


INDIAN REMAINS NEAR SARNIA.

A FRIEND writing, says : "The Chief, Wilson Jacobs, told me that they were digging gravel this summer near his land (he lives on the Fromefield road), and found numbers of skulls and skeletons, the latter lying down ; but one, eight feet below the surface, was sitting, with the legs apart, the elbows on the knees, and the head resting on the hands on a level with the knees, and between the feet were the remains of a fire ; but a strange thing was that all the skulls but three, I think, had, across the top, a hole about two inches long, across the skull, and half an inch wide ; and he remembered his mother saying that some now extinct tribe always cut the skull thus, immediately after death, to allow the spirit to go out.

On a higher ground near his house are a number of small mounds, all hollow in the middle, which he thinks was caused by the bodies sinking. He had dug into one, and found bones. He gave me a beautiful little stone implement, quite small, the edge in this form  and a piece of an earthenware bowl, which his plough turned up, but broke. I have also found the two little axe heads, or whatever they are, which I feared were lost. I thought all this would interest you."

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THE FRIENDS AND THE INDIANS.

WHEN William Penn had fairly gotten the details arranged for his great undertaking of planting a colony in the New World, he set about impressing upon all his agents and his people the prime necessity of recognizing the rights and respecting the person of the native inhabitants. In that remarkable letter which he writes to them he uses language which explains their relative positions so clearly that the Indian could not misunderstand, and which if all the settlers in this land had had the wisdom and foresight to keep in mind, there would never have been any Indian problem. Hear him as he tells them in his letter :—"There is one great God and power that hath made the World and all things therein, to whom you and I, and all people owe their being and well-being, and to whom you and I must one day give an account for all that we do in the world ; this great God has written His law in our hearts, by which we are taught and commanded to love and help, and do good to one another, and not to do harm and mischief to one another. Now this great God hath been pleased to make me concerned in your part of the world, and the king of the country where I live hath given unto me a great province, but I desire to enjoy it with your love and consent, that we may always live together as neighbors and friends."