

converted Indians were baptized in the year 1742. In the following year, the blessing attending their ministry manifested itself particularly among the Mahikander and Delaware Indians; and since that time many hundreds of these and of other nations have been embodied into the Church of Christ by holy Baptism. It would exceed the bounds of this letter, to relate here the oppressing difficulties which our Brethren and the converted Indians underwent from the very beginning of this Mission. After a great variety of vicissitudes a village was built by the baptized Indians on the Mahony in the back parts of Pennsylvania, and called Gnadenhutten \*, where they dwelt with their Missionaries and their assistants several years in peace and quietness, as a christian congregation. But in the last Indian war this settlement was destroyed. The hostile Indians being irritated, because the converted Indians would not join in the war against the English, attacked in the night of the 24th of November, 1754, the houses of our European brethren, set them on fire; and those who attempted to escape the fire, were shot at. Thus eleven of our Brethren and Sisters were either consumed by the fire or shot, and only five escaped.

The Indians who had dwelt at Gnadenhutten fled different ways and were scattered, and shortly after their houses were burnt by the hostile Indians. Most of the Indians, who thus fled, came afterwards, by degrees, to the other Settlements of the Brethren, and were received in Love. Ground was given to them

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\* Tents of grace.