

been more prosperous. The Society is now out of debt, and a small balance in hand in cord-wood cut by the Indians.

In Mr. Hendry's report to the Committee on Indian Affairs, adopted by the House of Assembly last year, we have the following sentence: "In the business of cultivating the soil, and accumulating property, the Indian is but a child, and requires aid and protection until he can go alone." True, but is he not still more so in reference to the knowledge of Divine things. As individual christians and churches, who profess to hear our Saviour saying to us, "Feed my lambs," how much ought we to bewail our indifference? How little has the helping hand been held out to lead them, as little children, to the Saviour. How little has been done to protect and deliver them from the soul-and-body-destroying sin of intemperance. Let each of us personally consider how much better have they been for *our* christianity during the past century, either individually or in its collective capacity? Could their degradation have sunk much deeper, supposing they had lived under the paralyzing rule of the Crescent rather than what ought to have been the life-giving influence of the Cross.

Your Committee rejoice to know that more attention is beginning to be turned to the ameliorating of the temporal condition of the Indians by the Legislature. Their extensive reserve lands are about to be turned into sources of advantage by disposing of a portion of them, and the proceeds funded for their special benefit, especially for the encouragement of those who may be disposed to settle on the remainder.\*

By the Census of 1861, your committee are informed

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\*It is but proper to state that at the meeting some exceptions to this section of the Report were hinted at,—The policy of measures involving the sale of Indian Reserves was questioned. It would not be advisable, here, to enter into lengthened explanations of such measures as may be adopted by the Legislature, but for particulars respecting them, the reader is referred to the Report of the Committee on Indian Affairs. See App. No. 30, Journals of Assembly, 1862.