

present. A number of ladies also attended, among whom were Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Nelles's sister, and Mrs. John, only surviving daughter of the celebrated Brant.

The crowd of Indians was immense, and the healthy and happy appearance of the Indian children, who receive instruction at the institution, was truly pleasing.

The effect was brightened by the presence of the Indian brass band, which played several lively airs, to the great delight of the children and the lovers of of harmony. It was altogether a most interesting assembly. The Indians, however deep their feelings of affection and gratitude may be usually, cherish their emotion in their own hearts without often evincing them in the lively manner of other nations, but on this occasion, when they met to honor and thank their venerable Pastor, who has been content to live and labor among them above thirty years for their benefit, they were constrained, though in their customary gentle, staid and dignified manner, to express, through their Chiefs in their different dialects, the joy and happiness they felt in seeing him on this occasion. But here there is no scene of joy without a shade of sorrow, and the picture of the happy assemblage could not be truly imagined without a touch of sadness; not to mention that the familiar faces of many who had been inmates of the Institution in their childhood were absent, and had passed away like a dream. Mrs. Nelles, whom the Indians had expected to see, and personally thank for her kindness to their children, was unable on account of severe indisposition to attend. Delicacy of taste and feeling prevented the Chiefs from alluding to this in their addresses, but much anxiety was felt, and ardent aspirations ascended for a speedy restoration of her health.

Mr. Gilkison, Superintendent of Indian affairs, being requested by the principal Chief to preside, opened the proceedings of the meeting in a most appropriate address, expressing the great gratification which he felt in meeting the people of the Six Nations, with their Missionaries, on so interesting an occasion. He highly approved of the purpose for which they were assembled, and spoke of Mr. and Mrs. Nelles in terms of the highest commendation.

The address of the Six Nations to the Rev. Mr. Nelles, was read by Mr. Isaac Powles, who was educated at the Institution, requesting the renewal of their thankful acknowledgments to be communicated to the New English Company for their continuous beneficence to them and their children, and assuring Mr. Nelles of their grateful sense of the energy, kindness and devotion with which both he and Mrs. Nelles accomplished their benevolent designs; to which Mr. Nelles replied in the kindest and most appropriate terms.

In the next place Mr. Joseph Lewis arose, (a very good looking young man,) the Tegahihogea, or Head Chief of the Six Nations, and the grandson and successor of the famous Joseph Brant. He expressed the greatest respect and affection for Mr. and Mrs. Nelles, and his thankful appreciation of the liberality of the New England Company, in expending so much for the improvement of his people, and spoke in terms of the highest approbation of the manner in which Mr. Nelles had for many years exerted himself in accomplishing their generous and charitable intentions and plans for the melioration and happiness of the Six Nations. He concluded by assuring all who heard him of his great gratification in knowing that the present to Mrs. Nelles from the Six Nations, as a token of gratitude for the benefits which her kindness and personal exertions had so long conferred upon their children, was not purchased by money taken from public funds, but by numerous little voluntary contributions of individuals, gladly offered to manifest their warm appreciation of her kindness.

Dr. Digby, in a lengthy, energetic and hearty speech, expressed much gratification in being permitted to meet the assembled Indians, and to participate in their feeling of affection and respect for Mr. and Mrs. Nelles. He would not on any account have been absent from the present meeting. Though he and his family had been lately under great affliction, having, only yesterday, seen the remains of a much loved relation laid in the grave, he felt constrained to come and add his testimony to that of the Indians in acknowledging the advantages which the Six Nations had derived from Mr. Nelles's residence and labours among them. He spoke from personal knowledge, for he had been acquainted with the Six Nations above thirty years, and with the exception of Mr. Nelles, he was the oldest officer of the Indian Department. He said that during that period he had sometimes differed with Mr. Nelles about small matters, but that he had always been of the same mind with him on points of the greatest importance, and approved of the course which he had pursued,