachment to the Church, and volunteered the employment of his expiring strength in its service, should the exigencies of the work require it. His ministrations have been very useful at the Credit. During his labours there, he was brought apparently to the "valley of death;" and, when visited in that state by one of the Committee, he was found triumphantly "strong in faith, giving glory to God."

The Committee subjoin the following letter from Messrs. Wilson and Jones :

CREDIT MISSION.—It will afford the friends of Indian Missions much pleasure to learn that the members of Society at this Station still continue faithful in the service and worship of the Great Spirit.

The religious exercises in general have been interesting and profitable; and the heart of the Missionary has often been made to rejoice in beholding the softening influences of the Holy Spirit on the minds of the poor Indians.

During the last Conference year, many of the Indian brethren have been severely afflicted in body and mind, owing to the great number of deaths, caused principally by the measles. Three adults and seventeen children have been called from earth to heaven. The adults died in faith, and the larger children prayed and loved the Saviour, who said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." An orphan lad, by the name of *John Pahdequong*, died very happy, and said that Jesus had come to take him up to heaven, and that he was not afraid to die; he exhorted with his dying breath a poor backsliding Indian (who was taking care of him at the time) to give his heart to the Great Spirit, which would alone prepare him to meet him in his Father's house above, whither he was going. The exhortation of this lad has had a most happy effect upon the person to whom it was addressed; as it has already brought him to his right mind, and he is now trying to save his soul alive. Many a parent's heart has bled and mourned for the loss of their offspring; but oh! the blessed hope and consolation which the christian religion has imparted to them in these trying times! Whilst the hand of death has cut deep into the heart, the Gospel at the same time has poured balm into the wounded soul, so that the once benighted heathen has been enabled to rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. One of our pious Indian sisters has buried her eighth child during this year, and has now only one left! As all her children have gone to heaven, her eyes of faith look there; and often when faith is strong, and hope expands, she longs also to depart to be with her Saviour and her God, there to meet her little ones around the eternal throne:

"O! that will be joyful,
To meet to part no more,
On Canaan's happy shore,
And sing hallelujah with them that are gone before."

Blessed Christianity, how welcome to the poor Indian!

It is with deep regret that particularly the youth, our people; and it has been

This Society has been our official members have are no less than ten of country. There are in members.

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The Mission School in their studies; 4 read in 7 in Easy Reading and write.

The Sunday School, during the year; it nurtured Scripture. It is to be hoped will have its desired effect souls for the kingdom of

The friends of Christianity with the assistance of towards raising funds having contributed the of the Mission Chapel

That the blessing of the poor Indians more prayer of their friends,

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