

BY THE AGENT.

Brothers of the Six Nations, I rejoice to meet with you at this time, and thank the Great Spirit that He hath preserved you in health, and given me another opportunity of taking you by the hand. Brothers, the person who sits by me is a friend who has come a great distance to hold a talk with you; he will inform you what his business is, and it is my request that you should listen with attention to his words.

MISSIONARY.

My friends, I am thankful for this opportunity afforded us in meeting together at this time. I had a great desire to see you, and inquire into your state and welfare; for this purpose I have travelled a great distance, being sent out by your old friends, the Boston Missionary Society. You will recollect they formerly sent out missionaries among you, to instruct you in religion, and labor for your good; although they have not heard from you in a long time, yet they have not forgotten their brothers of the Six Nations, and are still anxious to do you good. Brothers, I have not come to get your lands or your money, but to enlighten your minds and to instruct you how to worship the Great Spirit, agreeable to His mind and will, and preach to you the gospel of His son, Jesus Christ. There is but one religion, and one way to serve God, and if you do not embrace this right way, you cannot be happy hereafter. You have never worshipped the Great Spirit in a manner acceptable to Him, but have, all your lives, been in great errors and darkness; to endeavor to remove these errors, and to open your eyes, so that you might see clearly, is my business with you.

Brothers, I wish to talk with you as one friend talks to another, and if you have any objections to receive the religion which I preach, I wish you to state them, and I will endeavor to satisfy your minds and remove your objection. Brothers, I want you to

speak your minds freely, for I wish to reason with you on the subject, and, if possible, to remove all doubts, if there be any in your minds. The subject is an important one, and it is of consequence that you give it early attention while the offer is made you. Your friends, the Boston Missionary Society, will continue to send you good and faithful ministers to instruct and strengthen you in religion if, on your part, you are willing to receive them.

Brothers, since I have been in this part of the country I have visited some of your small villages, and talked with your people; they appear willing to receive instruction, but as they look up to you as their elder brothers in Council, they want first to know your opinion on the subject; you have now heard what I have to propose at present, I hope you will take it into consideration, and give me an answer before we part.

After about two hours consultation among themselves the chief, "Red Jacket," rose and spoke as follows:

Friends and Brothers,—It was the will of the Great Spirit that we should meet together this day. He orders all things; and has given us a fine day for our Council; He has taken his garment from before the sun, and caused it to shine with brightness upon us; our eyes are opened that we can see clearly; our ears are unstopped that we have been able to hear distinctly the words you have spoken—for all these favors we thank the Great Spirit and Him only.

Brothers, this Council fire was kindled by you; it was at your request that we came together at this time; we have listened with attention to what you have said; you requested us to speak our minds freely; this gives us great joy, for we now consider that we stand upright before you, and can speak what we think. All have heard your voice, and all speak to you as one man, our minds are agreed.

Brother, you say you want an answer to your talk before you leave this