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AND
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OF
RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE;
FOR THE YEAR
1800.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark xvi. 15.

*Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the glory of the gentiles like a flowing stream.*

Isaiah lvi. 12.

*To the praise of the glory of his grace, in whom we have redemption
through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of
his grace.*

Eph. i. 6, 7.

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INTRODUCTION.

MANY serious persons have lately expressed a regret, that no publication, devoted to the conveyance of religious intelligence, exists in the United States. While the presses throughout the union are teeming with literary and political journals, they have lamented that no convenient medium is found for conveying to the public information relative to the state of the Church, and the prosperity or decline of that kingdom whose interests they esteem more important than those of any temporal sovereignty. This deficiency is the more to be regretted, as, from the scattered state of our American churches over an immense territory, communication between them is rendered difficult, if not next to impracticable, by any ordinary means. Hence it is that the state of religion in one part of our country is rarely known to those residing in another. The most illustrious triumphs of grace are heard of only in a small circle: and some of the most interesting articles of information, respecting the displays of Divine power in the conversion of sinners, and the promulgation of evangelical truth among the heathen in our own land, have been altogether unknown among ourselves, until they reached us through the medium of foreign publications.

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Rev. Mr. Holmes into their service, and to send him, as a Missionary, at least for six months, to the north-western Indians, particularly those of the *Seneca* and *Tuscarora* tribes, with permission to visit such other tribes as he may see fit. Mr. Holmes accepted the appointment, and immediately prepared to set out for the place of his Missionary labours. Previously to entering on his journey, he met the Directors; who, after delivering to him a set of special instructions, and conferring with him at considerable length, respecting their views of his important undertaking, commended him and his mission to God, by solemn prayer. He left this city a few days after his appointment, intending to proceed immediately to the residence of the *Tuscarora* Indians, after spending a few days at *Oneida* and *New-Stockbridge*.]

The Rev. Mr. Bullen's Letter to the Secretary of the New-York Missionary Society, dated Bedford, May 26, 1800.

REV. SIR,

WE came on our journey with as good speed as could have been hoped in such a season, till sickness in my family impeded us; yet, considering our getting early at Pittsburgh important for the purposes of the mission, and for ourselves, we delayed as little as possible: if we had reached the Ohio, we might have gone down, and that, as I suppose, without any material detriment to invalids; but by the time we came here, the sickness of my daughter Polly was so sore upon her, that I durst go no further; besides, my wife was quite unwell. My daughter's sickness has continued till this time; her fever has so affected her nervous system, that she has had but very little use of her reason, and we had for some time but faint hopes of her life. We find cause to bless God, her health and reason appear to be returning. Yesterday she was able to walk several times across the room. We shall proceed on our way as soon as may be. We have been kindly received in these parts, and

the people seem disposed to receive a preached gospel, and are generally destitute of stated ministrations. Bedford is a vacant congregation, and there appears to be serious attention here. They have shown us much kindness in our affliction

My worthy friend, Deacon Rice, his family, and the young men, are gone on, and are, I trust, in the Indian country by this time, so that I hope the work of teaching the Chickasaws good things is not neglected; yet I want to be with them. If my folks were well, we might go in five or six days from this place to Pittsburgh; from thence to the Chickasaw Bluffs is usually twenty days. We have had the happiness to become acquainted with the venerable Dr. Cooper, whose conversation and friendship have been very consolatory and encouraging in our afflicted circumstances. Good man, he has great hope for the Heathen, that they will soon be given to Jesus for a possession. We have made no delay for the sake of ministerial services; but were delayed by sickness, have thought it a duty to improve every opportunity in this way—the people attend with great seriousness—they tell me white Indians want teaching as much as red ones: 'tis some consolation to me, that though I cannot yet be with the Indians, the Lord hath opened the hearts of the people in this new country, to hearken to the plain doctrines and precepts of christianity. From what I have observed, am induced to believe, that the plainest talks, such as may be understood by the weakest minds, are generally apt to take hold of the minds of the people, and do them good, especially where they have had but little instruction, as is generally the case in these parts. The continuance of your prayers for us, and for the Chickasaws, is desired. Any additional instructions will be thankfully received. It is the desire of my brother Rice and myself, that the New-York Missionary Magazine, and some one of the newspapers, may be regularly sent us by the mail, and the expense charged to his account or mine. With deference and esteem,
I am, yours, &c. JOSEPH BULLEN.