

at the commencement of it; the best arrangements possible are intended to repair the evils done, and promote the success and usefulness of the Mission during the ensuing year.

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This is the parent Mission amongst the *Chippewa* Indians of British North America. For sixteen years it has been a living witness of the saving power and beneficial influence of Christianity upon the hearts and lives of the most degraded and miserable of the human race. Proverbs, amongst all the Canadian tribes, for drunkenness, filthiness, and every species of moral debasement, the Indians at this place, since their conversion to Christianity, have attracted the visits and admiration of thousands, by the piety of their lives and the improvement in their social condition, as evinced by their habitations, their gardens, their fields, their shops, and their mills—erected at the very place which was formerly the scene of their revelries, vices, and murderous combats. The natural increase of population for several years past has been about ten souls a year. During the entire history of this Mission, the instances of apostasy have been few; few even in comparison of the number who have died in the *full* “hope of immortality and eternal life.” From this centre, the light of the “glorious Gospel” has radiated to the very circumference of our Missionary operations. Native labourers who have derived their religious knowledge from this fountain, and caught the hallowed fire from this altar, have traversed the distant regions of the west and north, and have illuminated the gloom of many an Indian wigwam by the pure flame of truth and love.

At our Special Conference, held in October last, in consequence of the abandonment of the Articles of Union by the English Conference, our total destitution of funds rendered it expedient for our long-tried and valued Missionary, PETER JONES, to attend Missionary Meetings throughout the greater part of the Province.