

Two or three young Indians tried the strength of their eyesight. They could count the prescribed dots at a distance of 28 feet.

## LANGUAGE.

I cannot give as full a report of the Sarcee language as I did of the Blackfoot, for the reason that no one, so far as I could learn, outside the Sarcee tribe has any knowledge of it. The missionary in charge had only arrived a few weeks before, and though he knew the Blackfoot, and through that medium could make himself understood by a few of the people, he knew nothing whatever of Sarcee. We were told that it was an exceedingly difficult language to acquire, and full of gutturals; others said that it had no vowels in it; others that it was like a hen cackling. Under these circumstances it was vain to expect to make out the grammatical rules of the language, but I thought I would do what I could to collect a small vocabulary of words. A few of the people understood Blackfoot, and some few others Cree, and through the medium of these two languages I was able to collect the following Sarcee words and short sentences:—

## VOCABULARY.

Pronounce *a* and *ă* as the first and second *a* in larva, *e* as in they, *i* as in pique, *ī* as in pick, *o* as in note, *u* as in rule, *ai* as in aisle, *au* as in bough, *h* guttural as in *ich* (German), *ŷ* (a sound found also in the Sioux language) pronounced like the Arabic *ghain*, a *ghr* sound; *tc* like *ch* in church, *ñ* like the French nasal *n* in *bon*.

man (or men)	kättini	a big man	kättini teu
woman	tsiká'	women	tsikuá
boy	sittá	boys	sittámika
girl	etráka		
infant	tsittá		
my, thy, his father	ittrá, nittrá, mittrá		
my mother	inná	my son	siŷá
thy son	niŷála	Bull's Head's son	ilgátsi maŷála
elder brother	kinigá	younger brother	nish'itla
Indians (prairie people),	tklukodissána		
Indians (probably of Tinne nation),	Tinn'átte		
my head	sitsitsi'n	thy head	nitsits'ina
Bull's Head's head	ilgátsi mitsitsina		
my eye	sinnáŷá'	my nose	sitsi
my arm	s'ikanná	my leg	sigùs
my, thy, his hand	s'illa, nilla, milla		
my foot	sikká	my heart	sitsánnáŷá
my blood	sittikla	town	nátsiŷan'ikláte
chief	hak'itci	my friend	kléssá
house	nátsiga	a small house	natsiga sitla
teepee	kauwá	kettle	missokóllili
tinpot	ášrá	small ditto	ášrá sitla
basin	tcistlá	axe	tsilh
knife	más	my knife	sim'assa
thy knife	nim'assa	his knife	máskisklá
boat	tán'ikáss'i	moccasin	naka
boot	kástcagé	pipe [pouch	mistoté
tobacco	kacín	his tobacco	natisŷáni kisklá
sun	tcátrá	moon	ináŷá