

within the bounds of this Mission that the message of salvation was first made known by our Missionaries to the Aboriginal Indians of this Province; it was here that the dagon of idolatry first fell before the ark of the Gospel; it was here that the first tears of genuine penitence were shed, and the first filial cries of "Abba, Father," were heard amongst these neglected and injured people; it was here that several of the first Indian converts, after having for years adorned their christian profession by a "holy walk and godly conversation," triumphantly finished their earthly voyage, and calmly entered their immortal haven "as a summer's wave ripples upon the shore."

Yet various obstructions have, at different times, impeded the success and prosperity of this Mission; and the Committee are grieved to say that the abandonment of the articles of the Union by the English Conference has given birth to a serious division of the Indian Society at this place. This is one of the few examples in the history of Protestant Churches, in which their differences have been carried into the fields of their Missionary labours, and made instrumental in dividing the babes and scattering the lambs of Christ's flock. Those who have "need to be fed with milk," are not likely to be able to digest the bones of ecclesiastical controversy, or to judge of its merits. The destroying of the confidence of such converts in their religious guides is the first, if not the almost certain step, in the way of apostacy into their former barbarism and wretchedness.

It is, however, an alleviation to the feelings of the Committee to be able to say, that there are upwards of fifty souls,—besides a large and attentive congregation,—who are "steadfast and immovable," walking "in the fear of the Lord and in the comforts of the Holy Ghost." Their appearance and habits forcibly contrast with the wretched condition of their drunken neighbours. The afflictive circumstances which have affected the interests of this Mission during the year were not anticipated

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