

ful, firm in refusing to admit a Christian teacher. Some of his people occasionally hear something of Christ at other places; but, with Sagamook itself, we can but wait and pray.

OBIJIWUNG.

At the time of Mr. Lister's visit, there were only four or five families at Obijiwung. He writes:—"They are all Pagans, so far as I can ascertain, and they live by cultivation, chiefly, and raise an amount of Indian corn and potatoes which would surprise those who set down all Indians as hopelessly lazy. Our visit was friendly; but at first we found them strongly opposed to Christian teaching, under the impression that all Missionaries *receive financial aid from the Government, and that they thus lessen the annuities of the Indians.*" Happily, our Missionary was soon able to convince them that our Puritan principles forbade any such Church-and-State entanglements. The Indians were satisfied; invited further visits; and the chief promised he would not prevent any of his young people changing, if they saw fit, their "religion."

The Financial Statement, duly audited, is appended. The "balance" shown is for our summer's operations in the mission-field—not a surplus—for our Annual Meeting, convenient as it is in every other respect, comes in just between the winter's collections and the summer's expenditure. All which is respectfully submitted.

W. W. SMITH, *Secretary.*

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