

somewhat frightened he came to call me and said that "if it kept on they would all fall." There was a clearness and serenity in the air such as I have seldom witnessed, and the whole scene was grand and striking and filled the beholder with wonder and admiration. There was one continual fall of meteors, seemingly like a thousand lamps hurled thro' the air in every direction, some shooting horizontally and the train continuing to burn in the air for 10 or 12 seconds, others obliquely, and once or twice a cluster fell together emitting a light brilliant as lightning. They appeared to proceed from a luminous spot or nebulae East of the Zenith; and fell less frequently as morn[ing] light approached but continued to fall until obscured by the light of day. This brought to my mind what a rushing to and fro there will be amongst men when they shall begin to see the signs of the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven to judge the world. Ah! Whither shall the wicked flee when consternation Turns the Good man Pale?

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Death of a Menominie Indian by intemperance.

Heard that a young Indian had shot himself while partially intoxicated. I soon set out to go and see what had been done; when I arrived at the place which was about a mile distant, I found the father, sitting in the wigwam where his son was, looking very sad and having his face painted black which is the only badge of mourning the uncivilised Indians make use of. The corpse was prepared for burial, but was dressed the same as for a journey, for the wild Indians believe that they shall go to the West after death. As I opened the blanket to examine the wound having obtained permission I saw the face painted red a small mirror fastened to the body such as they carry when travelling and a pipe and plug of tobacco (were) tucked under a handkerchief which was tied about him. I inquired why they put the pipe &c there and the old man replied "that his son was very fond of smoking in his life time." He vainly imagined that his son would still use and be attached