

Intemperance, the greatest enemy of the native, has been almost totally suppressed. Much credit is due to the Magistrates of Rama, and Orillia, for their prompt, and hearty co-operation with your Missionary, in protecting the Indians from the craft and fraud of the liquor vender.

Another pleasing characteristic of this people is, there strict attendance on the means of grace. Too often the Indian in the winter season leaves his home to wander amongst the neighboring settlements; this has not been the case at Rama. Each following Sabbath found our comfortable church filled with an orderly and pious congregation.

Temporal interests have not been overlooked; notwithstanding the very hard times, a successful effort was made to clear off the Church liability. The improvements suggested at the time of your visit, are now being carried out, and some additional ones have been made.

Our Indian friends have made preparation to fence and cultivate the large plot of cleared land surrounding the village. How encouraging the fact that the good seed sown amongst this

people, by many a self-sacrificing hand, has not been lost; its roots are deep in the earth, and to God we ascribe the glory.

Though an Indian Missionary, our work has not been confined to the Red Man. The large and fast improving country between Rama and Beverton has been explored. In Mara we have now a regular appointment, and invitations to occupy new ground are frequently received.

A few months since in the rising town of Orillia, there was but one member of the Wesleyan Church, now we have a class of twenty-three, while many who have lived in the outer court of the temple of Christianity are earnestly seeking a deeper baptism. Steps have been taken toward the erection of a Church: a building lot in a commanding position has been given by A. Moffat, Esq.

In communion with our friends of Rama and Orillia, we have been much indebted to the Rev. Horace Dean. Twice during the past winter this faithful Missionary visited his old field of trial and triumph, and heartily, by his preaching and influence, helped forward the good work. May the presence and smiles of the Master ever abide with the aged itinerant.

While the following short letter from a worthy native Missionary is evidence of his usefulness, his praiseworthy anxiety for the education of his sons at Victoria College, is an example which should be copied by other Indian fathers on our Missions:—

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Extract of a Letter from the Rev. A. Sickles, dated January 12th, 1858.

Once more I have an opportunity of addressing a few lines to you. I am glad to inform you that on Christmas evening we began a protracted meeting. Every night it continued till New Year. We think it has been productive of great good to those who attended it; a goodly number were reclaimed from a backslidden state, and commenced anew to serve God. A few, for the first time in their lives, began to pray. We needed very much for preachers to come and help, but no one came to us, as they were busy elsewhere in the Lord's work; but I am glad that Exhorters who assisted me at the meeting, labored like men of God, and God owned

their labours. But while we thus mention those faithful labourers in the vineyard, we give all the glory to God, and own the work of saving souls to be entirely his own. Men are only the instruments in His hands. We took the names of those who united to our Church—seventeen. Dear Brother, pray for us. May the Lord continue with us. My son left us this morning to go to Victoria College. I gave him \$5 for his expenses to take him to Cobourg. He wants to buy some books for his study. Will you have the goodness to enable him to buy them, and charge the amount on my salary.