

which His servants present in His courts: "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."—In name, and by authority of the Committee,

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SKETCHES FROM THE LIFE OF THE REV. WILLIAM JENKINS, RICHMOND HILL.

Ministers and missionaries who labour in faith and hope can never labour in vain. God will permit them to see the fruits of their toils in some measure. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This was the case with Mr. Jenkins in his labours among the Oneida Indians. Some of those who, when he came to that place, were to him the sources of much sorrow, became a comfort to him. In speaking of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, observed among the Indians on one occasion, he says:—"On this occasion I asked the Indians what they wanted from God? I mentioned several things which they greatly needed, and told them they should ask these things from God in prayer—that prayer was a special privilege of those who were reconciled to God. When I had mentioned this, the principal Chief, John Secononoto, took the elements in his hands, and praying audibly and very earnestly, claimed Christ as his Saviour. We had at this Communion three white people,—one man who communicated with us, was, when I came first to Oneida, like a persecuting Saul, breathing out threatenings and slaughter, against the religion of Christ in general, and missionary efforts among the Indians in particular. He had now embraced the cause which he then sought to destroy. As he lived among the Indians they all knew him—they knew his former manner of life among them; they had been witnesses too, to the great change which had taken place. He publicly renounced his former opinions and expressed deep sorrow for his past unholy conduct. He expressed also his firm resolve, in God's strength, to die daily to sin. This seemed to fill us all with joy over this penitent sinner." Such incidents excite the minister of the gospel to put forth renewed effort, and God always rewards such works of faith and labours of love.

It has been often remarked that men may be professed infidels so long as they enjoy health and success in life, but when privation, suffering, and death befall them, then they feel the folly and wickedness of their opinions and conduct. This was the case with some of those who lived in the village of Oneida, and were the most inveterate enemies to the Indians and their minister. God had a controversy with them, he was about to plead against them. A severe and malignant epidemic broke out among them, and many of those who spurned religion from them, and scoffed at the servant of Christ in the day of health and prosperity, fainted, and sought the consolations of religion, and the prayers of the missionary in the day of adversity. It is suffering that tries a man's principles.