

tage of a scriptural form of prayer, in instructing a semi-barbarous people:—On one occasion, while I was resident at the Sault de St. Marie, I arrived late on Saturday night at an encampment of Church-Indians, with the design of spending the Lord's-day with them. Having conversed on religious subjects with the family, and concluded by reading a portion of scripture and prayer, I rolled myself in the blanket which forms, on such occasions, my only bed, and with my head on a bag of Indian corn, laid me down on the ground by the wigwam-fire to sleep. As I was much fatigued by my journey of about twenty miles over the wintry snows, it was daylight before I awoke the next morning; and the first accents that saluted my ears were those of prayer. The father of the family had assembled all the inmates of his wigwam, and was, on their behalf and his own, sending up to the throne of the heavenly grace words of confession, petition, and intercession: the thoughts, and most of the words, being no other than those he had heard in the form of sound words, in which his minister, though at that time only a beginner in the knowledge of the native language, was able to conduct the public worship of God.

Having said thus much, it is scarcely necessary to add, that all public worship at this Mission is conducted according to the forms prescribed by the Prayer-book; and the Missionary regrets that he is not able to place a copy of that first of all human compositions in the hands of every individual of his