

OBJECT OF THE BOOK.

The object of this book in English and Blackfoot is especially to aid the Dakotas in learning to read and understand the English Language. To them our language is very difficult of acquisition. Many have undertaken to learn it and failed, or succeeded only to a limited extent. While in our efforts to civilize and evangelize the Blackfoot people, we have rightly placed education in their own tongue *first*, as most needed and most fruitful in results, we are also fully aware of the great advantages to them of a knowledge of English, and this book is prepared to help them to overcome the difficulties in their own way.

TO THE READER.

This book has been prepared especially to a want, in helping Blackfeet to learn the English language. If, at the same time it helps any white man to make such progress in the language of the natives as to increase his usefulness, the author of the book will derive a double benefit.

Nitsokowâwex, ekâkimâk eskiskâtsîk anork k'ark arsâpe itapippowaw. Sinâkisin kipanistchi eskisinik. Taka iköy kit ayark ispomokkowaw arsiw kamotân ke mokâkisin. Mâtiskonatâpi, ekâkimâninoweniki, matisammo kit iskisinippowaw. Akomidjimâk sinâkisin, kennaye mokâkisin kit ayark okristimmâwaw.

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