

Great Good Spirit was the only object of religious worship, and the designs of Satan to interrupt their obedience to the Gospel, which they were to resist, we again repeated, "Dost thou renounce the devil and all his works, &c." They then all repeated with a full voice, "Aah;" at the same time lifting their feet, they brought them down on the floor with a force that made the timbers of the old chapel to tremble again.

As far as I recollect, not one of those

new converts now baptised, has ever departed from the faith and piety of the Gospel. Several of them have died in joyful hope, and others are yet following in the obedience of the Gospel,—among whom are John Sunday and Wm. Beaver. This ceremony was on the 31st of May, 1826, when they were formed into a society, of two classes, with Wm. Beaver and John Sunday as leaders.

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OWEN'S SOUND DISTRICT.

Extract of a Letter from the Rev. Conrad Vandusen, Chairman, dated, Newash, March 28th, 1855.

The work in this District is gradually progressing. At Southampton, we have a small society of faithful members, who, aided by other friends, succeeded last fall in the erection of a commodious church, in that rising village, and have so far completed it, as to enable them to occupy it for divine service: and a few souls there, have been added to our Zion. Also, in Derby, our brethren, with their limited means in that new settlement, have completed a small, but convenient church, in which they assemble every Sabbath for the worship of God; and a few straggling souls have been gathered into the fold. Other domestic missions in the district, appear in a prosperous condition.

All the Indians composing the tribe in the Owen Sound country, are more or less under the influence of christianity—none are professed pagans,—yet, occasionally pagans visit us from the west; but in every instance they have renounced paganism, and embraced Christianity. Last fall, a pagan warrior with his two sons and daughter, came from the west, and the second time they attended the means of grace, and met with our people at Newash to hear the "word of life," they renounced paganism, and received christian baptism. The next day the warrior with his two sons came with the interpreter to the mission house and presented to me their gods, and at the same time, gave a most interesting account of his past life, and present determination to serve the true God. He also gave up the badge he wore, for defence in battle, which is composed of the hair of a cara-

boo, dyed a bright vermilion, and presents a most gaudy appearance, together with a few shells, supposed to have been shot into his body, by their conjurer, and extracted from his mouth, to make him invulnerable to powder and ball, the whole of which he knew to be a deception. In a word, he gave up all his paganism, and his walk has been, since that period, such as becometh the Christian.

Since the close of navigation, we have had no intercourse with the remote missions in this district, except, occasionally, by letters brought down the north shore, to Penetanguishene, conveyed by dogs, kept for that purpose. Our indefatigable missionary at Garden River informs me that the school and mission there, continue in a healthy and prosperous condition. I know of no mission, among the Indians in Canada, where more has been done, in the same length of time, to tame and christianize the heathen, than at Garden River.

Since we left the Pic River on the north shore of Lake Superior, where we established a new mission, last summer, we have received letters from brother Blaker, the missionary, informing us, that, with his own hands he had finished a mission house, in which he and his family would be comfortable, during the long and dreary winter in that cold region, and that on account of the vast number of Indians, from Long Lake, and other parts of the interior, who visit the fort, or trading post at the mouth of the river,—there is presented a great opening for usefulness in that part of the country.

In a letter dated 12th of October last,