

# WESLEYAN MISSIONARY NOTICES.

MAY 1st, 1857.

## WALPOLE ISLAND.

The following letter is very acceptable, though short; and it is so for two reasons—the good which it reports, and the delightful change of scene now beheld on a well-known Island in the River St. Clair. In an early day the apostolic Case directed some of his large band of native evangelists to visit that Island; and they returned disheartened. The excellent and respected Peter Jones went, but was repulsed. The reign of inane and debasing superstition was established, and would not yield; yet afterwards, at St. Clair and the Island, some of the last trophies (when Indian trophies had been gathered everywhere else) were won; but won they were there: for God's Providence has made Wesleyan agency their avourite means of Indian evangelization. Those first efficient servants of Christ have passed from below to reward; but, thank God, the work proceeds.

*Extract of a Letter from the Rev. James Musgrove, Chairman, dated  
Muncey, January 27, 1857.*

There is a good work in progress among the Pagan Indians on Walpole Island. The origin of the work is as follows:

A young man attended the Wyoming Academy, in Pennsylvania, for two years, and while there he became a Local Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He left the Academy, and taught school in a small town in Michigan, on the River St. Clair, opposite to Walpole Island. Being very devoted and zealous, he was very anxious to be useful among the Indians, and made up his mind to preach to them,—and, if successful, to give himself up to the Indian work. He went to the Island, and preached in a School House. Several of the Pagan Indians attended, and were awakened and converted, and wish to become Methodists.

The young man has united with our Church, and is still labouring on the Island. I saw him at Mr. Waldron's when there last week, and made arrangements for Brother Waldron to go down and baptize those who wish to become Christians. One of the Potta-

watamie Chiefs and his people determine to renounce Paganism, and to embrace Christianity; and request to be admitted into the Christian Church by baptism, and become Methodists. They refuse to go to any other Church. Several of those who were baptized by the Episcopalians attended the meetings, and have been converted, and wish to join our Church.

The Macedonian cry has lately often reached us from the Island; but we have passed it by unheeded, and I look upon the present movement as an indication of Divine Providence that the call should be obeyed.

Our young friend has given himself up to the Indian work; is applying himself to the study of the Indian language, and has already made considerable proficiency in it. He repeats the Lord's Prayer in Indian in the congregation. He is a young man—the picture of health—has a voice like thunder, is exceedingly zealous, deeply pious, and I have no doubt will be an acquisition to our Church.