

the subject of Taxes, and dissipated at once all of the seriousness. One white man however who had married into the Nation was awakened and hopefully converted, & has since united with the Church. A woman belonging to the tribe indulged a hope about the same time. One little girl about 11 years old, who died suddenly with the Scarlet fever, appeared quite changed some weeks previous to her death and before she was taken sick. She referred the change in her feelings to impressions made upon her mind in the Sab. School — had the presentiment that she should not live, and when sick conversed with her mother and urged upon her the necessity of loving the Savior.

The Day School was resumed last sum[mer] (1845) & was taught by a pious young lady and was well attended — In the winter another was taught 3 months by a young man belonging to the tribe and who had recently finished a course of study preparatory to preaching the gospel. Some of the time he had 60 in attendance. It was broken up in the Spring by the prevalence of whoop[ing] cough. He gave universal satisfaction. At the same time he assisted me in the labors of the Sabbath, preaching one part of the day and took charge of the Sabbath School. His name is Jeremiah Slingerland.<sup>1</sup> His talents are good and he now affords much promise of usefulness amongst his people should he remain as is probable he will.

I had previously resolved upon having a series of religious meetings during the winter and the way at one time appeared prepared, but severe sickness in my family prevented during a great part of the winter and which, situated as I was, confined me at home almost all of the time night and day — Mrs. M[arsh] was taken very suddenly ill the latter part of December and was confined to her bed for a number of weeks and at times her life was despaired of. Her disease at first was pronounced to be pericarditis, and afterwards appeared to be neuralgic. But God had mercy on her, and not only upon her, but upon me also and my

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<sup>1</sup> See *ante*, p. 31, note. — Ed.