

"The Committee therefore beg to be discharged from any farther consideration of the subject, with this closing remark, that civilization, if it do not precede, must go hand in hand with religion; and that it will be impossible to tame the wild heart of the Indians, without collecting them in societies, and making them feel the comfort of a fixed habitation; which can only be done by placing a zealous Missionary or Missionaries among them; matters which come more properly under the cognizance of the Committee for promoting Christian Knowledge than under this Society.

"In this new country, the distribution of the sacred Scriptures, is attended with the happiest effects. On going into the woods, the new settlers are separated from one another, and left in a dismal solitude; they feel therefore more strongly impressed than usual with religious truths, and are more directly called upon to confide in the protection of a superintending Providence. Here there are no secondary aids to distract their thoughts; for amidst the solitude and gloom around them, they can have no hope of assistance from man; their only dependance is upon God. Indeed the very nature of their labours, which bring them hourly into danger, forces reflection and serious meditation; and their frequent miraculous escapes from the falling of trees, continually remind them that they are left to the protection of Heaven; and hence a spirit of devotion naturally arises in their breasts. Living by themselves, and insulated as it were from the rest of the world, they feel their relationship to the ruler of the Universe in a manner which perhaps they never before experienced, and which cannot be done away. At such times, reading and meditating upon the Scriptures, strengthen the bonds which connect us with heaven and one another.

"It is pleasing to remark that the religious character of the Province, becomes daily more interesting. Churches are building and the desire for Christian instruction greatly increasing.

"It must be admitted by all who are in the habit of reflecting upon the Prophecies, and especially those which foretell the universal spread of the Gospel, and of comparing them with the melancholy dispensations which distract the Christian world, that some point of unity was wanting in which all the followers of the cross might join, and which in its developement would inculcate every thing essential in the word of God; now this has been brought about in the most effectual manner by the simple determination of dissemina-