

soon as I had got safely in the wigwam, there came on a fearful thunder storm. I felt thankful that I was not exposed to it. There was one woman at the service, very anxious to have her child baptized, but this of course I could not do. I hope some one will visit us shortly who can, lest the Priest of the Church of Rome should, and lay a spiritual claim to it.

After service, I was glad to see a place of rest, with sore hands, aching arms, an enfeebled frame, depressed spirits, and with no earthly creature to sympathize. I cannot help thinking that if the Society knew of my peculiar circumstances, they would, if possible, raise an effort to minister to my comfort by providing for me a respectable house, where, after the duties of the Sabbath, I could retire free from sickening dirt and filth, which an iron constitution could scarcely endure.

July 26th.—Soon after I wrote the last, I was informed by D. O'Meara that £100 had been promised towards the new buildings; and that when the Bishop comes up in the next month, something will be definitely settled respecting them. With this cheering prospect of having my fondly cherished hopes so speedily realised, I lost no time in making the necessary arrangements to reside amongst my people. With Dr. O'Meara's sanction, I hired two shanties, one to serve the purpose of a dwelling house, and the other the twofold purpose of a school-house and church, till the new buildings were erected. This shanty in which I am now living, after putting up a partition, &c., I made when compared with other shanties, somewhat comfortable. One most important part of the necessary arrangements was to procure a suitable helpmeet, which would in this part of the country have been no easy matter, had it not been for the good Providence of God. I felt persuaded that a devoted partner would not only increase my own comfort, but, by her own goodly example and pious exertions, would be able to accomplish more for the temporal and spiritual good of her sex than I could; and thus the glory of my God and Saviour, which is the supreme desire of my soul, would be more extensively promoted. I thank God who has given me one, in every sense, a real helpmeet, in this work of faith and labour of love, who, having had three years' experience amongst the Indians at Mahnetoahning, and possessing a Christ-like zeal for the salvation of souls, is eminently calculated to assist me in promoting the temporal and eternal welfare of these poor Indians. I gave directions about the shanty before I left for Mahnetoahning; but, when I returned with Mrs. Chance, all was in a miserable state of confusion and unpreparedness. By our united exertions, however, we soon made our shanty comfortable. It did not take us long to arrange what furniture we had, for, on account of some misunderstanding, we had only two pieces besides our boxes. I occupied myself some time in putting up a closet for Mrs. C. to keep her grocery &c., &c., in, and in making a book-case for my books. The Indians (some of whom had seen Mrs. C. before) were highly delighted at the prospect of having her amongst them, and they gave her a hearty welcome. This was very pleasing to us, and, being animated by the hope that God would honour us as the instruments in His hands to accomplish His gracious purposes towards them, we were willing to exercise a little self-denial, and patiently endure our present inconveniences. What though our mission-house is a poor mean shanty, we felt that it was honoured by the presence of our God, and that we richly enjoyed His favour, which to us is better than life, and amply compensated for all other losses. After we had been here a week, we

opened the school for the children, but we are not provided with anything like proper apparatus. The attendance yet has not been at all satisfactory.

August 30th.—During this last month I have visited every shanty and wigwam which was not unoccupied, both on the East and on the West side of Garden river. In doing this I had a two-fold object in view, I wished to impress the Indians with a sense of their guilt in allowing their children to grow up in ignorance, since God, by his Providence, had afforded them the opportunity to have them instructed in all useful knowledge, especially in the pure and undiluted truths of Christianity. And to urge them to attend more diligently to the things which belong to their everlasting peace. Secondly, I wanted to ascertain the amount of population, and how many professed to belong to us; how many were Methodists, how many were Papists, and how many Heathens.

I heard soon after I came up here that the Methodists had boasted of having made 40 converts from Romanism, but I was more grieved than surprised to find that none of those who professed to be Methodists were formerly Papists, but all were members of our Church, Episcopalian, till the Rev. Mr. Anderson left this place about two years ago. The Papists, who are always endeavouring to swell their numbers without any regard to sober truth, are, when compared with us alone, in the minority, and I earnestly pray God that the ranks of Satan's emissaries both here and in every part of the world, may be daily thinned by the arrows of divine truth striking into their inmost souls, so that they may cease to exist as the miserable victims of error and slaves to sin, and be raised by the Almighty power of the spirit of truth to newness of life under the glorious banner of Protestantism, and enjoy that liberty, that peace and happiness, which the gospel, the glory of Protestantism, affords to those who truly receive it. I am more and more convinced of the evils of Popery, and I trust God will strengthen me to carry on a successful warfare against it. I am deeply grieved that this work of Satan has been carried on subtly, yet so effectually in this place. I found the Papists as bigoted in reference to their religion (which they know nothing about except that the priest told them it was the right religion) as the Heathen are in regard to their rites and ceremonies, and just as ignorant of the way of salvation. I am very much encouraged to see our services on the Lords-day attended so well, though in a poor shanty, which, I am sorry to say, is not likely to be exchanged for a more substantial building this year. The Bishop favoured us with a visit, according to appointment, and administered the rite of confirmation to 13 young persons and 1 old woman, some of whom afterwards with others received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. His Lordship afterwards addressed them all in a very affectionate and appropriate manner. I hope and pray that the good work was then begun in many to be carried on to the day of Christ Jesus. I have no greater desire than to see these dear people walking in the truth as professed members of our Church; I wish to see them under the influence of those glorious truths which our Church inculcates on the sole authority of God's word, and to show to others that our religion is a life-influencing, a soul-receiving religion, which gives peace in times of trouble, happiness in times of distress and misery, and comfort in the prospect of death.

I felt somewhat disappointed that no definite arrangement was made about the new buildings, since the Indians were expecting to return to these shanties during the winter, and if they are willing to let us occupy them we cannot without

considerable repair being done, and I am not in possession of the means to do it. The rain comes in both these places fearfully. We were completely driven out of the school-house last week, and only one part of this can be used in wet weather. In addition to the day school I have the male and Mrs. C. has the female adults, three evenings in the week, but to continue this practice through the winter, we shall require fire wood and candles, which I hope the Society will supply us with. I am almost sorry to be obliged to mention another want in addition to that I have already mentioned, which is, an increase of salary. Whilst I was with Dr. O'Meara at Mahnetoahning, £50 a year was quite enough to pay for my board, but when I came up here the lowest possible rate was at £1 15s. per week; and besides this were my travelling expenses to and from Garden river, every week. Till I came here to reside this was the rate of living for myself only, and now I have a wife. I have had to write home for money once since I have been in this country, and if my friends in England could well afford it, I would write again for more rather than trouble the Society.

When I was at Mahnetoahning, with Dr. O'Meara's permission, I employed an interpreter, to go out with me occasionally amongst the Indians, whom I paid from my own purse; and I was recommended by Dr. O'Meara to secure the assistance of one here, but my purse is too low to allow me to make the same free use with it now. The more I become acquainted with the language the more I am convinced of the evil of being entirely dependent upon an interpreter, and by God's blessing I am determined to dispense with his services altogether as soon as possible. I do not require him much now, and have hitherto paid him only one dollar per week for his services. I will enclose an account of the money I have paid, which I hope the Society will pay me back again.

Yours very faithfully,
JAMES CHANCE.

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St. George's Church, Etobicoke, per Churchwarden.....	0	14	0
South Cayuga, per Churchwarden...	2	10	0
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Elizabethtown	1	8	10
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St. George's Church, Oshawa.....	1	5	0
St. Paul's Church, 6th Concession	10	0	
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St. Paul's Church, Adolphustown.....	0	10	0
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