

**A True Missionary Dead.**

Rev. Gerhard Terhorst died Oct. 3, 1901, aged 72 years, at Baraga, Mich., where he was administering to the Indians for forty-one years. The Rev. Father Terhorst learned the Chippewa language; he was ready, day and night, to go anywhere, on foot or horseback, road or no road, through forest, lake and river, whenever and wheresoever duty called him. God alone knows his works of charity. The following letter, written by a school-girl, will be read with interest:

Father Terhorst was born in Muenster, Hanover, about eighty years ago. He was a good priest, and spent 41 years with the Indians at Baraga. He was ordained at that time by the first Bishop of Marquette, Bishop Baraga. He used to roll up his sleeves and work with the Indians. He taught them to plow and many other useful things. The Indians he worked with belonged to the Chippewa tribe. He learned the Indian language, so he could teach them the beads and prayers in the Indian language. He was very good to the Indians and taught them many other things besides religion. He would go on sick calls to the Indians and do all he could for them. Father Terhorst died at the Indian mission, where he had labored for so many years. The funeral was last Tuesday at Baraga. The Sisters from Negaunee and some Sisters from Ishpeming went to the funeral. When the Sisters and Priests got off the train, there were lots of Indian men there with lanterns and torches to lead the Sisters and Priests to the Convent, and when they were going up the hill the Indians sang the song that Father Terhorst had taught them. When they got to the church the Indian men all gathered around the casket. There were thirty people there all night long. We all think that Father Terhorst went right straight to heaven; at least we hope so, because he was so good to every one, especially to the Indians.—*Messenger*.

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THE Indians are wards of the nation, but that does not give government the right to rob them of their right of religious worship, as well as religious mental training for their children.