

pable of improvement as any other people of similar advantages ; and that religious instruction may be as salutary on the savage mind, we are prepared to exhibit proofs which will not be questioned. We refer to the changes which have taken place at the several Missionary stations, and particularly at the Grand River, where, by the plain preaching of *repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ*, about one hundred Natives have been reclaimed from confirmed habits of vice and irreligion, to be a sober, virtuous, and devoted people. Of this number sixty-eight are Mississaugas, who, with few exceptions, were entirely Pagan ; and who, from their love of spirits, were among the most filthy, and wretched of the savage tribes. But since their conversion, all is changed. The drunkard's whoop, and savage yell, have given place to the voice of supplication ; and the orisons of Pagan worship, are exchanged for the melodious songs of grateful praise to Jehovah. The christian Indians are aware of their weakness, and they deny themselves altogether the use of spirits. In this respect they exhibit an example worthy of imitation, to their white brethren of the like infirmity ; for when these Indians have been urged to " take a little," they have been known to reply, " No, me drink no more. Once me drink too much, and me fear, if me *drink a little*, me drink too much again."

The Indians, by becoming a sober people, find their condition more comfortable in many respects. Their presents of clothing from the Government, being saved from the waste of intoxication, they are enabled to appear more decently, and to live in a more comfortable manner.

By the same means, the comfort of the Indian families is also promoted. In their former state, their females were made unhappy by excessive toil, and more so by abuse from their drunken husbands. They are now treated in a manner more suited to the delicacy of their sex. By the industry of their husbands, they are better provided for ; and the cleanliness of their persons, and the neatness of their apparel, are a handsome comment on the change which has taken place in their husbands and fathers.

The peace and amity which prevail among the converted Indians, is another proof of the happy effects of the Gospel. Between the five Iroquois Nations, (among