## INTRODUCTION.

the Blood band is to the south, not far from the frontier of the United States. It is stated with confidence that the same language is spoken by the Blackfoot proper, the Pa-e-gun, and the Blood. This philological work is of considerable importance. No portion of the Scriptures has as yet passed through the press, but a portion exists in manuscript.

The tribe belongs to the great Algonquin family, and, like all the languages of North American, it is Polysynthetic. The written character is the Roman. Vocabularies existed previously; but this is the first grammar, and we have to thank Mr. Tims for this important contribution to knowledge.

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