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Moses Hill to take his place as chairman, and the meeting proceeded. Speeches were made by Mr. John F. Martin, Chief Josiah Hill and Dr. Philip Johnson, of Lewiston reservation, N.Y. The doctor's address was delivered in a pleasing manner in English. The music was at once provided for by two choirs, who acquitted themselves in good style. Mrs. Ida F. Hill was organist and leader of one choir and Miss A. M. Hill the other. Then the children were cheered by the distribution of nice presents, after which the meeting was closed by singing and the benediction.

Oshweken, January 9th, 1894.

George Foster, Esq. :

We, the undersigned, together with many Indian brethren, would avail ourselves of this joyous occasion to approach you with this short address, in which we desire to give expression to our feelings of respect and affection toward you.

For the last thirty years you have shown by your many acts of kindness the deep interest you take in our race, not only in our temporal affairs, but particularly in our spiritual welfare, and we would not forget that it was mainly through your instrumentality that we enjoy the earnest labors of a missionary in our midst, who is respected and loved by many of us. We feel that what you have done in the past you have been actuated by the highest and best of motives, that is love to God. And although there has been little or no recognition of your noble and kindly acts, yet they have been continued for these many years without a murmur or without being discouraged. It is therefore for these reasons we claim you as the Indians' friend, and we cannot but hope and trust that there is an hour coming when it will be seen that your interest in us has not been in vain.

We would now beg your acceptance of this small token of affection and regard, praying that God's blessing may ever rest upon you and Mrs. Foster, together with your family. We are respectfully,

(Signed by)
Chief David Hill, Seneca; Chief Jacob S. Johnson, Mr. Isaac John Hill, Chief Josiah Hill, Mr. John F. Martin, Chief Moses Hill, Chief Richard Hill, Chief Joseph Green, Mr. Alexander Sherry, Mr. David S. Hill, A. E. Hill, Enoch Hill, David Hill.

The anniversary and Christmas tree took place in the council house, Oshweken, on Tuesday evening, 16th inst., under the auspices of the Six Nations school, known as Thomas's. The council house was full of chiefs, spectators and school children. The main object of getting up a Christmas tree every year is to give presents to the children attending the school, according to merit, which the council believe is a good policy to induce and encourage the Indian children to attend school and to like it. The presents were considered very nice, and most of them useful articles. They were purchased from one of the old friends of the city of Brantford. The trustees struck a good bargain with him, besides nice and valuable presents kindly thrown in. Everybody was saying that great credit

was due to the trustees and the school teachers for the grand success during the entertainment. Everything went off O. K. Chief Josiah Hill, one of the trustees, was chosen to take the chair and conduct the meeting. It was opened by singing an Indian hymn and prayer by Chief David Thomas. The programme consisted of speeches by Chief Peter Powless, Mr. A. H. Lotridge, David S. Hill, Dr. Philip Johnson, of Lewiston, N.Y., reading by Miss Amelia M. Hill, reading by John W. M. Elliott, speech by Chief Joab Martin, member of S.N.S.B., reading by Mr. John Miller, school teacher, speech by Chief Moses Hill, reading by Sam. R. Hill. Before the distribution of presents the chairman made a few closing remarks upon the work of the school, and briefly referred to its past difficulties and the happy results of the faithful work of the trustees and the council in accomplishing a long desired object, i.e., a comfortable school house, and was glad to say before the audience that in a few days more they should have proper school desks from the town of Preston. The meeting enjoyed splendid music between speakers. Mrs. R. Hill was the organist and leader. Dr. Johnson and Alexander Garlow, of Lewiston, N.Y., again rendered great assistance to the choir. The meeting was closed by singing an Indian hymn and benediction.

Oshweken, Jan. 17th, 1894.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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OUR MAGAZINE.

The introduction of *The Indian Magazine* is undoubtedly a great step towards the advancement of our people. It should find its way into all our homes; it should induce our people, especially the young, to read more, and to take every possible advantage to educate themselves through the press, and to be familiar with things going on outside of us in general. I think anyone who is so blest as to be able to read ought not to ignore such a great blessing. If one or two hours were devoted of an evening in family circles to reading instead of indulging in worthless conversation, we would become a more sociable, more amiable, more intelligent and more contented people. I know that all our leading farmers are able to read with comprehension. I would say to them if they would take some farm journal and read it carefully, it would be to their advantage. Do we not know men, both Indians and whites, who toil from daylight to dark, and yet they do not seem to accumulate wealth very rapidly. We cannot account for it in any other way than that they were all the while working to disadvantage, and by not informing themselves as to how best expend their money and labor so as to bring out better results and more profit. Education is very light, and can be carried about without being a burden to the possessor. If your education is compressed to a very small limit like mine, we can improve our