

curred about 29 years ago, and that he had worshipped it until within a few years when he heard about Jesus Christ, but had never given it up before. "Now he says I wish to give it up and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and I give this idol to you and you may do what you are a mind to with it." It was indeed not only a "shameful thing," but a horribly looking object about the size of a common doll; fantastically arrayed in Indian costume and nearly covered with silver broaches and trinkets; and whilst retained as an object of worship was kept wrapped up in some 20 envelopments of broad-cloth trimmed with scarlet ribbon. They called it their "Mother" it is more than a hundred years old, and its late possessor was the fourth generation which had worshipped it. The season for worshipping it was in the fall after a hunt when they made a feast to it and danced around it. "If they did not do this every fall they said, that is, make the feast &c. it would be angry and destroy them by some dreadful sickness." It was therefore an object of fear or dread with them, but not one of love and compassion.

When the present year commenced a part of the church at least felt that they must awake to duty and fidelity in the cause of Christ. Being prevented on New Years day on account of some national business from assembling for a religious purpose, a meeting was appointed in the eve. It was a solemn season, the Spirit of the Lord seemed to be there operating upon the hearts of the children of God, leading them to a sense of sin for past unfaithfulness &c. & to the importance of beginning the year with God.

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The Sabbath and day school went on successfully during the year, and at the commencement of the present year another was commenced in a distant part of the Settlement with encouraging prospects.

A greater amount of bread-stuff was raised in the nation last year than has been in any previous year since removing to this place and provided they are permitted to remain here unmolested in a few years they will be able to