

hope and now I am an old man & must soon die and it seems as tho' satan was more busy & the conflict became more severe the nearer I draw to the close of life. But I am *determined* that if I *must perish* to perish at the feet of my divine Lord & Master." One circumstance more I cannot forbear to mention as it will show the state of his mind under severe trials. Last winter when the measles prevailed amongst the children, his only son who is but a lad had them and for a while his recovery was doubtful. But the old man viewed distinctly the hand of God in this dispensation of providence & was afraid he was going to cut off his only son from the land of the living so that his name would be no more remembered. (This I believe is characteristic of the Indian almost as much as it was of the Jews. He looks upon it as a great calamity not leave a son behind him to keep alive his name) But he bowed with a child-like submission and says "It is fit that God should take away this my *only son* & thus cause that the *name* of such a sinner as I have been should rot in oblivion." Having brought up his family in that irregular manner which every man who leads a life as he did, it could not be expected, that they would when old afford him much consolation; still some of them conduct well & one of his daughters is now a member of the church and gives abundant evidence of being a christian. Perhaps many more of those beloved christians who prayed & contributed for the support of this man when a youth have long since gone to rest, but I trust they will ere long meet him in heaven; & if any still remain it may be interesting to them to know that after between 50 & 60 years their prayers are heard & answered. Tho' seed lie buried long in dust it shan't deceive their hope."

The Deacons of the church John Metoxen & Jacob [C.] Chicks are interesting & exemplary men and "use the office of a Deacon well." The former is at present the head man in the nation. His natural talents are respectable; he is judicious & discerning & perhaps no one possesses more influence in the nation — modest & affection-