

a slight acquaintance will form erroneous conclusions. I mean that a person by long acquaintance sees and feels more deeply the hidden, withering effects of paganism long after its outward forms have seemingly passed away — An intelligent Oneida chief who was also a member of the church said to a Methodist Missionary after he had resided three years in the nation, "I suppose now you think you know something about Indians?" He replied in the affirmative. "No, you dont" said he. "But after you have been amongst them five years you will then begin to know something about them." (I should extend the time to ten years). A remark wh[ich] every one laboring amongst the Natives finds painfully true.

Every year brings its trials and withal some precious fruits also. So that in the midst of many discouragements we have the satisfaction of knowing that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

As it respects the state of feeling in the Church it is quite as harmoniously as could be expected from what has been mentioned above. Meetings on the Sabbath and other stated meetings have generally been well attended, and sometimes great seriousness and solemnity has appeared upon the Minds of the audience.

There are now fifty one members in regular standing in the Church, 23 males and 28 females, and three are under censure. One has been restored who had been suspended for some time. Six children have been baptised, and two aged females have died. It has been a season of much affliction amongst this people for the past 6 or 7 months owing to severe sickness in many cases and an unusual number of deaths, particularly amongst children. The Scarlet fever made its appearance in the fall and forepart of winter, and after that subsided the Whooping Cough commenced, and owing to the changeable, damp and stormy weather was unusually severe.

During the winter at one time whilst Gods hand appeared to be stretched out over the place to smite it there was considerable seriousness, but a difficulty arose relating to