

## BISHOP WHIPPLE AND THE RED MAN.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, says:—"One who had been a heathen red man came 600 miles to visit me in my home. As he came into the door he knelt at my feet. He said to me, 'I kneel to tell you of my gratitude that you pitied the red man.' He then told me this simple, artless story:—"I was a wild man living beyond the Turtle Mountain; I knew that my people were perishing; I never looked in the face of my child that my heart was not sick. My fathers told me there was a Great Spirit, and I have often gone to the woods and tried to ask Him for help, and I only got the sound of my voice.' And then he looked in my face in that artless way, and said, 'You do not know what I mean. *You never stood in the dark and reached out your hand, and took hold of nothing.* One day an Indian came to my wigwam. He said to me he had heard you tell a wonderful story at Red Lake; that you said the Great Spirit's Son had come down to earth to save all the people that needed help; that the reason why the white man was so much more blessed than the red man was because he had the true religion of the Son of the Great Spirit, and I said I must see that man. They told me you would be at Red Lake crossing. I came 200 miles. I asked for you, and they said you were sick, and then I said, 'Where can I see a Missionary?' I came 150 miles more, and I found that the Missionary was a red man like myself. My father, I have been with him three moons. I have the story in my heart. It is no longer dark. It laughs all the while.' And he turned to me and said, 'Will you not give me a Missionary?' Shame on the Church that I had to say to him, 'We have not the man, and we have not the means.'"

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