

father of Mr. Schuyler was also a chief of great influence among his own people. He was a great warrior, and took the American side in the Revolutionary struggle. When the British shut up the roads he was employed in carrying despatches, and manifested great bravery in breaking through the British lines. He was highly complimented by the American General Schuyler, who requested him to take the name of Schuyler, while he took the name of the chief. Thus the original name of the family was changed.

When the old chief was no longer able to discharge the duties of his office, Moses took his father's place as head chief of the tribe, and was soon raised to a higher position than his father occupied. He became head chief of the Six Nations in the United States, and exercised a very great influence over them. In company with another chief he came to Canada about thirty years ago to negotiate a change of residence for his people. The desire for this change arose from a growing dissatisfaction with the treatment they had received from the American authorities, and a preference for the British Government and Institutions. They found the tract of land which they now occupy was for sale, and signified their intention of making a purchase. The Government acceded to their proposals and thus, principally, through his influence, a large part of the Oneida tribe of Indians, amounting to about 400 persons, sold their lands in the United States, and became permanent settlers in Canada. He was a man of more than ordinary ability. Under his rule

the Oneida Indians have risen in civilization and intelligence and prosperity, till they stand, perhaps, at the head of the native population in Canada. Chief Schuyler was wise in Council, and a man of peace and moderation. He kept his people united, and showed them an example of justice, integrity, and industry which has been a lasting benefit to them. He retained their confidence and his influence over them till his death.

As a religious man, he also took a very decided stand for many years before his death. He was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church for about thirty years. During that time he maintained his character for integrity and consistency. He was very regular in performing the duties of the closet; and all the social and public means of grace were faithfully attended, until his increasing infirmities confined him to his house and to his bed. He died on the 28th of April, 1871, at the advanced age of 96. The sickness which terminated his earthly career was only of about four weeks' continuance. I conversed frequently with him as he drew near to the close of life, in regard to his religious prospects, and always found him prayerful and peaceful, firmly trusting in the Lord for salvation. Thus passed away without a struggle, and in the full assurance of hope, another trophy of the success of missionary toil and effort in behalf of the native population of Canada.

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TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF CIRCUITS AND MISSIONS.

OUR brethren who were at the last Conference will be kind enough to bear in mind the suggestions thrown out in the Conversation which took place upon the following subjects:

1. It was intimated that some of the Missionary Anniversaries might be advantageously held at a more early period of the ecclesiastical year; by such arrangements the specialities of our connexional