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Chief Journeyake's Home.

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*Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong*
Longfellow

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PREFACE

THE following brief narrative is sent forth, not as a contribution to the literature of the Indian problem, but as a tribute to the life and character of the Christian chieftain whose memory it seeks to perpetuate.

When the author first entered the home of Mr. Journeycake to become acting pastor of the Delaware Church, and made a study of the situation, it was apparent at a glance that if he would do his people good he must stand in friendly relations with the senior pastor. By divine favor our intercourse at once, without any compromise of ministerial prerogative, became most intimate, fraternal, and confidential. Our views were largely akin, and we had a common purpose.

Mr. Journeycake was a man of uncommon deliberateness, especially in conversation. You would ask him a question, and he would be so long before replying that you would be led to think he had given it no attention. This peculiarity was quickly learned, and also that it paid to wait.

After a period of some months, the secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society sought to procure a biographical sketch of Father Journeycake for a special "Indian number" of the *Home Mission Monthly*. But how should I obtain the facts—the suitable data for

such a sketch? They must be obtained from him in his own peculiar way of giving. The communication of the secretary was made known to him, and he seemed rather pleased. But the method of obtaining the information was not clear. It could only be gotten in his own time and way. He was remarkably free from any appearance of seeking notoriety, and yet seemed conscious that there was much in his life experience that ought to be known. Slowly there was obtained from him the material for the desired sketch, but the process did not stop here. We had been brought into very close and sympathetic relations with each other. In his peculiar way he put me in possession of the many incidents in his life, and in that of his people, which form the basis of this memoir.

There was no intimation from him of any desire for their publication, and yet in indescribable ways he impressed me that this would be his wish. He gave me his confidence in a way altogether unusual for him outside of his own family, and it has been regarded as a sacred trust. How the obligations of that trust have been met the pages following must disclose.

The members of Mr. Journeycake's family fully recognized the affectionate and sympathetic relations above described, during the last years of their father's life, and after his death united in the expression of their conviction that the writer was the proper person to prepare the memoir that they wished to perpetuate his memory. That the Lord may use it in some small measure to accomplish his will is the author's earnest wish.

S. H. M.

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THE INDIAN CHIEF, JOURNEYCAKE

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

Rev. Charles Journeycake. Born December 16, 1817. Died January 3, 1894.

A kind and loving father and a friend to the needy; he died as he lived, a pure and upright man, after many years' faithful service in the ministry and as chief adviser for his people, the Delawares.

Jane Soshka Journeycake. Born February, 1821. Died January 13, 1893.

"None knew her but to love her."

SUCH is, in part, the simple and truthful inscription upon the monument that marks the grave of this excellent man and his equally excellent wife. The monument is of white marble—a beautiful double shaft, rising from the head of the grave, curving and uniting in one central column. Beautiful symbol of the two lives uniting in one, and for more than half a century witnessing to the power of a Christian civilization to mold and to control in a most noble family life even the native children of our primeval forests.

Being the last chief of his tribe, and since the surren-